



# iOptron® CEM25 Center Balanced Equatorial Mount Instruction Manual

Product #7100E, #7102E, #7100-EC, #7102-EC



Read the included CEM25 Quick Setup Guide (QSG) BEFORE taking the mount out of the case!

This product is a precision instrument and uses a magnetic gear meshing mechanism. Please read the included QSG before assembling the mount. Please read the entire Instruction Manual before operating the mount.

You must hold the mount firmly when disengaging or adjusting the gear switches. Otherwise personal injury and/or equipment damage may occur. Any worm system damage due to improper gear meshing/slippage will not be covered by iOptron's limited warranty.

If you have any questions please contact us at support@ioptron.com



#### **WARNING!**

NEVER USE A TELESCOPE TO LOOK AT THE SUN WITHOUT A PROPER FILTER! Looking at or near the Sun will cause instant and irreversible damage to your eye. Children should always have adult supervision while observing.

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#### 1. CEM25 Overview

#### Welcome to the new CEM25 – The next step up of ZEQ25!

The unique "Z" design of the iOptron® patented Center-Balanced Equatorial Mount, or **CEM**, puts the payload at the center of gravity providing greater natural stability. This means the mount is extremely light compared to its maximum payload — resulting in an observatory class mount that is portable enough for easy transportation and set-up at a remote site. The adjustable counterweight bar prevents the counterweight from getting in the way of the tripod or pier when operating at a low latitude location. Polar aligning is quick and accessible all the time since the polar scope is not blocked by the declination shaft.

The CEM25 uses iOptron's proprietary controlling technology. The mount is whisper quiet and uses up to 60% less GOTO power consumption than other mounts in the category.

With high precision optical encoder system and advanced control technology, the CEM25EC mount will track a star at a periodic error less than 0.3 arc second rms. A perfect potable mount for unguided astrophotography!

The CEM25 is equipped with the latest advanced GOTONOVA® GOTO technology, making it one of the most powerful and accurate GOTO mounts available. It comes with over 150,000 objects in its database. Plus, the Go2Nova® Hand Controller is intuitive to use with a large 4-line LCD screen to easily set up your telescope and select where you want to go. The CEM25 – a new category of viewing and astrophotography.

#### Features:

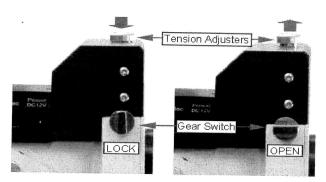
- · A new design Center-Balanced equatorial mount for maximum payload and minimum mount weight
- Specialized astrophotography mount ideal for entry-level and intermediate Astro-photographers
- Payload of 27 lbs (12.3 kg) with the mount-only weight of 10.4 lbs (4.7 kg)
- Spring loaded gear system with customer adjustable loading force
- Gear switches on both R.A. and DEC axes for easy balancing when disengaged
- Adjustable counterweight shaft for 0° latitude operation
- Stepper motor with low power consumption
- New electronics and control adapted from CEM60
- Position auto recovery after power disrupt
- Low periodic error (PE) for a CEM25EC mount (<0.3 arcsec RMS)</li>
- iOptron AccuAlign<sup>™</sup> calibrated polar scope with dark-field illumination and easy polar alignment procedure, allowing for fast and accurate polar alignment
- Polar alignment routine for those who can't see the Pole Star
- Go2Nova<sup>®</sup> 8408 controller with Advanced GOTONOVA<sup>®</sup> GOTO Technology
- Integrated ST-4 autoguiding port
- Built-in 32-channel Global Positioning System (GPS)
- Serial port for firmware upgrade and computer control
- Spring loaded Vixen-style saddle
- 1.5" or 2" inch heavy-duty stainless steel tripod
- Die-cast metal tripod spreader with accessory tray
- Optional hard case for mount available (#7180)
- Optional 5.5" or 8" Z-MiniPier extension (#8035 or #8035-8).
- Optional PowerWeight<sup>™</sup> rechargeable battery pack (#8128)

Optional StarFi WiFi adapter (#8434) for full function control via SmartPhone/Tablet/Computer



WARNING: To avoid gear slippage, DO NOT rock the counterweight shaft rigorously. Make sure the Tension Adjuster is set properly. Worm system damage due to user operation error will not be covered by warranty.

The Tension Adjusters are used as the last step to lock, and the first step to release the gears. When disengaging the gear system, release the Tension Adjuster first. Then turn the Gear Switch to OPEN position. When engaging the gear system, turn the Gear Switch to LOCK position first. Then tighten the Tension Adjuster.





WARNING: Never disengage Gear Switches without holding the mount firmly! Personal injury and/or equipment damage may happen.

If the mount motor has "grinding" sound (which is not harmful) while slewing, the Tension Adjuster is too tight. Release 1/8 to 1/4 turn and check it again. If there is excess play in either RA or DEC axis, or even the gear is skipping, the gear and worm is not meshed properly. Turn the Tension Adjuster more clockwise. You may need to readjust the Tension Adjuster for different payload.

#### 2. CEM25 Terms

#### 2.1. Parts List1

There are two shipping boxes for a regular tripod version. One box contains a CEM25/CEM25EC mount, hand controller, one 10.4 lbs (4.7kg) counterweight, counterweight shaft, tripod spreader and accessories. The other box contains a tripod.

- iOptron® CEM25/CEM25EC telescope mount (with built-in GPS)
- Go2Nova<sup>®</sup> 8408 Hand Controller
- One 10.4lbs (4.7 kg) counterweight
- · Counterweight shaft
- Dark field illuminating LED cable
- AC adapter (100V-240V)
- Controller Cable X 2 (one long coiled cable and one short straight cable, straight wired 6P6C)
- Serial cable (RS232 to RJ9)
- Short latitude adjustment knob
- 1.5-inch Tripod (#7100) or 2-inch Tripod (#7102)
- Tripod spreader

#### **OPTIONAL PARTS**

- Optional hard case (#7180)
- Optional PowerWeight<sup>™</sup> rechargeable battery pack (#8128)
- Optional StarFi wireless adapter (#8434)
- Optional 5.5" and 8" Z-MiniPier (#8035/#8035-8)

#### ONLINE CONTENTS (click under "Support" menu) www.iOptron.com

- Quick Start Guide
- This manual
- Tips for set up
- Hand controller and mount firmware upgrades (check online for latest version)
- ASCOM driver
- Reviews and feedback from other customers
- Accessories

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> US market only. Actual contents may vary.

#### 2.2. Assembly Terms

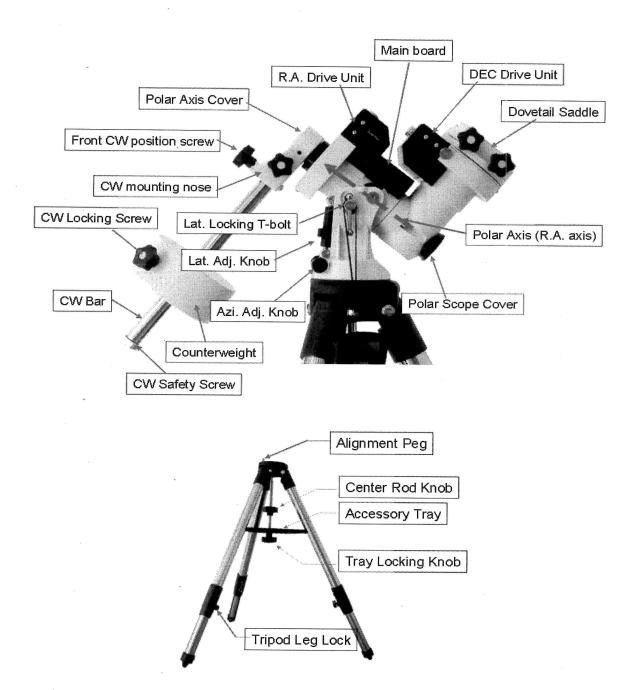


Figure 1. CEM25 assembly terms (mount and tripod)

#### 2.3. CEM25 Ports

#### Ports on the mount

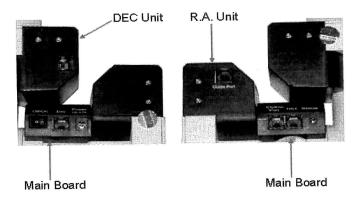


Figure 2. Ports on a CEM25 mount

#### On main control board:

- · OFF/ON Switch: Power switch
- Dec: For connecting to DEC drive unit
- Power DC 12V: DC power plug (2.1mmX5.5mm, center positive)
- iOptron Port: For connecting to other iOptron accessories, such as a laser pointer or a planetary dome control. DO NOT plug guiding camera cable into it or the camera will be damaged.
- HBX (Hand Box): For connecting to an 8408 Hand Controller
- Reticle: Power supply for the polar scope dark field illumination LED, or illuminated eyepiece

#### On RA unit:

Guide Port: Autoguiding port for guiding cameras

#### On DEC unit:

The only port on the DEC unit is used to connect to the Dec port on main control board

# 2.4. Go2Nova® 8408 Hand Controller

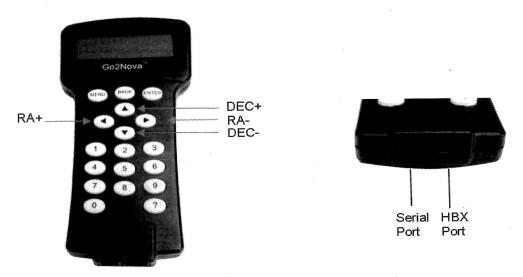


Figure 3. Go2Nova® 8408 hand controller

The Go2Nova® 8408 hand controller (HC) shown in Figure 3 is the standard controllers that used for a CEM25 mount. It has a 4 line, 21 character large LCD screen, function keys, direction keys and number keys on the front; a and a HBX port (6-pin) and a serial port (4-pin) at the bottom.

#### 2.4.1. Key Description

- MENU Key: Press "MENU" to enter the Main Menu.
- BACK Key: Move back to the previous screen, or end/cancel current operation, such as slewing.
- ENTER Key: Confirm an input, go to the next menu, select a choice, or slew the telescope to a selected object.
- Arrow (▲▼◀►) Keys: The arrow keys are used to control the movement of DEC and R.A. axes. Press and hold ▲(DEC+), ▼(DEC-) buttons to move a telescope along the DEC direction, ◄(R.A.+), ►(R.A.-) to move a telescope along the RA direction. They are also used to browse the menu or move the cursor while in the menu. Holding an arrow key for a fast scrolling.
- Number Keys: Input numerical values. Also used to adjust slewing speeds (1: 1X; 2: 2X; 3: 8X; 4: 16X; 5: 64X; 6: 128X; 7: 256X; 8: 512X; 9: MAX)
- ? Key: Identify and display nearby bright stars or objects where the telescope points to.
- 0 Key: Stop the mount during GOTO. Also toggling between start and stop tracking.
- HBX (Handbox) port: connect the HC to a CEM25 mount using a 6 pin 4 wire (6P4C) RJ11 plug.
- Serial port: connect the HC to a Computer via a RS232 to 4 pin 4 wire (4P4C) RJ9 cable (iOptron item# 8412) for firmware upgrade and computer controller. The pin out of the serial port is shown in Figure 4.

