

OWNER'S MANUAL
ZENITH TELESCOPE

ZHUMELL ZENITH 60X600 TELESCOPE



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Zhumell customers know that there are plenty of ways to experience the world. They also understand that, however you choose to explore it, the best experience is one that fully immerses you in the world's most striking details.

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At Zhumell, we design our binoculars, telescopes, and spotting scopes for discerning, price-conscious users who are uncompromising on quality. If you're looking for accessibly priced optics that will bring your world within reach, you're looking for Zhumell.

Enjoy the zenith.

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CARING FOR YOUR ZHUMELL ZENITH TELESCOPE

Zhumell telescopes are precision astronomical instruments designed for ease of use and versatility in their application. As with any telescope, Zhumell telescopes require some technical knowledge of stellar movement and optical properties. We have provided basic instructions for telescope use and astronomical viewing in this manual.

Your Zhumell Zenith 60x600 Telescope is built with the highest-quality optics and top-notch construction to provide years of reliable functionality, but will require proper care.

If, after reading this manual, you still have questions about your Zhumell telescope, please visit <http://www.zhumell.com> for more helpful tips and contact information. Our customer service representatives will be able to address any problems you encounter with your telescope. Please let us know about your experiences; we would like to hear your feedback.

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WARNINGS

- Do not use telescope or finderscope to look at the sun without an appropriate solar filter. Doing so will cause permanent and irreversible eye damage.
- Never use an eyepiece filter as a solar filter. Only solar filters will completely cover the opening of the optical tube and provide proper eye protection.
- Make sure no screws are loose before using telescope.
- Do not drop or shake your telescope as doing so may damage the optics, or harm you or the people around you.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

A telescope is carefully aligned during construction, and great care should be taken to maintain this alignment over the life of the telescope. Cleaning should be done as little as possible and then only with mild soap solution and a soft, lint-free cloth. Do not rub elements when cleaning. Blot optical components gently and allow telescope to air-dry. Store telescope in its box or in a telescope case when not in use. Do not use pure alcohol or solvents to clean any parts of the telescope. Do not remove optical elements from the telescope as doing so may affect the alignment of optical components when reassembled. If telescope needs realignment, contact Zhumell or another professional.

1. Brush telescope optics with camelhair brush or blow off dust with an ear syringe (can be purchased at any pharmacy). Do not use a commercial photographic lens cleaner.
2. Remove organic materials (e.g. fingerprints) with short gentle strokes using soft white tissue paper and a solution of three parts distilled water and one part isopropyl alcohol. You may also add one drop of biodegradable dish soap to one pint of the homemade solution. Do not use lotioned or scented tissues as they could damage the optics of your telescope.
3. Wipe down the outside of your telescope with a dry cloth to remove condensation prior to packing up your telescope. Do not wipe any of the optical surfaces. Instead, allow the optics to dry naturally in warm indoor air prior to packing up your telescope.
4. Protect your telescope from excessive heat. For example do not store your telescope in a sealed car on a warm day. Excessive storage temperatures can damage your telescope.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR YOUR ZHUMELL ZENITH TELESCOPE

OPTICAL TUBE ASSEMBLY

Type	Refractor
Aperture (mm)	60
Focal Length (mm)	600
Limiting Magnitude	9.4
Focal Ratio	f/10
Eyepiece Format	1.25"
Finderscope	5x24
Mount Type	Tripod Base

PARTS LIST FOR YOUR ZHUMELL ZENITH TELESCOPE

PARTS LIST

- Optical Tube Assembly (OTA)
- 5x20 Finderscope
- Finderscope Mounting Bracket
- Diagonal Prism
- Aluminum Tripod
- Accessory Tray
- x Barlow Lens
- 9mm and 17.5mm Kellner Eyepieces
- Carrying Pouch
- Lens Covers

ASSEMBLY OF YOUR ZHUMELL ZENITH TELESCOPE

Unbox and gather the pieces of your telescope.

1. Extend all three tripod legs to a comfortable working height (just above waist-high) and tighten all six clamps securely. Separate the legs until the cross-section in the middle lays flat. Make sure the top of the tripod is level before moving on.
2. Locate the OTA tripod mount on the body of the telescope. Align the hole in the middle with the tripod base screw in the middle of the tripod. Attach the OTA to the tripod by securely fastening the screw using the knob underneath the tripod head. Do not let go of the OTA until the connection is completely secure.
3. Be sure that the objective (larger) lens of the telescope is facing opposite the tripod adjustment arm for easy movement later.
4. Locate the two screws on top of the OTA near the lower end. Remove the heads of these screws and place the finderscope bracket using the corresponding holes. Fasten securely with the heads.
5. Slide the finderscope into the finderscope bracket with the smaller end pointing downwards. Tighten the three thumbscrews on the finderscope bracket over the rubber band on the finderscope to secure it in place. Fine-tuning adjustments can be made later.
6. Choose the lowest-power eyepiece (17.5mm included) and place it in the diagonal prism, silver side first. Secure it in place with the thumbscrew on the diagonal prism.
7. You are now ready to begin using your Zenith!

