

Re: 1/6 or 1/8 wave

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I have a poster from AstroQuest that shows a similar comparison through an 8" scope, with additional comparisons of various secondary obstructions. I've done a fair of observing with good 8" and 10" scopes, and I don't think either the web site or the poster quite convey the amount of detail that can be seen under steady skies.

Clear skies, Alan

I agree with you about the amount of detail shown, but I also find it hard to directly compare detail in an image and detail seen through an eyepiece, especially as I have been accused of having "averted imagination" by the more visually challenged members of our club. As an aside, these sceptics recently clamored for an eye doctor who was a guest speaker at a club meeting to give me a contrast sensitivity test that he had with him. To their chagrin, I scored higher than anyone else and above the "normal" range, and even a bit better than my older teenage son who I know has somewhat better visual acuity.

I would get the best optics I could afford, period. I have found that superior optics are a pleasure to observe with, and are less susceptible to bad-seeing/bad-collimation/bad-cooldown/bad-eyepieces/bad-karma problems.

Dennis

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