

Re: Meade LX 90 problems (Long)

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I have talked to Meade customer support and since the key pad lights are out they feel there is a problem with the hand controller. Also after so many comments about the batteries, I have also ordered the AC & 12v adapters
Thanks again

Brian

"Brian K. Mathis" <bmath@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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> Hello folks,

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> I recently purchased a Meade LX 90. The scope arrived and was setup. This
> was the start of the problems, Meade failed to include the lens for the
> smart-finder. Contacted Meade and they received the lens.

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> On the first night out checked collimation which seemed to be good. Had
some

> problems with alignment but finally got it done and was able to enjoy a
few

> things. Problems on the first night mostly related to getting familiar
with

> the Autostar system.

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> Took the scope out for the second time tonight and that is when the real
> problems began. Scope aligned first try and I proceeded to pick M36 for a
> start. The scope went directly to M36, no problem. Next was M37, once
again

> no problem. M38 was next, scope found the cluster and while I was looking
at

> the cluster the scope began slewing on its own. Tried to get it to go to
M38

> again but no luck.

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> Repeated auto alignment, while trying to center the stars for alignment I
> noticed that when I pushed the right arrow the scope went to the right but
> when I pushed the left arrow it also went to the right. Finally got the
star

> centered but alignment failed.

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> Tried to do auto align again, the scope calculated tilt and then went to
> detecting north but then just set there. This went on for several minutes

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> and I finally turned off the power and started over. The scope stall out
> several times during the alignment process. I never was able to get a
> successful alignment again.
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> And finally the backlight for the keypad went out. Needless to say I am
less
> than impressed with this scope. I tried new batteries and sure I was on
the
> right stars but nothing helped. I have been very active in astronomy for
> about 7 years and own several scopes to include a ST80, and a Orion XT 10
> plus a couple of others over the years. I have viewed several hundred
> objects with these scopes and am very familiar with the night sky.
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> I hate to be so long winded but I was just curious if others have had this
> kind of experience with the LX90? Purchased the scope for visual use and
> with hopes of doing some photography later. Will contact Meade customer
> support in the morning.
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> Thanks for listening!
> Brian
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◇ From: Phil Wheeler

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