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Hey everybody,

I bought a Meade ETX 70 this morning at a flea market. I knew nothing about it, nor did the guy selling it. It looked nice though and seemed cheap so I took it.

I brought it home, cleaned it up and got on the internet, at which point I realized it's got some pieces missing, most importantly the AutoStar handset.

I read something online about the Meade '506 kit', which is supposed to allow you to control the telescope from a PC laptop. Does anyone know anything about this? Will it work without the AutoStar handset connected? Or do I absolutely need the handset?

First off though, I don't even know if the thing will power up because the battery holder is also missing. Anyone know where I can get one of those?

Thanks,

Peter

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Peter Gutierrez

You will want either an AutoStar #494 (which should have come with the ETX-70) or an AutoStar #497. To control via a computer, the AutoStar is needed. The #506 serial cable is for the #494; a #505 serial cable is for the #497. The #506 cable has electronics in it; the #505 is a simple easy-to-make cable. As to the battery holder, try Radio Shack or other similar outlets. The battery holder takes 6 AA batteries. Although the connector looks like it will take a 9V battery, don't use a 9V battery.

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Thanks Mike, I'm on it. Looking forward to seeing what this baby can do.

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mel9861

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the db9 is configured the exact samepinout....just the 505 uses a 4 pin.....and the 507 uses a 6 pin?

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Yes.

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hi Mike

just a question about the 505 vs 507

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joanneconnor

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My Meade it will only go anti clockwise the motor and gears are okay what could be the problem

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Need more info. What model Meade telescope? Do you have an AutoStar? What model?

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@mweasner It's a meade lx10 azimuth drive motor ... worm gear not moving but motor running... Not autostar

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Sorry. No info on the LX10. I think there is a Yahoo Group for that model, or try Cloudy Nights.

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**Bobert60** 5 pts

Thanks for the direction. BTW I love your observatory.

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Greetings,

Much thanks for the information on Meade's ETX series, it is a huge plus.

A quick question: Usually Meade puts ample grease on their nylon gears, but what would you typically use if you found one not greased? If nothing else, it seems like it would quiet the gearbox a little. On the other hand it would attract dirt/grime. Your thoughts?

Thanks, Bob

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@Bobert60 Thanks. On the ETX Site home page do a search for "grease". You'll find lots of info.

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