

## Re: TV85 vs. Orion 80ED

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"Ed T" <reply@thegroup.thx> wrote in message  
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> <clydec@nyc.rr.com> wrote in message

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>> *I have never seen anyone say that the Orion out-performs the TV85*

>> *except you. For those interested, you might read Tom Trusock's very in*

>> *depth review on CloudyNights.*

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>> *Clyde*

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> *The problem with the TV85, as I see it, is excessive owner satisfaction. The*  
> *only way to meet this head on is to replace them all with Orion EDs. Once the*  
> *edification inherent in this self denial has been fully realized, one can move*  
> *on to more advanced ascetism.*

The "excessive" owner satisfaction is due in this case to quality in the optics and the overall construction. I don't own one myself, and I can't see myself doing so simply because I'm not the type that goes for the expensive things, but I've seen through a couple, and even did a side-by-side-by-side comparison of images between, if memory serves, the Telvue 102(?), a 125mm f/5 Syntha refractor, and a Celestron 150mm refractor (I don't remember the focal ratio). Comparing apples to oranges to orangutans (^\_^), but what the heck, and it was the guy with the 150mm who wanted to compare. We picked a large crater with smaller ones inside it, and went from scope to scope to see how many we could see. Wish I could remember the crater.

Anyway, the score was pretty consistently – Telvue 4 craters, Syntha 2, Celestron 1. This was only one example of each telescope of course, and mileage is going to vary widely for the inexpensive refractors (the Syntha and the Celestron), but from viewing through other examples I believe the quality of the Telvues is pretty much guaranteed with a few exceptions. Not so with the others, at least not to the quality standards Telvue sets for themselves.

So whenever someone, anyone, says something that goes against the consensus, they're the exception that makes the rule, or simple a troll spouting off, and

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in considering what to do with such positions, keep in mind that a wise man once said that the race does not always go to the swiftest or the strongest, but that's the way to bet.

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Sincerely,  
--- Dave

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It don't mean a thing  
    unless it has that certain "je ne sais quoi"  
        Duke Ellington  
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