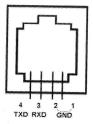


Figure 4. Serial port pin out on an 8408 hand controller

#### 2.4.2. The LCD Screen

The 8408 HC has a large 4-line, 21-character per line LCD screen. The user interface is simple and easy to learn. When the mount first turned on, an initial information screen will be displayed as shown in **Figure 5**, after company logo displayed. It displays the Zero Position, current date and time.

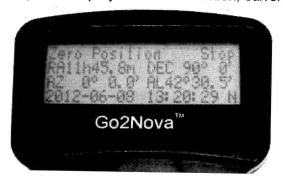


Figure 5. 8408 Initial Information Screen

The LCD screen will switch to the information screen, as indicated in Figure 6, with pressing any button.



Figure 6. 8408 HC LCD Information Screen

- 1. Target Name/Mount Position: displays the name of the target that telescope is currently pointed to or the current mount position.
  - An object name, such as "Mercury" or "Andromeda Galaxy": Name of the Star or celestial object that the mount is currently slewing to, GOTO or tracking;
  - User Position: The mount is point to a user defined position, which could be a real sky object or just simply due to press an arrow key.
- 2. Magnitude: the magnitude of the current celestial object
- 3. Right Ascension: Right Ascension of the telescope, or R.A.
- 4. Declination: Declination of the telescope, or DEC.
- 5. Azimuth: Azimuth of the telescope (north is 0°, east 90°, south 180°, and west 270°).
- 6. Altitude: Altitude of the telescope (degrees vertical from the local horizon zenith is 90°).
- 7. Mount Status: Display current operation status of the mount.
  - Stop: mount is not moving;
  - Slew: mount is moving with an arrow key is pressed;
  - · GoTo: mount is slewing to a celestial object using "Select and Slew";
- 8. Slew speed: It has 9 speeds: 1X, 2X, 8X, 16X, 64X, 128X, 256X, 512X, MAX(1440X, or 6°/sec).
- 9. Current Time: display local time in a format of HH:MM:SS.

#### 2.5. Check the Battery



The hand controller has a real time clock (RTC) which should display the correct time every time the mount is turned on. If the time is incorrect, please check the battery inside the hand controller and replace it if needed. The battery is a 3V, CR1220 button battery.

#### 2.6. Bench Testing the Mount

The counterweight shaft is designed to counter balance the mount's own weight. It is recommended that the CW shaft is installed when testing the mount's function.

**NEVER** operate the mount with only the counterweight or OTA on it, as shown in the image in Figure 7. It may cause gear slippery and cause the worm and gear damage.

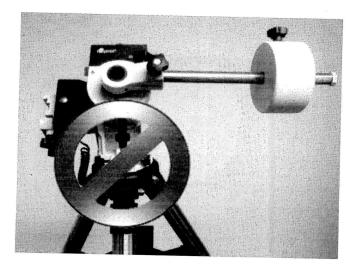


Figure 7. Do not operate the mount with an unbalanced load

#### 3. CEM25 Mount Assembly

#### 3.1. Introduction

You have just purchased a telescope mount that is capable of taking you to a new level of astronomy. No matter which telescope or optical tube assembly (OTA) you select to install on the mount, the overall performance will be greatly enhanced. In order for you to get the optimum performance from the mount and OTA combination, you must assemble and adjust the mount correctly. The following fundamentals of telescope mounts are included to help you understand the big picture before you get into the specific details of the CEM25 mount.

Telescope mounts are either equatorial mounts or altitude-azimuth (Alt-Az) mounts. Both types of mounts rotate the OTA around two perpendicular axes to point to a desired object in the night sky. An equatorial mount has the right ascension (R.A.) axis aligned with the celestial North Pole (CNP), or celestial South Pole (CSP) in southern hemisphere, to provide rotation matching the celestial sphere rotation around the Earth and the declination axis (DEC) to provide elevation relative to the celestial equator. Since all celestial objects appear to rotate around the CNP, the R.A. axis allows the OTA to rotate with the celestial sphere and provide accurate tracking for visual observations and astrophotography. R.A. is the celestial equivalent of longitude. Like longitude, R.A. measures an angle that increases toward the East as measured from a zero reference point on the celestial equator. An Alt-Az mount has a horizontal axis to provide vertical (altitude) OTA movement from the local horizon and a vertical axis to provide horizontal (azimuth) OTA movement, similar to compass headings. An Alt-Az mount can provide tracking that is good enough for visual observing and short exposure photos, but not good enough for serious astrophotography. Alt-Az mounts require star alignments for the OTA to track stars and they do not have adjustment components on the mount. Equatorial mounts require alignment of the mount components as well as star alignments for accurate OTA tracking.

In order to provide the required Polar Axis alignment, equatorial mounts use a combination of both mount types described above. The adjustable part of the mount moves in the Alt-Az mode in order to align the R.A. axis, also known as the mount's Polar Axis, with the CNP. These Polar Axis adjustments do not involve any rotations of the OTA about the R.A. or DEC axes and can be performed without the OTA installed. The first step is to make an approximate azimuth alignment of the Polar Axis by aligning the specified tripod leg or reference point toward True North using a compass for reference (you must allow for the variation between True and Magnetic North at your location). Precise horizontal alignment of the Polar Axis is accomplished with azimuth adjustments on the mount. The second step is to adjust the Polar Axis vertically (altitude) above the North horizon by setting the observer's latitude on the provided latitude scale. This procedure is based on the fundamental geometry of the Earth's coordinate system in conjunction with the concept of the celestial sphere. You can verify this by visualizing yourself at the North Pole (latitude N90°) and Polaris will be 90° from the horizon, or directly overhead. These steps will place the Polar Axis very close to the CNP. Both of the above adjustments can be enhanced by the use of an opening along the R.A. axis that allows direct viewing of the North Star and the use of a polar scope to view through this opening. If you are going to get the most out of your equatorial mount it is essential to understand the concept of the Polar Axis and how the equatorial mount helps you establish and maintain a true Polar Axis alignment. Now, you are ready to perform star alignments using the equatorial mount's electronic controller and enjoy the night sky.

The CEM25 mount is a next-generation equatorial mount that provides the precision alignment capabilities required for today's complete astronomy solution. The following sections of this manual provide the detailed steps required to successfully set up and operate the CEM25 mount.

#### 3.2. CEM25 Mount Assembly

NOTE: The CEM25 mount is a precision astronomical instrument. It is highly recommended that you read the entire manual and become familiar with the nomenclature and function of all components before starting the assembly.



WARNING: To avoid gear slippage, DO NOT rock the counterweight shaft rigorously and make sure the Tension Adjuster is set properly. Worm system damage due to user operation error will not be covered by warranty.



WARNING: The new Gear Switch will allow you to have most precise weight balance. This also means the mount or OTA will swing FREELY when the Gear Switch is disengaged. Always hold the OTA or mount when release Gear Switch or adjust gear tension.

**NOTE:** The mount is shipped with latitude setting at high range ( $35^{\circ} \sim 60^{\circ}$ ). If your site latitude is lower than  $35^{\circ}$ , please switch the latitude range before using it.

# STEP 1. Remove the mount from the package:

The mount is shipped with R.A. gear disengaged to protect the worm/gear system. Carefully remove the mount from the shipping box and familiarize yourself with the components shown in Figure 1. Turn the Gear Switch 90° to lock the R.A. gear system. Make sure DEC is locked as well.

#### STEP 2. Select Mount Latitude Range

The mount is by default shipped with the **Long Latitude Adjustment Knob** installed (for 35-60°). At lower latitudes of 0-35°, the **Short Latitude Adj. Knob** needs to be used. To change this knob:

- (1) Remove the Latitude Locking T-bolts on both sides (do not lose the 4 washers).
- (2) Unscrew bottom post Locking Screw to free the Brass Bottom Latitude Adj. Post and remove the Latitude Adj. Knob (Figure 8a).
- (3) <u>Evenly</u> thread in the **Short** Latitude Adj. Knob to the brass Top and Bottom Latitude Adjustment Posts.
- (4) Reinstall and tighten bottom Locking Screw.
- (5) Lastly, with all 4 washers properly placed, insert and tighten Latitude Locking T-bolts into the upper threaded holes (Figure 8b).



Figure 8. Switching latitude adjustment knob

#### STEP 3. Tripod Setup

Expand the tripod legs. Adjust the tripod height by unlocking and re-locking the Tripod Leg Locks to desired height. Position the tripod so that the Alignment Peg faces north, if you are located at northern hemisphere. If you are located in southern half, face the Alignment Peg south. Thread the tripod center rod into the tripod head and install the Accessory Tray and tread the Tray Locking Knob onto it. Do not fully tighten the Tray Locking Knob.

There are two threaded holes on the tripod head for alignment peg installation. The Alignment Peg may be moved to the opposite position shall the mount hit the tripod leg when used at a high latitude.

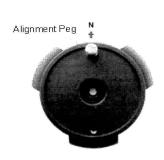




Figure 9. Set up tripod

#### STEP 4. Attach the CEM25 Mount

Back out both Azimuth Adj. Knobs to allow enough clearance inside the chamber. Position the mount on the tripod head with the Alignment Peg in between the two Azimuth Adj. Knobs. Thread the Center Rod into mount to secure it with tripod. Tighten the Tray Locking Knob to fully spread the tripod legs. Adjust the tripod legs to level the mount using the Level Bubble.

# Azi. Adj. Knob Alignment Peg

Figure 10. Attach a mount

#### STEP 5. Adjust Latitude

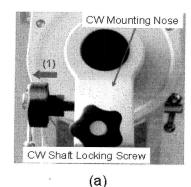
This step requires you to know the latitude of your current location. This can be found from your 8408 hand controller after the embedded GPS receives the signal from the satellites. It also can be easily found on the Internet, with your GPS navigator or a GPS capable

cell phone. You will have to change this latitude setting every time you significantly change your night sky viewing location. This setting directly affects the mount's tracking and GOTO accuracy.

