



ETX SITE LIVE FORUM

June 2012



I have been asked many times over the years to start an online user forum. I have been testing the [Livefyre](#) "comments system" since mid-March as a "reader comments" section on my [Cassiopeia Observatory](#) reports. And in April 2012, a new "Live Forum" was started on the ETX Site. Livefyre has many nice capabilities and it is currently free (for the features I use). We'll try this out for another month and see how it goes. If you have any problems with the comments system please [Email Me](#).

Initially the forum will be unmoderated and all comments will appear immediately when a user posts them. I will change that only if it becomes necessary. You can reply to existing comments or start a new comment. Please limit entries to the same topics as you would for email to me. This first "Live Forum" will be for any discussions on those topics. If this initial Live Forum is successful, I may do live forums on individual topics, such as ETX, AutoStar, and Astrophotography, in the future. I have no intention to replace existing forums ([ETXAstro Yahoo Group](#), [Cloudy Nights](#), etc.), so feel free to use those as alternatives.

The Forum page will be archived once a month, or more frequently if the page gets too long. The April Live Forum page has been archived and is available on the [Forum Archive](#) as a PDF.

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Thurstan

sorry should have said it was a dslr type with removable lens. So i guess the focusing is done with the camera not the scope? cheers

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Well, since you have a DSLR and you have removed the lens to mount for prime focus imaging, there is no way to focus with the camera. You have to focus with the telescope focus knob. But, depending on the adapter and camera, it is possible that you can not reach a focus. What adapter, what camera, and which ETX port are you using?

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Thurstan

quick question about using the prime focus on the etx 125. how do you actually focus with it? have my camera connected fine and can get an unfocused image. How do i focus??!

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@Thurstan You didn't say what type of camera you are using. If your camera does NOT have a removable lens, then you won't be able to focus at prime focus. You will need to do afocal photography using an eyepiece. If your camera does have a removable lens, then you should be able to reach a focus, depending on the type of camera adapter you are using. For more info, see the article "Astrophotography Types" on the Helpful Information: Astrophotography page.

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For those who didn't get to view Tuesday's Transit of Venus and can't wait for the next one in 2117:

<http://www.weasner.com/co/Reports/2012/06/05/index.html> Includes a couple of images taken with an ETX-90RA.

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