

Re: Crappy Tasco 4.5" reflector needs an upgrade, generic motorized mounting system?

Source: <http://sci.tech-archive.net/Archive/sci.astro.amateur/2004-07/2625.html>

From: Jon Isaacs (jonisaacs_at_aol.com)

Date: 07/17/04

Date: 17 Jul 2004 01:01:10 GMT

>I gave the above examples for a good reason. They're newer technologies, >most people and the market embraced them although not all are truly good or >useful.

Actually the bicycle market has embraced both the older technologies and the new technologies at the same time. Lots of steel bikes being made and you can pay big bucks for a lugged steel frame.

Many of the new technologies are chosen because they are cheaper to manufacture but sold as technological improvements.

>Considering that a cheap eq3 plus a 2 axis drive costs as much if not more >than a meade lxd55, why not ? >Buy the hypertune kit or the scopestuff screw replacements and then all is fine . Goto for free, meaning for less money than simple tracking .

If the LXD-55 is truly a reliable mount with those upgrades then it is something to consider. Over the last year I read many threads here and on Astromart about a variety of troubles with the LXD-55, seems like there were a great variety of troubles, things like bad machining, porous castings, the sort of things that a kit cannot fix.

But even then, I guess at \$250 it could be a nice deal.

jon