Slightly loosen the Latitude Locking T-bolts. Turn Latitude Adjust Knob to adjust the latitude until the arrow points to your current latitude on the Latitude Indicator (see Figure 8b). Relock the Latitude Locking T-bolts. At this point, with the mount leveled and pointed north, and the latitude set, the Polar Axis (R.A. axis) should be pointing very close to the NCP and Polaris. This alignment accuracy will be sufficient for visual tracking and short duration piggy-back (camera mounted on top of the OTA) astrophotography.

#### STEP 6. Install Counterweight (CW) Shaft

- (1) Remove CW Shaft Locking Screw from the CW Mounting Nose.
- (2) Insert CW shaft into the CW Mounting Nose as indicated in Figure 11b.
- (3) Lock it using CW Shaft Locking Screw from the other side of the CW Mounting Nose. Tighten the Front CW Positioning Screw which is located in front of the CW Mounting Nose.



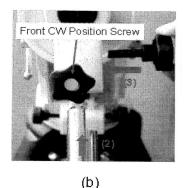


Figure 11. Install counterweight shaft

If the latitude of the observation location is lower than 10°, thread in the Rear CW Position Screw (a hex head set screw) before tightening the Front CW Positioning Screw to avoid CW hit tripod legs. Then tighten the Front CW Positioning Screw.

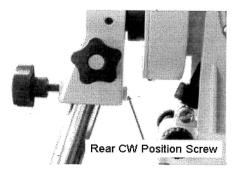


Figure 12. Tilt counterweight shaft for low altitude

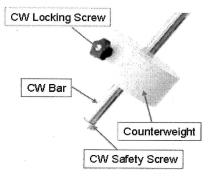


Figure 13. Install counterweight

#### STEP 7. Install Counterweight

Before installing the counterweight, make sure that both R.A. and DEC Gear Switches are fully engaged to avoid sudden mount movements which could cause injury and/or damage the mount gear system and your equipment.

Make sure the mount is at the zero position (i.e. counterweight shaft is pointing to the ground) when installing the counterweight.

Turn the R.A. gear switch to OPEN position to set the R.A. axis free before loading the CW. Remove CW Safety Cap at the end of CW Shaft. With the wider opening towards the shaft end, guide CW through the shaft. Use the CW Locking Screw to hold the CW in place. Place Safety Cap back onto the shaft. Turn the R.A. gear switch to CLOSE position again.

A CEM25 mount comes with a 10.4 lbs (4.7kg) counterweight. It should be able to balance a total payload of about 13 lbs (6kg) for a 8" diameter telescope. An optional CW or extension bar is needed for a heavier payload or a larger diameter Telescope.

#### STEP 8. Attach and Balance an OTA

After attaching an OTA and accessories to the mount, the CEM25 mount must be balanced in both R.A. and DEC axes to ensure minimum stress on the mount (such as gears and motors inside). <u>Make sure the OTA is properly secured.</u>

CAUTION: The telescope may swing freely when the R.A. or DEC Gear Switch is released. Always hold on to the OTA before you release the gear switch to prevent it from swinging. It can cause personal injury or damage to the equipment.

Release Tension Adjuster by turning it counterclockwise. Turn Gear Switch knob 90 degree to OPEN position to disengage the worm from the worm wheel.

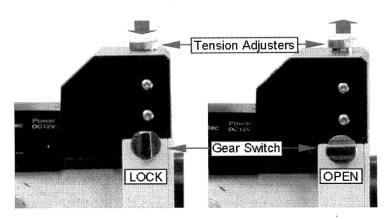


Figure 14. Gear Switch operation

Rotate the DEC axis to horizontal position. Move the OTA position to balance the mount along DEC axis (Figure 15a). Adjust the CW position to balance the mount in R.A. axis (Figure 15b).

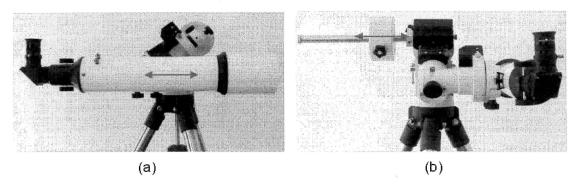


Figure 15. Balance along R.A. axis (a) and DEC axis (b)

CAUTION: The balance process MUST be done with Gear Switch at OPEN position! Otherwise it might damage the worm system.

Return the mount to Zero Position after balance, i.e. the CW shaft points to ground and telescope is at the highest position.

Turn Gear Switch Knob by 90° to LOCK position to re-engage the worm to the worm wheel. Retighten the Tension Adjuster as the last step to lock the gear.

#### STEP 9. Connect Cables

Connect DEC unit to the main control unit with a short, straight RJ11 cable. Connect the Go2Nova<sup>®</sup> 8408 hand controller to the HBX port on the main unit. Plug 12V DC power supply into the POWER socket. The power indicator on the main unit will be on when the power switch is turned on.

#### STEP 10. Setup Hand Controller

The CEM25 is equipped with a GPS receiver, which will receive the time, longitude and latitude information from satellites after the link is established. However, there are still some parameters need to be entered to reflect your location, such as time zone info and daylight saving time. The information will be stored inside the hand controller memory along with longitude and latitude coordinates until they need to be changed.

A clear sky and open space outside is needed for the GPS to establish its link with the satellites. The GPS is installed on top of the R.A. motor control board. If it has difficulty to receive the GPS signal with the telescope installed, you may turn the mount head 90° to the side of the mount to clear the space on top of the main board. **Do not leave the** 

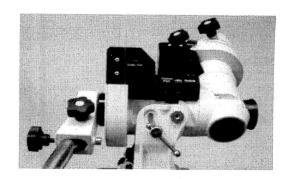


Figure 16. Rotate mount head 90° to clear the space for GPS receiver

hand controller on GPS Status submenu waiting for GPS ON tuning into GPS OK.

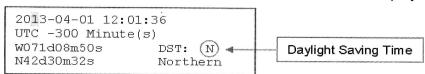
To set up the controller, turn the mount power ON. Press MENU=> "Settings":

Select and Slew Sync. to Target Alignment Settings

#### Press ENTER and select "Set Time and Site"

Set Time and Site Set Beep Set Display Set Guiding Rate

#### Press ENTER. A time and site information screen will be displayed:



#### Set Local Time

The time will be updated automatically when the GPS receiver has established its link with the GPS satellites. In the event that the GPS module is unable to establish a link to the satellites, local time can be entered manually. Use the ◀ or ▶ key to move the cursor ☐ and use the number keys to change the numbers. Use the ▲ or ▼ button to toggle between "Y" and "N" for Daylight Saving Time, or "+" and "-" for UTC (Coordinated Universal Time) setting. Hold the arrow key to fast forward or rewind the cursor.

In order to make the Hand Controller reflect your correct local time, time zone information has to be entered. Press the ◀ or ▶ key, move the cursor to the third line "UTC -300 Minute(s)" to set the time zone information (add or subtract 60 minutes per time zone). For example:

- Boston is "UTC -300 minutes"
- Los Angeles is "UTC -480 minutes"
- Rome is "UTC +60 minutes"
- Beijing is "UTC +480 minutes"
- Sydney is "UTC +600 minutes"

All the time zones in North America are "UTC -", as shown in the following table, so ensure the display shows "UTC -" instead of "UTC +" if in North or South America.

Time Zone	Hawaii	Alaska	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Hour behind UT	-10	-9	-8	-7	-6	-5
Enter UTC	-600	-540	-480	-420	-360	300

To adjust minutes, move the cursor to each digit and use the number keys to input the number directly. Use ▲ or ▼ key to toggle between "+" and "-". When the time information entered is correct, press ENTER and go back to the previous screen. Note that fractional time zones can be entered.

Do not manually add or subtract an hour from displayed time to reflect Daylight Saving Time (DST). Only select "Y" after DST begins.

For other parts of the world you can find your "time zone" information from internet.

#### Set Observation Site Coordinate

The third and fourth lines display the longitude and latitude coordinates, respectively. The longitude and latitude coordinates will be automatically updated when the GPS picks up satellite signals. "W/E" means western/eastern hemisphere; "N/S" means northern/southern hemisphere; "d" means degree; "m" means minute; and "s" means second.

If, for any reason, your GPS can't pick up a signal, you can manually enter the GPS coordinates. Press ◀ or ▶ key to move the cursor and using ▲ or ▼ key to toggle between "W" and "E", "N" and "S", using number key to change the numbers. It is always a good idea to do your home work to get the GPS coordinates before traveling to a new observation site.

The site coordinates information can be found from your smart phone, GPS receiver or via the internet. Site information in decimal format can be converted into d:m:s format by multiplying the decimal numbers by 60. For example, N47.53 can be changed to N47°31'48":  $47.53^{\circ} = 47^{\circ} +0.53^{\circ}$ ,  $0.53^{\circ}=0.53\times60'=31.8'$ ,  $0.8'=0.8\times60''=48''$ . Therefore,  $47.53^{\circ}=47^{\circ}31'48''$  or 47d31m48s.

#### Select N/S Hemisphere

If the polar axis is aligned to the North Celestial Pole, then set the mount to Northern Hemisphere. If the polar axis is pointing to the South Celestial Pole, set the mount to Southern Hemisphere. Press the ◀ or ▶ key to move the cursor and use the ▲ or ▼ key to toggle between "Northern Hemisphere" and "Southern Hemisphere".

As an example, select Northern Hemisphere if you are located in US and press **ENTER** to go back to the main menu.

The time and site information will be stored inside the hand controller's memory chip. If you are not traveling to another observation site, they do not need to be changed.

#### Check the Hand Controller Battery

The hand controller has a real time clock which should display the correct time every time the mount is turned on. If the time is off too much, please check the battery inside the hand controller and replace it if required. The battery is a 3V, CR1220 button battery.

#### STEP 11. Polar Alignment

One of CEM25's unique features is that the polar scope can be accessed at anytime. It will not be blocked by DEC axle as in a German equatorial mount. This makes it possible to adjust the polar alignment during the tracking.

In order for an equatorial mount to track properly, it has to be accurately polar aligned.

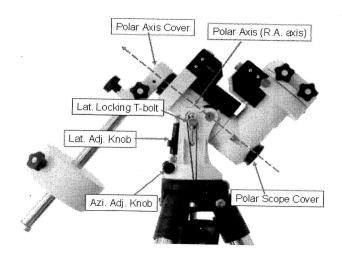


Figure 17. Polar alignment

The CEM25 mount equipped with an iOptron's AccuAlign $^{\text{TM}}$  polar scope. You can do a fast and accurate polar axis alignment with iOptron's **Quick Polar Alignment** procedure.

