

Re: Just got a G-11 and have some questions

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Hi Craig,

In regards to the Case, there are many ways one can go, from a cheaper Contico, or Rubbermaid Case from Somewhere like Wal-Mart, Home Depot-Lowes, or perhaps you may have a local container store in your area. in which they might have something suitable?

Lined with Upholstery Foam, and glued in with a bit of contact cement, you'd have a suitable case for storage, and transport, but don't expect protection to be as good as a Pelican would be.

The beauty of the Pelican, is it's tough as nails, is pretty much waterproof, has durable handles, the pick, and pluck good grade of foam.

If you plan on staying with this mount, the Pelican is a good investment.

My memory is getting bad, but If I can recall, it is the 1650 case that is required. I think using the 1620 is doable, but is a tighter fit, and with the Gemini, you may need the additional space.

Additional space can be handy for stashing a couple of other items like the controller, CW Shaft, some hardware etc. Downside is larger, bulkier size-weight, and the requirements of it fitting into a vehicle, etc.

ATA Approved cases such as Anvil, Calzone, etc, might look really nice, but these can be murder to deal with, with their already heavy weight when empty. With the mount inside, it's now murder carrying, getting down stairs, etc.

I'm quite sure there are a few folks making nice eyepiece holders that mount onto the G-11 Tripod. About 4-5 years ago, I recall a maker, who was out at one of the Astrofest Star parties who was custom making a really nice wooden "table" that slipped right over onto the G-11's tripod, that the cut out for the table was perfectly beveled, and fit perfectly where the three legs begin to exit the Semi-Pier and was a handsome, and practical system.

If you don't already belong, I highly recommend joining the Yahoo

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Losmandy G-11 Group, in which there are literal 100's of G-11 owners who've all trodden down the very same paths as you. Best of luck, Mark