



Astronomical Society of Victoria Inc.

What Telescope To Buy

There are a couple of factors to consider when purchasing a telescope – the age of the person using the telescope, is it transportable and will it fit in your car, is it for astronomy and/or terrestrial and how much do you want to spend, all these factors will help decide which one to purchase.

We normally recommend an 8-inch Dobsonian style telescope (cost is around \$600 - \$7000) which is very easy to use, another option is a pair of 7 x 50 binoculars. As a beginner, it would be better to stay away from anything on a tripod or an equatorial mount as your first telescope.

The ASV has a loan telescope scheme and we offer these types of telescopes as loan instruments to members in their first year of membership, the rental is \$60 (\$50 will be refunded if the telescope is returned in good condition) for 3 months at a time but there is generally a waiting list.

We also run astronomy courses on how to use your telescope.

We have a very active Junior Section that is ideal for children to learn about astronomy.

Join the ASV: www.asv.org.au/join

Below are some links for places to buy a telescope, as well as some further articles with advice on buying a telescope:

Sideral Trading <https://www.siderealtrading.com.au/>

Optics Central <https://www.opticscentral.com.au/telescope-guides.html>

Bintel <https://www.bintel.com.au/which-telescope-should-you-buy-first/?v=6cc98ba2045f>

How to Choose your first telescope - <https://www.skyandtelescope.com/astronomy-equipment/types-of-telescopes/>

Telescopes 101

Fifteen things you need to know before buying a telescope.

http://www.astronomy.com/observing/equipment-use/2014/04/telescopes-101?utm_source=asytwitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=asytwitter

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