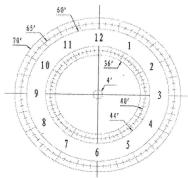


Figure 18. Polar Scope



Figure 19. Polar Scope LED

As indicated in Figure 18, the Polar Scope reticle has been divided into 12 hours along the angular direction with 10 minute tics. There are 6 concentric circles in 2 groups of 3 marked from 36' to 44' and 60' to 70', respectively. The 36' to 44' concentric circles are used for polar alignment in the Northern Hemisphere using Polaris, while the 60' to 70' circles are used for polar alignment in Southern Hemisphere using Sigma Octantis.

#### Quick Polar Alignment

- (1) Level the CEM25 mount. Make sure the telescope is parallel to the pole axis (R.A. axis) of the mount. If a finder scope is used, adjust it to be parallel to the telescope optical axis. You may check the parallelness during daytime with a distance object.
- (2) Take off the Polar Axis Cover and Polar Scope Cover. Connect polar scope LED cable between Reticle plug located on the main unit and the LED socket at the bottom of the DEC axle, as shown in Figure 19. Turn on the mount power by pressing the On/Off switch on the main unit. The light intensity can be adjusted using the HC via MENU=>"Settings"=>"Set Eyepiece Light" function under "Set Up Controller" menu.
- (3) Make sure that the time and site information of the hand controller is correct. Press the **MENU** =>"Alignment"=>"Pole Star Position" to display the current Polaris position. For example, on June 22, 2014, 20:19:42 in Boston, US (alt N42°30'32" and long W71°08'50"), UTC -300 minutes, DST:Y, the Polaris Position is 0h45.8m and 40.4m, as shown in Figure 20a.

(4) Look through the polar scope to find the Polaris. Using Azimuth Adjustment Knob and Latitude Adjustment Knob to adjust the mount in altitude and azimuth directions and put the Polaris in the same position on the Polar Scope Dial as indicated on the HC LCD. In this case, the Polaris will be located at a radius of 40.4' and an angle of 0 hour 45.8 minute, as shown in Figure 20b.

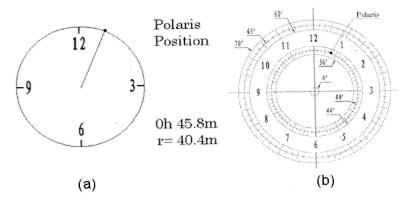


Figure 20. Polaris Position shown on HC (a) and where to put on polar scope dial (b)

NOTE: If you are located in southern hemisphere, Sigma Octantis will be chosen for Polar Alignment. For example, on May 20, 2010, 20:00:00 in Sydney, Australia (Lat S33°51'36" and Long E151°12'40"), 600 min ahead of UT, the Sigma Octantis Position is 1hr21.8m and 64.4m.

#### BrightStar Polar Alignment/Polar Iterate Align

BrightStar Polar Alignment allows you to polar align the mount even if you cannot view the Celestial Pole.

- (1) Level the CEM25 mount and set it at Zero Position. Make sure the telescope is parallel to the pole axis (R.A. axis) of the mount. If a finder scope is used, adjust it to be parallel to the telescope optical axis. Turn the mount power on.
- (2) Pressing MENU=>"Alignment"=>"Polar Iterate Align". The HC will display the azimuth and altitude position of several bright stars near meridian. Select one that is visible with high altitude as Alignment Star A. Follow the HC instruction to move the Star A to the center of the eyepiece with the combination of Latitude Adjustment Knob and "◄" or "▶" button. Press ENTER to confirm. Next, select a bright star that is close to the horizon as the Alignment Star B. Center it using the Azimuth Adjustment Knob and "◄" or "▶" button (The "▲" and "▼" buttons are not used here). Press ENTER to confirm.
- (3) The telescope will now slew back to Star A to repeat above steps. The iteration can be stopped when it is determined that the alignment error is at the minimum. Press **BACK** button to exit alignment procedure.

**NOTE:** The movement of the alignment star in your eyepiece may not be perpendicular but crossed, depends on its location in the sky.

#### STEP 11. Return Mount to Zero Position

After polar alignment and balancing OTA, return the mount to Zero Position, as shown in Figure 21. The Zero Position is the position with the CW shaft pointing toward the ground, OTA at the highest position with its axis parallel to the polar axis and the OTA pointing to the Celestial Pole.

You need to set the Zero Position when the mount is used first time, or firmware upgrade is performed. To set the mount to Zero Position, press **MENU=>"Zero Position"=>"Set Zero Position"**. Release the Gear Switch to manually return the mount to Zero Position, or use the hand controller to slew the mount to Zero Position. Press **ENTER** to confirm the zero position.

Check the Zero Position by using MENU=>"Zero Position"=>"Goto Zero Position" before each session.

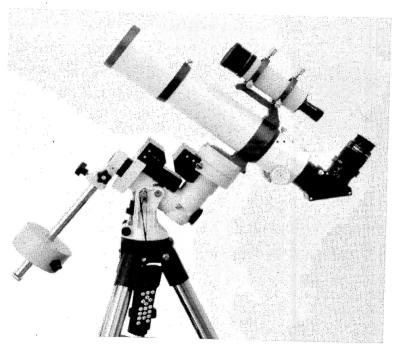


Figure 21. Zero position

#### 4. Getting Started

In order to experience the full GOTO capability of GOTONOVA® technology it is very important to set up the mount correctly before observation.

#### 4.1. Setup the Mount and Polar Alignment

Assemble your CEM25 mount according to Section 3.2. Turn the mount power switch on. When the GPS receiver is connected to satellites, LCD will display GPS OK. The mount will have correct time and site information. You can also enter them manually as described before. Mount an OTA and accessories, and carefully balance the mount around the polar axis. Polar align you mount using either *Quick Polar Alignment* or *BrightStar Polar Alignment Procedure*.

Always check if the mount is at the Zero Position when the mount is powered on, i.e. with the counterweight shaft pointing to ground, OTA at the highest position with its axis parallel to the polar axis and the telescope pointing to the Celestial Pole. Press **MENU => "Zero Position" => "Goto Zero Position"** to check it. If the mount is not at the Zero Position, press **MENU => "Zero Position" => "Set Zero Position."** Release the Gear Switch to manually return the mount to Zero Position, or use the hand controller to slew the mount to Zero Position. Press **ENTER** to confirm the zero position.

#### 4.2. Manual Operation of the Mount

You may observe astronomical objects using the arrow keys of a Go2Nova® hand controller.

Flip the I/O switch on the telescope mount to turn on the mount. Use  $\triangleright$ ,  $\triangleleft$ ,  $\blacktriangledown$  or  $\blacktriangle$  buttons to point the telescope to the desired object. Use the number keys to change the slewing speed. Then press  $\mathbf{0}$  button to start tracking. Press  $\mathbf{0}$  button again to stop the tracking.

#### 4.3. Initial Star Alignment

Perform a simple one star alignment/synchronization after set up the hand controller to correct any pointing discrepancy of the Zero Position and to improve the GOTO accuracy.

To perform "One Star Align," press MENU=>"Alignment"=>"One Star Align"=>ENTER. The screen will display a list of bright objects for you to select from. Select an object using ▲ or ▼ key. Then press ENTER. After the mount slews to the target, use the arrow keys to center it in your eyepiece. Then press ENTER. (More align details in 5.4)

An alternate way is to perform "Sync to Target." Press MENU=>"Select and Slew"=>ENTER. Browse over the catalogs and select an object. Press ENTER. After the mount slews to the star, press MENU=>"Sync. To Target", follow the on-screen instruction to center the star and press ENTER. You may need to use the number keys to change the slewing speed to make the centering procedure easier.

#### 4.4. Go to the Moon and Other Stars

After performing these set-ups the mount is ready to GOTO and track objects. One of the most common objects is the Moon.

To slew to the Moon press **MENU=>**"Select and Slew"=>"Solar System"=>Moon=>ENTER. The telescope will automatically slew to the Moon and lock on it. It will automatically begin to track once it locks on. If the Moon is not centered in your eyepiece, use the arrow keys to center the Moon. You may use "Sync to Target" to improve the tracking.

You may also select other bright celestial objects to start with, such as Jupiter or Saturn.

# 4.5. Star Identifying Function

The 8408 hand controller has a star identifying function. After **Polar Alignment** and **Set Up Time** and **Site**, slew the telescope to an bright star, manually or using GOTO. Press? button to identify the star name telescope is pointing to, as well as nearby bright stars if there are any.

#### 4.6. Gear Tension Adjustment

Set both Gear Switches to LOCK positions after balancing the mount. Fully screw in the Tension Adjuster. If the mount motor has "grinding" sound (which is not harmful) while slewing, the Tension Adjuster is too tight. Release 1/8 to 1/4 turn and check it again. If there is excess play in either RA or DEC axis, or even the gear is skipping, the gear and worm is not meshed properly. Turn the Tension Adjuster more clockwise. You may need to readjust the Tension Adjuster for different payload.

# 4.7. GOTO and Tracking Position Memorization

The CEM25 mount can memorize its R.A. and DEC positions if the mount loses its power by accident, even during high speed slewing. Just do a **Select and Slew** to the same star when the power is lost after the power is back. The mount will continue to track the star.

#### 4.8. Turn Off the Mount

When you have finished your observation, just simply turn the mount power off and disassemble the mount and tripod. If the mount is set up on a pier or inside an observatory, you can return the mount to Zero Position. This will ensure that there is no need for you to perform the initial setup again when you power up the mount subsequently, if the mount is not moved. To return the mount to its Zero Position, press the MENU => "Zero Position" => "Goto Zero Position" and press ENTER. Once the telescope returns to Zero Position turn the power off.

# 5. Complete Functions of Go2Nova® 8408 Hand Controller

#### 5.1. Slew to an Object

Press MENU => "Select and Slew." Select an object that you would like to observe and press the ENTER key.

The Go2Nova® 8408 hand controller for CEM25 mount has a database of over 150,000 objects. Use the  $\blacktriangleright$  or  $\blacktriangleleft$  buttons to move the cursor. Use the number buttons to enter the number, or the  $\blacktriangledown$  or  $\blacktriangle$  buttons to change the individual number. Hold on a button to fast scroll through the list. The " $\stackrel{\circ}{=}$ " indicates the object is above the horizon, and a cross mark " $\stackrel{\circ}{=}$ " means it is below the horizon. In some catalogs those stars below the horizon will not display on the hand controller.

#### 5.1.1. Solar System

There are 9 objects in the Solar system catalog.

