

Re: guiding relays vs scope controls

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Hi:

Are you really using "relays," or do you just mean you're running from the guiding output of an SBIG camera to an SBIG compatible guide port on a scope?

The alternative to the SBIG setup is to use a camera and a guide program that offers RS-232 guiding. Most folks report zero difference once everything (USB serial adapters, etc.) are set-up and working properly.

Peace,
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Pierre Vandevenne wrote:

I seem to have problems with the autoguiding relays of my sbig camera. Haven't really objectivated the issue but it shows up with two different mounts using two different cables, so I guess there not much room for doubt.

I have therefore switched my guiding from guider relays to telescope control. Is the performance going to be markedly different? So far, everything is fine, but I am using a very short focal length (540mm) and have had to cut the aggressivness in half, all other things being equal.

Pierre