

## Re: Ebay 6" Reflectors

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**From:** Shotgun (*none\_at\_none.com*)

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"Del Johnson" <delastro@{right star in Orion's belt}.sdsu.edu> wrote in message news:ccut50\$dm7\$1@gondor.sdsu.edu...

> *I could say all sorts of things at this point, but will simply state that you can't take your money with you when it comes time for you to leave this*

> *existence. Cheap junk is no bargain.*

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> *Del Johnson*

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> *"Shotgun" <none@none.com> wrote in message*

> *news:2lg51oFbhaffU1@uni-berlin.de...*

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>> *"Del Johnson" <delastro@{right star in Orion's belt}.sdsu.edu> wrote in*

>> *message news:cmmor\$iat\$1@gondor.sdsu.edu...*

>>> *Not interested, and can't understand why anyone would be. I am willing*

>>> *to*

>>> *spend more than the cost of a few pizzas on a good telescope.*

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>>> *Del Johnson*

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>> *Well Del, the post was for those that are interested. Also, everyone one*

>> *of*

>>> *those scopes that are auctioned are sold, with the sellers getting good*

>>> *feedback. I don't know if the buyers are a bunch of idiots who wouldn't*

>>> *know a quality mirror from a glass coke bottle bottom, but I doubt that*

>>> *they*

>>> *all afflicted with that poor of judgement.*

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>> *There are better scopes on the market, but not for the money. This thing*

>> *works, and for 6" of aperture for \$100 has its own attraction.*

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> > *I wouldn't take it to a star party; it'd be like showing up to a*

> > *Harley-Davidson rally on a Suzuki. But most of the bad press about these*

> > *things are from people who haven't laid eyes on one. Those who have bought*

> > *them, and are willing to expose themselves to ridicule seem to say they are*

> > *reasonable buys once the things are precisely collimated.*

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> > *How many of these junkers have you looked through and had a chance to evaluate?*

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> > *Regards,*

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> > *Shotgun*

Ok. Understood. But how many of these telescopes have you experimented with?

During the Korean War, news correspondents used German optics on their cameras. The War brought them through Japan where they picked up some cheap "Jap Junk" lens on the local economy. To their surprise, the inexpensive Nikon junk outperformed their high dollar German lenses and within a couple of decades Japan had the photography market cornered, much to the consternation of the German camera makers who even spread rumors that the Japanese lenses were water filled.

Now I can assure you that this cheap reflector is not going to make history repeat itself; far from it. But, price is not always the best indicator of a bargain, just as you say, and just as I say. We are in agreement on that Del.

But other than the price, what else do you base your opinion on? Have you had a chance to evaluate one of these?

Regards