#### 5.1.2. Deep Sky Objects

This menu includes objects outside our Solar system such as galaxies, star clusters, quasars, and nebulae.

- Named Objects: consists of 60 deep sky objects with their common names. A list of named deep sky objects is included in Appendix E.
- Messier Catalog: consists of all 110 Messier objects.
- NGC Catalog: consists of 7,840 objects in NGC catalog.
- IC Catalog: consists of 5,386 objects in IC catalog.
- UGC Catalog: consists of 12,921 objects.
- Caldwell Catalog: consists of 109 objects.
- Abell Catalog: consists of 4076 objects.
- Herschel Catalog: consists of 400 objects.

#### 5.1.3. Stars:

- Named Stars: consists of 259 stars with their common names. They are listed alphabetically. A
  list is included in Appendix E.
- Binary Stars: consists of 208 binary stars. A list is attached in Appendix E.
- Hipparcos Catalog: the new HIP catalog consists of 120,404 records (2008).

#### 5.1.4. Constellations

This catalog consists of 88 modern constellations with their names. They are listed alphabetically. A list is attached in Appendix E.

#### 5.1.5. Comets

This catalog contains 15 comets.

#### 5.1.6. Asteroids

This catalog contains 116 asteroids.

#### 5.1.7. User Objects

It can store up to 60 used entered objects, including comets.

#### 5.1.8. Enter R.A. DEC

Here you can go to a target by entering its R.A. and DEC numbers.

#### 5.2. Sync to Target

This operation will match the telescope's current coordinates to Target Right Ascension and Declination. After slewing to an object, press **MENU** => "Sync to Target" => **ENTER**. Follow the screen to perform the sync. Using this function will re-calibrate the computer to the selected object. Multiple syncs can be performed if needed. This operation is most useful to find a faint star or nebula near a bright star.

"Sync to Target" will only work after "Select and Slew" is performed. You can change the slewing speed to make the centering procedure easier. Simply press a number (1 through 9) to change the speed. The default slew speed is 64X.

"Sync to Target" will improve the local goto accuracy around the synced star.

#### 5.3. Alignment

This function is used for aligning the telescope to the celestial pole and to create a sky model to calibrate the mount's GOTONOVA® functionality.

The hand controller provides two polar alignment methods. The "**Two Star Polar Align**" is used to refine the polar alignment using the AccuAlign<sup>TM</sup> polar scope and **Quick Polar Alignment**. The "**Polar Iterate Align**" uses a set of 2 bright stars for polar alignment providing a viable polar alignment approach for those who can't see the pole.

The system provides three alignment methods to calibrate the mount's GOTO function: "Solar System Align", "One Star Align", and "Three Star Align". The mount has to be at Zero Position before performing any alignment.

#### 5.3.1. Pole Star Position

This function displays the position of the Pole Star for **Quick Polar Alignment** using the iOptron<sup>®</sup> AccuAlign<sup>TM</sup> polar scope. In the Northern Hemisphere the position of Polaris is displayed, while in the Southern Hemisphere the position of Sigma Octantis is shown.

#### 5.3.2. One Star Alignment

Press MENU => "Alignment" => "One Star Align". A list of alignment stars that are above the horizon is computed based on your local time and location. With the mount in the Zero Position, use the ▲ and ▼ buttons to select a star and press ENTER. Center the target in your eyepiece using the arrow keys. Press ENTER when finished. If your mount is set up correctly and polar aligned, one star alignment should be sufficient for good GoTo accuracy. To increase the pointing accuracy over the sky, you may choose to do a three star alignment.

#### 5.3.3. Two Star Polar Align

Two Star Polar Align can improve the accuracy of the mount's polar alignment. Press MENU => "Alignment" => "Two Star Polar Align." A list of alignment stars that are above the horizon is computed based on your local time and location. With the mount at the Zero Position, use the ▲ and ▼ buttons to

\*select the first alignment star and press ENTER. Center the target in your eyepiece using the arrow keys after the mount slews to it. Press ENTER when finished. The hand controller will prompt you to choose a second star. After centering the second star, the two-star alignment is finished.

After the two-star alignment, the altitude and azimuth errors will be displayed. This number can be used to fine tune the Quick Polar Alignment.

For example, if the screen shows 7.5" low and 4.3" east, it means that THE MOUNT axis is pointing low and to the east of the Celestial Pole.

#### 5.3.4. Three Star Align

The three-star alignment will further determine the cone error between the OTA and mount axis. The system will use these data to calculate the goto model. If the cone error is big enough, it is suggested to shim the OTA in DEC to minimize it.

Press MENU => "Alignment" => "Three Star Align." A list of alignment stars that are above the horizon is computed based on your local time and location. With the mount at the Zero Position, use the ▲ and ▼ buttons to select the first alignment star and press ENTER. Center the target in your eyepiece using the arrow keys. Press ENTER when finished. The hand controller will prompt you to choose a second star. Select third star after the mount aligned to the second star.

The system will display the pointing and cone errors after the three star alignment accepted. The system will update the pointing model accordingly.

#### 5.3.5. Polar Iterate Align

This alignment method allows you to polar align the mount even if you cannot view the Celestial Pole. Press the MENU => "Alignment" => "Polar Iterate Align". The HC will display a list of bright alignment stars near the meridian as Alignment Star A. Follow the HC instructions to move Alignment Star A to the center of the eyepiece using a combination of the Latitude Adjustment Knob and the "◄" and "▶" buttons. Press ENTER to confirm the settings. Next, select a bright star that is close to the horizon as Alignment Star B. Center it using the Azimuth Adjustment Knobs and the "◄" and "▶" buttons (the "▲" and "▼" buttons will not function). Press ENTER to confirm the settings.

The telescope will now slew back to Alignment Star A to repeat the above steps. The iteration can be stopped when it is determined that the alignment error has been minimized. Press the **BACK** button to exit the alignment procedure.

NOTE: It is highly recommended to use an eyepiece with illuminated crosshairs for accurate centering.

**NOTE:** The movement of the alignment star in your eyepiece may not be perpendicular depending on its location in the sky.

#### 5.3.6. Solar System Align

This function uses a planet or the moon as an alignment object. Press **MENU** => "**Alignment**" => "**Solar System Align**" for a list of available alignment objects.

#### 5.3.7. Display Model Error

This will display linear RA error, linear DEC error, polar misalignment, non-perpendicular between OTA and DEC, and non-perpendicular between HA and DEC.

#### 5.3.8. Clear Alignment Data

This will clear all alignment data created during one star, two star or three star alignment process.

#### 5.4. Set tings

#### 5.4.1. Set Time and Site

Refer to STEP 10 in Section 3.2.

#### 5.4.2. Set Beep

The Hand Controller allows a user to turn off the beep partially, or even go to a silent mode. To change this setting press **MENU** => "**Settings**" => "**Set Beep**",

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Set Up Time and Site
Set Beep
Set Display
Set Guiding Rate
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Select one of three available modes:

"Always On" - a beep will be heard on each button operation or mount movement;

"On but Keyboard" – a beep will be heard only when the mount is slewing to the object or there is a warning message;

"Always Off" - all sounds will be turned off, including the SUN warning message.

#### 5.4.3. Set Display

Press MENU => "Settings" => "Set Display,"

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Set Up Time and Site
Set Beep
Set Display
Set Guiding Rate
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Use the arrow keys to adjust LCD display contrast (*LCD contrast*), LCD backlight intensity (*LCD light*), and keypad's backlight intensity (*Key light*).

#### 5.4.4. Set Maximum Slew Rate

This function will help the mount to slew properly under low temperature or extreme payload condition (extra long or large diameter scope). Press **MENU** => "**Settings**" => "**Set Maximum Slew Rate**,." You can select one of three slew rates. The default is MAX.

#### 5.4.5. Set Guiding Rate

This is an advanced function for autoguiding when a guiding camera is utilized either via a Guide Port or using the ASCOM protocol. Before autoguiding, align the polar axis carefully. Select an appropriate guiding speed. The latest firmware allow you to set the R.A. and DEC guiding speed differently. The R.A. guiding speed can be set between  $\pm 0.01X$  to  $\pm 0.90X$  sidereal rate. The DEC guiding speed can be set between  $\pm 0.10X$  to  $\pm 0.99X$  sidereal rate. Follow the instructions of your autoguiding software for detailed guiding operation.

The guide port wiring is shown in Figure 22, which has the same pin-out as that from Celestron / Starlight Xpress / Orion Mount / Orion Autoguider/ QHY5 autoguider.



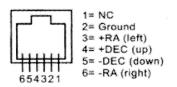


Figure 22. Guide port pin-out

If you have an autoguider which has a pin-out the same as the ST-I from SBIG, such as Meade/ Losmandy/ Takahashi/ Vixen, make sure a proper guiding cable is used. Refer to your guiding camera and guiding software for detailed operation.

WARNING: DO NOT plug your ST-4 guiding camera cable into the iOptron port or HBX port. It may damage the mount or guiding camera electronics.

#### 5.4.6. Set Tracking Rate

You can set up the mount tracking rate by selecting "Set Tracking Rate". Then the user can select "Sidereal Rate", "Lunar Rate", "Solar Rate", "King Rate", and "User Defined Speed". The "User defined speed" can be adjusted from 0.9900X to 1.0100X of sidereal.

The "King Rate", developed by Edward S. King, corrects the tracking rate of a telescope to account for atmospheric refraction. This is more useful for unguided tracking.

#### 5.4.7. Meridian Treatment

This function tells the mount what to do when it tracks past the meridian. You can tell the mount if it needs a meridian flip and when to do it.

- "Set Position Limit" will tell the mount when to stop tracking or to do a meridian flip. The limit can be set at from 0° to 10° (40 minutes) pass meridian.
- "Set Behavior" will determine if the mount will stop tracking or perform a meridian flip at the set position limit.

#### 5.4.8. Set Altitude Limit

This function allows the mount to keep tracking an object even if it is below the horizon but can still be seen, for example from an elevated observation site, such as a hill. The range can be set from -89° to +89°. The default limit is 00°. **Be careful when setting this limit.** It may cause mount goto problems.

#### 5.4.9. Set Eyepiece Light

Use this function to adjust the light intensity of iEQ45 Pro illuminated polar scope. If you have an illuminated-reticule eyepiece and has the same socket, you may use this option to adjust its light intensity.

#### 5.4.10. GPS Status

Display if the GPS connection status. GPS ON indicates that the mount is still acquiring the satellite data. GPS OK indicates the link has been established. If neither is displayed, the GPS is malfunctioning. Do not leave the hand controller at this submenu.

#### 5.4.11. Language

Select one of supported menu languages.

