

Re: Help Request – Best scope for \$300

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On Nov 17, 8:13 am, cpiel <cp...@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Total newbie here – looking for either a new or refurb used high power student scope – a couple questions if I may:

1. Generally, what should I be looking for in a scope?
2. What are the best brands?
3. What brands should I steer clear of?
4. What are the pros/cons of Binocular vs Trinocular?
5. Should I care about a camera attachment or get that later so the money can all go toward the best scope?
6. What features are critical?
7. What accessories are critical?
8. Is ebay a good source? If not, what is the best source for price/service?
9. What questions should I be asking prior to purchase?
10. Any other tips/hints/suggestions?

If you don't mind, please reply directly to me: cpiel AT verizon DOT net

Thanks!!!

I doubt you will find any thing new that is any good. It would be better to look at used dealers and see if they have something like an AO 10 or a B and L. These are solid older microscopes plus tons were built so there is plenty of stuff out there. The advantages are that they use Kohler illumination, kinda, sorta and can accept a digital camera if the unit is equipped with a trinocular.

For what you can afford don't even worry about a digital camera, that's out of your price range.

Good luck!

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