

Re: Stereo Microscope for Coin Collector?

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On Mar 30, 1:02 am, Charles <ckr...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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On Mar 29, 12:28 am, soda...@xxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

I'm a coin collector and would like to buy a stereo microscope to grade coins that I buy and sell.

What are some models to look at? What kind of magnification would I need to see a full-field view of a U.S. silver dollar?

Good points all!

Stereo's are the most purchased microscopes, industry buys tons and tons. Looking for a used, high quality instrument is soooo much better than a new, crappy unit built in China or India. Among others try the Capovani Brothers (www.capovani.com/dp/cat/107/63160/ilist.cfm?LCI=342&menuid=m_2_2_1), they buy whole used plants, then resell them. They range in price from \$400 to \$7,900. You probably would be happy with a simple, low mag stereo. By the way, I use a US quarter to check stereos, works just fine and its cheap!

For other places to look just type in "used stereo microsopes" into google.

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Thanks,

Kevin Cunningham
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May I drift the thread a bit? I've broken the rules, bought Chinese goods, mono and stereo. What difference would I see with one of the better used units? I can understand the availability of replacement parts, but just for hobbyist occasional use I wonder what the difference is.

thanks

Chinese "goods", crap is more descriptive is just that, crap. It just doesn't work. I spent a few hours last week declaring a compound piece of junk dead, it was named a Micromaster but crap was again more descriptive. The customer spent real live money for this and it actually cost a lot more than a name brand since it broke about 18 months after it was bought and there was no way in heck it could be fixed. A name brand lasts at least 20 years, a big difference. I've never seen one of these (here we go again!) pieces of crap last well or work well.

Look, it doesn't work, doesn't last so actually, its more expensive than the well known brands. Which brings me to another rant. I don't know why an amateur would buy a new instrument, you can get a much better deal used.

Thanks for putting up with me.

Kevin Cunningham
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