#### 5.4.12. Set RA Guiding (CEM25EC Only)

You can turn off R.A. guiding by selecting "Filter R.A. Guiding" to allow the high precision encoder to correct the tracking error, or turn the R.A. guiding on by selecting "Allow RA Guiding" to allow the mount to receive guiding corrections from the autoguiding software.

#### 5.5. Electric Focuser

This function controls an iOptron electric focuser.

#### 5.6. PEC Option

PEC for short, is a system that improves the tracking accuracy of the drive by reducing the number of user corrections needed to keep a guide star centered in the eyepiece. PEC is designed to improve photographic quality by reducing the amplitude of the worm errors. Using the PEC function is a three-step process. First, the system needs to know the current position of its worm gear so that it has a reference when playing back the recorded error. Next, you must guide for at least 10 minutes during which time the system records the correction you make. (It takes the worm gear 10 minutes to make one complete revolution). This "teaches" the system the characteristics of the worm. The periodic error of the worm gear drive will be stored in the hand controller and used to correct periodic error. The last step is to play back the corrections you made during the recording phase. Keep in mind, the PEC only compensate the RA worm error.

#### 5.6.1. PEC Playback

You can turn "PEC Playback On" while you do the tracking, especially for long time astrophotography. The default status is PEC Playback Off when the mount is turned on.

#### 5.6.2. Record PEC

Here's how to record the PE curve manually:

- 1. Find a bright star relatively close to the object you want to photograph.
- 2. Insert a high power eyepiece with illuminated cross hairs into your telescope. Orient the guiding eyepiece cross hairs so that one is parallel to the declination while the other is parallel to the R.A. axis.
- 3. Center the guide star on the illuminated cross hairs, focus the telescope, and study the periodic movement.
- 4. Before actually recording the periodic error, take a few minutes to practice guiding. Set the hand control slew rate to an appropriate slew rate and practice centering the guide star in the cross hairs for several minutes. This will help you familiarize yourself with the periodic error of the drive and the operation of the hand control. Remember to ignore declination drift when programming the PEC.
- 5. To begin recording the drive's periodic error, press the **MENU** => "**PEC Option"** => "**Record PEC"**. Once ready to begin recording, press the **ENTER** button to begin. Use the arrow button to keep the guiding star staying at the center of the cross hairs. It takes the worm gear 600 seconds to make one complete revolution. After 600 seconds PEC will automatically stop recording.
- 6. If you want to re-record the periodic error, select "Record PEC" and repeat the recording processes again. The previously recorded information will be replaced with the current information.
  - 7. The PE data needs be recorded again if the power is lost.

#### 5.6.3. PEC Data Integrity

This function will check the recorded PEC data integrity.

# 5.7. Edit User Objects

Besides various star lists available in the hand controller, you can add, edit or delete your own user-defined objects. This is especially useful for newly found comets. You can also add your favorite observation object into the user object list for easy sky surfing. Up to 60 comets and other user objects can be stored.

#### 5.7.1. Enter a New Comet

Press MENU => "Edit User Objects" to set user objects.

User Defined Comet Other Objects

Select "User Defined Comet" to add/browse/delete the user-defined comet list. Find the orbit parameters of a comet in the SkyMap format. For example, the C/2012 ISON has an orbit parameter:

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	No.	Name	Year	M	Day	q	е	ω	Ω		Н	G	
	C/2012	S1 ISON	2013	11	28.7960	0.0125050	1.0000030	345.5088	295.7379	61.8570	6.0	4.0	
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#### Select "Add a New Comet" to add a new one:

Add a New Comet Browse Comets Delete a Comet Clear All Comets

# The hand controller will display the parameter entry screen:

Date: 2000-01-00.0000 q: 0.000000 e: 0.000000 ω: 000.0000 Ω: 000.0000 i: 000.0000

Enter the parameters using the arrow buttons and number keys. Press **ENTER** and a confirmation screen will be displayed. Press **ENTER** again to store the object under the assigned user object number, or press **BACK** button to cancel.

# 5.7.2. Enter Other Objects or Observation List

Press MENU => "Edit User Objects" to set user objects.

User Defined Comet Other Objects

# Select "Other Objects" to enter you own object:

Add a New Object Browse Objects Delete an Object Clear All Objects Select "Add a New Object". A screen will be displayed asking you to Enter R.A. and DEC coordinates:

Enter R.A. and DEC
R.A.: 00h00m00s
DEC: +00d00m00s

You may enter the R.A. and DEC coordinates of the object you want to store, and press **ENTER** to confirm.

A more useful application of this function is to store your favorite viewing objects before heading to the field. When the "*Enter R.A. and DEC*" screen appears, press the **MENU** button. It brings up the catalogs that you can select the object from. Follow the screen instructions to add your favorite objects. Press **BACK** button to go back one level.

Press the **BACK** button to go back to the object entry submenu. You may review the records or delete those that are no longer wanted. Press the **BACK** button to finish the operation. Now you can slew to your favorite stars from "Custom Objects" catalog using "Select and Slew."

# 5.8. Firmware Information

This option will display the mount type, firmware version information for the hand controller (HC), R.A. board (RA), and DEC board (DEC).

#### 5.9. Zero Position

#### 5.9.1. Goto Zero Position

This moves your telescope to its Zero Position. When the power is turned on, the mount assumes the Zero Position. This is the reference point for alignment and GoTo functions.

#### 5.9.2. Set Zero Position

This set the Zero Position for the firmware.

The Zero Position reference will be an undefined value before the first time power on the mount, after firmware upgrade, or HC battery replacement. You can use this function to set the zero position reference

Press the ENTER after moving the mount to Zero Position either manually or with the hand controller.

### 6. Maintenance and Servicing

#### 6.1. Maintenance

The CEM25/CEM25EC mount is designed to be maintenance free. Do not overload the mount. Do not drop the mount, this will damage the mount or degrade the GOTO tracking accuracy permanently. Use a wet cloth to clean the mount and hand controller. Do not use solvent.

If your mount will not be used for an extended period, dismount the OTAs and counterweight(s).

#### 6.2. iOptron Customer Service

If you have any question concerning your CEM25 mount, please contact iOptron Customer Service Department. Customer Service hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. It is strongly suggested to send technical questions to <a href="mailto:support@ioptron.com">support@ioptron.com</a> for prompt response during off hour. Call in the U.S. 1.781.569.0200.

In the unlikely event that the CEM25 mount requires factory servicing or repairing, write or call iOptron Customer Service Department first to receive an RMA# before returning the mount to the factory. Please provide details as to the nature of the problem as well as your name, address, e-mail address, purchase info and daytime telephone number. We have found that most problems can be resolved by e-mails or telephone calls. So please contact iOptron first to avoid returning the mount for repair.

#### 6.3. Product End of Life Disposal Instructions



This electronic product is subject to disposal and recycling regulations that vary by country and region. It is your responsibility to recycle your electronic equipment per your local environmental laws and regulations to ensure that it will be recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment. To find out where you can drop off your waste equipment for recycling, please contact your local waste recycle/disposal service or the product representative.

#### 6.4. Battery Replacement and Disposal Instructions

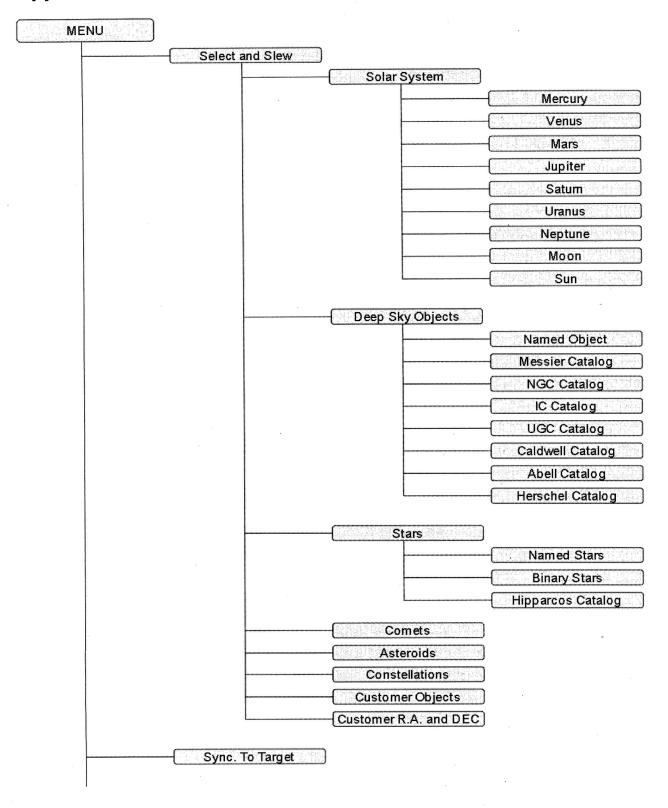


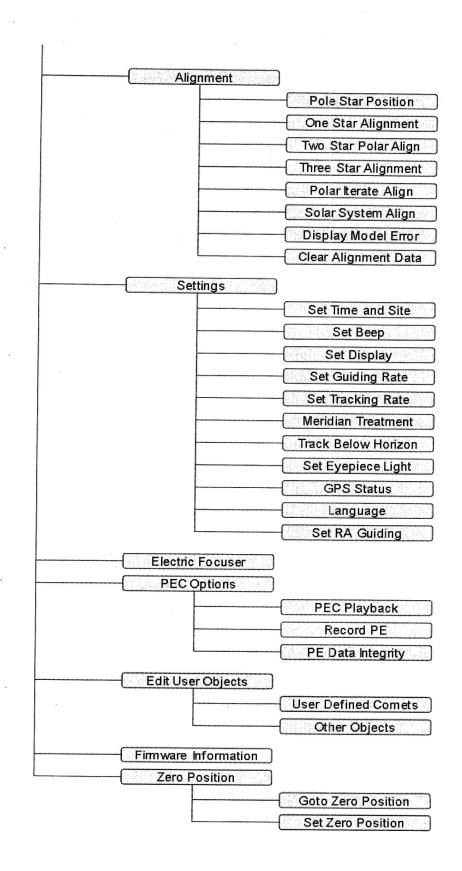
Battery Disposal- Batteries contain chemicals that, if released, may affect the environment and human health. Batteries should be collected separately for recycling, and recycled at a local hazardous material disposal location adhering to your country and local government regulations. To find out where you can drop off your waste battery for recycling, please contact your local waste disposal service or the product representative.

# Appendix A. Technical Specifications

Mount Payload Mount weight Payload/Mount weight Right Ascension worm wheel Declination worm wheel Right Ascension axis shaft Declination axis shaft Right Ascension bearing Declination bearing Worm gears Motor drive Resolution Transmission Latitude adjustment range Azimuth adjustment range Azimuth adjustment range Azimuth adjustment range Fec Pec Pec Tracking Speed Counterweight shaft Counterweight Tripod Dovetail saddle Power consumption Power requirement AC adapter Serial port Autoguide port	Center-Balanced Equatorial Mount (CEM) Up to 27 lb (12.3kg), exclude counterweight  10.4 lb (4.7kg) 2.60  Φ88mm, 144 teeth aluminum Φ88mm, 144 teeth aluminum Φ35mm steel Φ35mm steel Φ55mm ball bearing Brass  1.8° stepper motor, 128X microdivision 0.14 arc seconds Synchronous belt 0° ~ 60° ± 10° Internal 32-channel GPS AccuAlign <sup>™</sup> G2 dark field illuminated Level bubble  Go2Nova <sup>®</sup> 8408 with 150,000 objects database PEC/Real time PEC <0.3 arcsec RMS (CEM25EC only) Automatic  1×,2×,8×,16×,64×,128×,256×,512×,MAX(1440X) Φ20mm 10.4 lb (4.7kg)  1.5" Stainless Steel(5kg), optional 2"(8kg) Spring loaded Vixen-style 0.35A(Tracking), 0.6A(GOTO) 12V DC(9 ~ 15V), 1.5Amp 100V ~ 240V (included) Yes (on hand controller) Yes
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Firmware upgrade	Yes
PC computer control	Yes (ASCOM)
Operation temperature	-10°C ~ 40°C
Warranty	Two year limited

# Appendix B. Go2Nova® 8408 HC MENU STRUCTURE





# Appendix C. Firmware Upgrade

The firmware in the 8408 hand controller and motor control boards can be upgraded by the customer. Please check iOptron's website, <a href="www.iOptron.com">www.iOptron.com</a>, under the product page or Support Directory, select CEM25 or CEM25 EC, for detail.

### **Appendix D. Computer Control an CEM25 Mount**

The CEM25 mount can be controlled by a SmartPhone, a Tablet or a computer. It is supported by two types of computer connections:

- Connect to a computer via RS232 serial port. An optional RS232 to USB adapter (iOptron part #8435) is needed if your computer does not have a serial port, like most of the laptops on the market today. Follow the adapter instructions to install the adapter driver. The mount can be controlled via ASCOM protocol (Windows OS), or directly by some software, such as Sky Safari (Mac OS)
- Connect wirelessly with iOptron StarFi adapter (#8434) or some other third party adapter (may with limited function). The mount can be controlled via ASCOM protocol (Windows OS), SmartPhone/Tablet and Mac OS wirelessly. See StarFi Instruction Manual for detailed information.

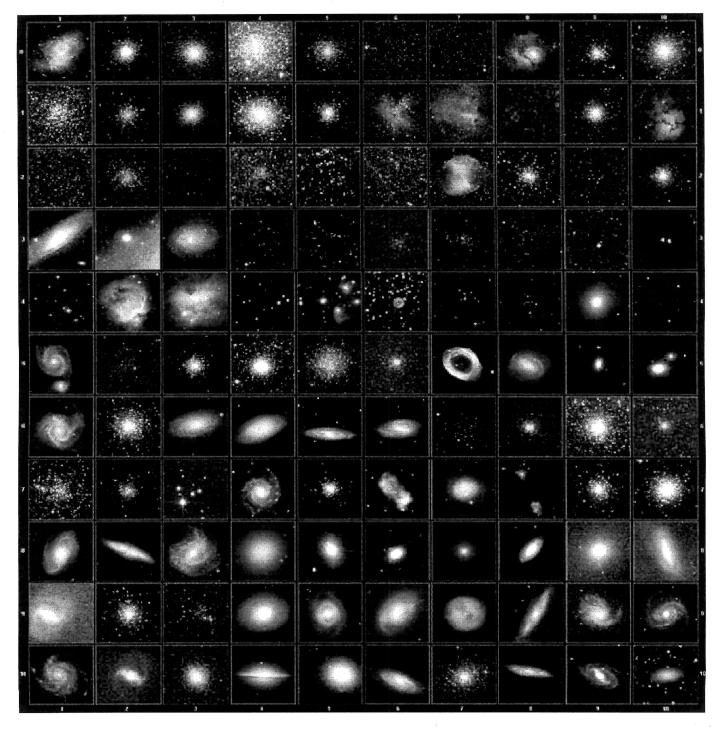
To control the mount via ASCOM protocol, you need:

- Download and install the latest ASCOM Platform, currently 6.1 SP1, from <a href="http://www.ascom-standards.org/">http://www.ascom-standards.org/</a>. Make sure your PC meets the software requirement. For 6.1 SP1, Windows XP users should install .NET Framework 4 (not the Client Profile). Windows Vista and Windows 7 users should install .NET Framework 4.5.2. Windows 8 and 8.1 users do not need install any additional components.
- 2. Download and install the latest iOptron Telescope ASCOM drive for CEM25 from iOptron website.
- Planetarium software that supports ASCOM protocol. Follow software instructions to select the iOptron Telescope.

Please refer to iOptron website, <u>www.iOptron.com</u>, under the product page, or Support Directory, iOptron ASCOM Driver for more detail.

# Appendix E. Go2Nova® Star List

#### **Messier Catalog**



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#### **Named Star List**

1	Acamar	50	Alrescha	99	Deneb el Okab	148	Lalande 21185
2	Achernar	51	Alshain	100	Deneb Kaitos	149	Lesath
3	Achird	52	Altair	101	Denebakrab	150	Mahasim
4	Acrab	53	Altais	102	Denebola	151	Maia
5	Acrux A	54	Alterf	103	Dschubba	152	Marfik
6	Acrux B	55	Aludra	104	Dubhe	153	Marfikent
7	Acubens	56	Alula Australis	105	Edasich	154	Markab
8	Adhafera	57	Alula Borealis	106	El Rehla	155	Markeb
9	Adhara	58	Alya	107	Electra	156	Matar
10	Adid Australis	59	Ancha	108	Elnath	157	Mebsuta
11	Ahadi	60	Ankaa	109	Eltanin	158	Megrez
12	Al Dhanab	61	Antares	110	Enif	159	Meissa
13	Al Dhibain Prior	62	Apollyon	111	Errai	160	Mekbuda
14	Al Kab	63	Arcturus	112	Fomalhaut	161	Menkalinan
15	Al Nair	64	Arkab Prior	113	Furud	162	Menkar
16	Al Nair al Baten	65	Ameb	114	Gacrux	163	Menkent
17	Al Niyat(Sigma)	66	Ascella	115	Gatria	164	Menkib
18	Al Niyat(Tau)	67	Asellus Austra	116	Giausar	165	Merak
19	Albaldah	68	Asellus Boreali	117	Gienah Corvi	166	Merope
20	Albali	69	Aspidiske	118	Gienah Cygni	167	Mesartim
21	Albireo	70	Atik	119	Girtab	168	Miaplacidus
22	Alchiba	71	Atlas	120	Gliese 1	169	Mimosa
23	Alcor	72	Atria	121	Gomeisa	170	Mintaka
24	Alcyone	73	Avior	122	Graffias(Zeta)	171	Mira
25	Aldebaran	74	Azha	123	Groombridge 1830	172	Mirach
26	Alderamin	75	Bamard's Star	124	Gruid	173	Mirfak
27	Alfirk	76	Baten Kaitos	125	Grumium	174	Mirzam
28	Algenib	77	Beid	126	Hadar	175	Mizar
29	Algenubi	78	Bellatrix	127	Hamal	176	Mu Velorum
30	Algieba	79	Beta Hydri	128	Han	177	Muhlifain
31	Algiedi Secunda	80	Betelgeuse	129	Hatsya	178	Muphrid
32	Algol	81	Betria	130	Head of Hydrus	179	Muscida
33	Algorab.	82	Biham	131	Homam	180	Naos
34	Alhakim	83	Birdun	132	Iritjinga(Cen)	181	Nashira
35	Alhena	84	Canopus	133	Izar	182	Navi
36	Alioth	85	Capella	134	Kakkab Su-gub Gud-Elim	183	Nekkar
37	Alkaid	86	Caph	135	Kapteyn's Star	184	Nihal
38	Alkalurops	87	Castor A	136	Kaus Australis		Nunki
39	Alkes	88	Castor B	137	Kaus Borealis	186	Nusakan
40	Almaaz	89	Cebalrai	138	Kaus Media	187	Palida
41	Almach	90	Chara	139	Keid	188	Peacock
42	Alnasi	91	Chertan	140	Kekouan	189	Phact
43	Alnilam	92	Choo	141	Kitalpha	190	Phecda
44	Alnitak	93	Cor Caroli	142	Kochab	191	Pherkad
45	Alpha Muscae	94	Cursa	143	Koo She	192	Polaris
46	Alpha Tucanae	95	Dabih	144	Komephoros	193	Pollux
47	Alphard	96	Deltotum	145	Kraz	194	Porrima
48	Alphecca	97	Deneb	146	Kurhah	195	Procyon
49	Alpheratz	98	Deneb Algedi	147	Lacaille 9352	196	Propus

197	Proxima Centauri	213	Sadalbari	229	Sulafat	245	Vindemiatrix
198	Rasalas	214	Sadalmelik	230	Syrma	246	Vrischika
199	Rasalgethi	215	Sadalsuud	231	Talitha	247	Wasat
200	Rasalhague	216	Sadr	232	Tania Australis	248	Wazn
201	Rastaban	217	Saiph	233	Tania Borealis	249	Wei
202	Regor	218	Sargas	234	Tarazed	250	Wezen
203	Regulus	219	Scheat	235	Taygeta	251	Yed Posterior
204	Rigel	220	Schedar	236	Tejat Posterior	252	Yed Prior
205	Rigel Kentaurus A	221	Seginus	237	Thuban	253	Zaniah
206	Rigel Kentaurus B	222	Shaula	238	Thusia	254	Zaurak
207	Ruchbah	223	Sheliak	239	Tien Kwan	255	Zavijava
208	Rukbat	224	Sheratan	240	Turais	256	Zeta Persei
209	Rukh	225	Sirius	241	Unukalhai	257	Zosma
210	Rutilicus	226	Skat	242	Vasat-ul-cemre	258	Zubenelgenubi
211	Sabik	227	Spica	243	Vathorz Posterior	259	Zubeneschamali
212	Sadachbia	228	Suhail	244	Vega		I .

# **Modern Constellations**

No.	Constellation	Abbreviation
1	Andromeda	And
2	Antlia	Ant
3	Apus	Aps
4	Aquarius	Agr
5	Aquila	Aql
6	- Ara	Ara
7	Aries	Ari
8	Auriga	Aur
9	Boötes	Boo
10	Caelum	Cae
11	Camelopardalis	Cam
12	Cancer	Cnc
13	Canes Venatici	CVn
14	Canis Major	CMa
15	Canis Minor	CMi
16	Capricornus	Сар
17	Carina	Car
18	Cassiopeia ·	Cas
19	Centaurus	Cen
20	Cepheus	Сер
21	Cetus	Cet
22	Chamaeleon	Cha
23	Circinus	Cir
24	Columba	Col
25	Coma Berenices	Com
26	Corona Australis	CrA
27	Corona Borealis	CrB
28	Corvus	Crv
29	Crater	Crt
30	Crux	Cru
31	Cygnus	Cyg
32	Delphinus	Del
33	Dorado	Dor
34	Draco	Dra
35	Equuleus	Equ
36	Eridanus	Eri
37	Fornax	For
38	Gemini	Gem
39	Grus	Gru
40	Hercules	Her
41	Horologium	Hor
42	Hydra	Hya
43	Hydrus	Hyi
44	Indus	Ind

No.	Constellation	Abbreviation
45	Lacerta	Lac
46	Leo	Leo
47	Leo Minor	LMi
48	Lepus	Lep
49	Libra	Lib
50	Lupus	Lup
51	Lynx	Lyn
52	Lyra	Lyr
53	Mensa	Men
54	Microscopium	Mic
55	Monoceros	Mon
56	Musca	Mus
57	Norma	Nor
58	Octans	Oct
59	Ophiuchus	Oph
60	Orion	Ori
61	Pavo	Pav
62	Pegasus	Peg
63	Perseus	Per
64	Phoenix	Phe
65	Pictor	Pic
66	Pisces	Psc
67	Piscis Austrinus	PsA
68	Puppis	Pup
69	Pyxis	Рух
70	Reticulum	Ret
71	Sagitta	Sge
72	Sagittarius	Sgr
73	Scorpius	Sco
74	Sculptor	Scl
75	Scutum	Sct
76	Serpens	Ser
77	Sextans	Sex
78	Taurus	Tau
79	Telescopium	Tel
80	Triangulum	Tri
81	Triangulum Australe	TrA
82	Tucana	Tuc
83	Ursa Major	UMa
84	Ursa Minor	UMi
85	Vela	Vel
86	Virgo	Vir
87	Volans	Vol
88	Vulpecula	Vul

# Deep Sky Object List

OBJECT	NGC #	ŝ	<u>#</u>	A(Abell) U(UGC)	U(UGC)	ID No.	OBJECT	NGC #	NGC # Messier#	<u>*</u>	A(Abell)	U(UGC)
Andromeda Galaxy	224	31				31	Hind's Variable Nebula	1555				
Barnards Galaxy	6822					32	Hubble's Variable Nebula	2261				
Beehive Cluster	2632	44				33	Integral Sign Galaxy					3697
Blackeye Galaxy	4926	64				34	Jewel Box Cluster	4755				
Blinking Planetary Nebula	la 6826					35	Keyhole Nebula	3372				
Blue Flash Nebula	9069				0	36	Lagoon Nebula	6523	8			
Blue Planetary	3918				a	37	Little Gem	6445				
Blue Snowball Nebula	7662					38	Little Gem Nebula	6818				
Box Nebula	6309					39	Little Ghost Nebula	6369				
Bubble Nebula	7635					40	North American Nebula	7000				
Bipolar Nebula	6302					41	Omega Nebula	6618	17			
Butterfly Cluster	6405	9				42	Orion Nebula	1976	42			
California Nebula	1499					43	Owl Nebula	3587	97			
Cat's Eye Nebula	6543					44	Pelican Nebula			5070		
Cocoon Nebula			5146			45	Phantom Streak Nebula	6741				
Cone Nebula	2264					46	Pinwheel Galaxy	598	33			
Cork Nebula	650-51	9/				47	Pleiades		45			
Crab Nebula	1952	ļ				48	Ring Nebula	6720	57			
Crescent Nebula	8889					49	Ring Tail Galaxy	4038				
Draco Dwarf					10822	20	Rosette Nebula	2237				
Duck Nebula	2359					51	Saturn Nebula	7009				
Dumbbell Nebula	6853	27				52	Sextans B Dwarf					5373
Eagle Nebula		16				53	Small Magellanic Cloud	292				
Eight-Burst Nebula	3132					54	Sombrero Galaxy	4594	104			
Eskimo Nebula	2392				3	55	Spindle Galaxy	3115				
Flaming Star Nebula			405			56	Tank Track Nebula	2024				
Ghost of Jupiter	3242		,			22	Trifid Nebula	6514	20			
Great Cluster	6205	13				28	Ursa Minor Dwarf					9749
Helix Nebula	7293					59	Whirlpool Galaxy	5194	51			
Hercules Galaxy Cluster	¥.			2151		09	Wild Duck Cluster	6705	11			

#### Double/MultiStar List

1	RigelKentaurus A	53	HIP 95771	1 405	TUID 40407	T 4F=	Tille same
2	Rigel	54	HIP 30867	105	HIP 40167	157	HIP 28790
3	Gacrux	55		106	HIP 40817	158	HIP 4675
4			HIP 35363	107	HIP 81292	159	HIP 31676
5	Sargas	56	HIP 94761	108	HIP 80197	160	HIP 10176
6	Castor A Mizar	57	HIP 21683	109	HIP 88060	161	HIP 25950
		58	HIP 8497	110	HIP 42637	162	HIP 117931
7	Almach	59	HIP 26199	111	HIP 21039	163	HIP 81914
8	Algieba	60	HIP 104521	112	HIP 100965	164	HIP 21242
9	Aludra	61	HIP 116389	113	HIP 25768	165	HIP 86831
10	Iritjinga(Cen)	62	HIP 17797	114	HIP 93717	166	HIP 115272
11	Zubenelgenubi	63	HIP 21036	115	HIP 79980	167	HIP 46657
12	Alcyone	64	HIP 107310	116	HIP 12086	168	HIP 41404
13	Cor Caroli	65	HIP 72659	117	HIP 90968	169	HIP 29388
14	Acamar	66	HIP 21029	118	HIP 22531	170	HIP 49321
15	Adhafera	67	HIP 42726	119	HIP 34065	171	HIP 84054
16	Rasalgethi	68	HIP 18255	120	HIP 79607	172	HIP 39035
17	Meissa	69	HIP 9153	121	HIP 109786	173	HIP 25303
18	Graffias(Zeta)	70	HIP 88267	122	HIP 56280	174	HIP 52520
19	Alya	71	HIP 85829	123	HIP 51561	175	HIP 95398
20	HIP 48002	72	HIP 43937	124	HIP 107930	176	UCAC4 277-135548
21	HIP 95947	73	HIP 71762	125	HIP 97966	177	HIP 32609
22	HIP 20894	74	HIP 80047	126	HIP 117218	178	HIP 101765
23	HIP 74395	75	HIP 58484	127	HIP 82676	179	HIP 24825
24	HIP 27072	76	HIP 25142	128	HIP 111546	180	HIP 31158
25	HIP 26549	77	HIP 54204	129	HIP 29151	181	HIP 3885
26	HIP 85667	78	HIP 76669	130	HIP 107253	182	HIP 93371
27	HIP 74376	79	HIP 99770	131	HIP 88136	183	HIP 36345
28	HIP 34481	80	HIP 101027	132	HIP 81702	184	HIP 108364
29	HIP 53253	81	HIP 74911	133	HIP 97423	185	HIP 50939
30	HIP 99675	82	HIP 35210	134	HIP 30444	186	HIP 76603
31	HIP 63003	83	HIP 26235	135	HIP 66400	187	HIP 32269
32	HIP 43103	84	HIP 40321	136	HIP 17579	188	HIP 42516
33	HIP 110991	85	HIP 70327	137	HIP 35785	189	HIP 62807
34	HIP 20635	86	HIP 26221	138	HIP 81641	190	UCAC4 226-128246
35	HIP 88601 ·	87	HIP 80473	139	HIP 7751	191	HIP 94913
36	HIP 2484	88	HIP 78105	140	HIP 21148	192	HIP 94336
37	HIP 91971	89	HIP 79043	141	HIP 9021	193	HIP 107299
38	HIP 79374	90	HIP 61418	142	HIP 97816	194	HIP 59984
39	HIP 102532	91	HIP 91919	143	HIP 88818	195	HIP 16411
40	HIP 52154	92	HIP 41639	144	HIP 36817	196	HIP 23287
41	HIP 37229	93	HIP 104214	145	HIP 25695	197	HIP 105637
	HIP 30419	94	HIP 23734		HIP 98819		HIP 108925
43	HIP 108917	95	HIP 60189		HIP 61910		HIP 103814
44	HIP 53417	96	HIP 66821	4	HIP 111643		HIP 58112
45	HIP 65271	97	HIP 14043		HIP 80399		HIP 109354
46	HIP 67669	98	HIP 5737	<del>-</del>	HIP 83478	1	HIP 43822
47	HIP 105319	99	HIP 84626		HIP 101123	1	HIP 21986
	HIP 80582	100	HIP 60904	152	HIP 28271		HIP 17470
-	HIP 8832	101	HIP 58684	153	HIP 64246	4	HIP 35960
<u> </u>	HIP 69483		HIP 5131	154	HIP 96895	206	HIP 42936
	HIP 92946		HIP 115126	155	HIP 35564	207	HIP 19272
52	HIP 86614	104	HIP 62572	156	HIP 37843	208	HIP 76143

#### IOPTRON TWO YEAR TELESCOPE, MOUNT, AND CONTROLLER WARRANTY

A. iOptron warrants your telescope, mount, or controller to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for two years. iOptron will repair or replace such product or part which, upon inspection by iOptron, is found to be defective in materials or workmanship. As a condition to the obligation of iOptron to repair or replace such product, the product must be returned to iOptron together with proof-of-purchase satisfactory to iOptron.

B. The Proper Return Merchant Authorization Number must be obtained from iOptron in advance of return. Call iOptron at 1.781.569.0200 to receive the RMA number to be displayed on the outside of your shipping container. All returns must be accompanied by a written statement stating the name, address, and daytime telephone number of the owner, together with a brief description of any claimed defects. Parts or product for which replacement is made shall become the property of iOptron.

The customer shall be responsible for all costs of transportation and insurance, both to and from the factory of iOptron, and shall be required to prepay such costs.

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