VIEWING THROUGH YOUR ZHUMELL ZENITH TELESCOPE

Never look at the sun without using a solar filter. Do not use a regular eyepiece as a solar filter. When using a solar filter, do not remove the full lenscap, view only through the small opening. Looking at the sun without proper use of a solar filter can cause permanent eye damage, including blindness.

Using your finderscope will help you locate celestial bodies much more quickly as the finderscope is equipped with a wider field of view than your telescope. To simplify focusing while viewing, start with the lowest power magnification and work up to the desired power.

When viewing faint deep-sky objects, images will not show color. The human eye is not able to distinguish the differences in color found in such dim images. The lack of color is due to human anatomy, not any limitations of telescope construction.

CHECKING AND ALIGNING YOUR FINDERSCOPE

Finderscope alignment is the first step to fine-tuning your Zenith telescope and viewing celestial objects. Follow these steps to properly set up and align your finderscope.

1. Insert the lowest-power eyepiece into the diagonal prism. Focus the eyepiece to view an easily recognizable, stationary distant object like a sign or lightpole.
2. Look through the finderscope, but be careful not to move the telescope in any way. Adjust the finderscope focus by turning the eyepiece of the finderscope back and forth until the image is in focus. Check to see if the object viewed through your telescope eyepiece is lined up at the center of the finderscope crosshairs. If not, your finderscope must be re-aligned.

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3. To align your finderscope, slightly loosen the thumbscrews which on the finderscope bracket. Gently move the finderscope until the crosshairs are centered on your object. Tighten the thumbscrews to secure the finderscope in this position. It may take many tries to get it exactly right, but it will make finding objects much, much easier when you're ready to use your telescope.

ADJUSTMENTS

Your Zenith telescope can be maneuvered along two axes, Right Ascension and Declination.

The longitudinal axis (left to right) is commonly referred to in astronomy as Right Ascension. To adjust the right ascension of your telescope, loosen the thumbscrew where the telescope attaches to the tripod. Gently swing your telescope left or right until it faces the object you seek. Tighten the thumbscrew to hold the telescope in place.

The latitudinal axis (up and down) is commonly referred to in astronomy as Declination. To adjust the declination of your telescope, loosen the tripod adjustment arm by twisting it to the left. Raise or lower the angle of your telescope until it is pointed at the object you seek. Fasten it securely in place by twisting the tripod adjustment arm to the right.

For best results, only adjust one axis of your telescope position at a time.

COOL VIEWS WITH YOUR ZHUMELL ZENITH TELESCOPE

THE MOON

As you set out to begin viewing, one of the easiest and most enjoyable objects to check out is the moon. Finding the moon and adjusting to view it is a good way to acquaint yourself with the movements of your telescope.

Practice using the right ascension and declination adjustments to bring the moon into the center of your view. Focus your view by turning the knobs located on the smaller end of the OTA.

Once you've located the moon and successfully focused your telescope on it, experiment with focusing and your different eyepieces. This will help familiarize you with the different results you can get from your telescope.

THE PLANETS

Once you've used your telescope to view the moon, you should be familiar with the basic telescope movements and adjustments you need. Next stop: the planets. Not all the planets are visible from one area at one time, so you'll need to do a little research before you begin. There are a number of online resources helpful for discovering what planets and objects should be visible in your area on any given night.

To find a planet, you must first locate it with the naked eye. Once you've got its general location, point your telescope in that direction and center the planet in the crosshairs of your Finderscope. Once the planet is lined up in the finderscope, begin to view the planet through your telescope using the lowest power (longest focal length) eyepiece. You may need to make slight adjustments to the telescope aim and you will need to focus the eyepiece to bring the planet into full view.

For a closer look at the planet, replace the low-powered eyepiece with a higher-powered one and refocus your telescope.

ASTRONOMY FORMULAE FOR YOUR ZHUMELL ZENITH TELESCOPE

MAGNIFICATION

To determine the magnification of a telescope and eyepiece combination, divide the telescope focal length by the eyepiece focal length.

Magnification (x) = Telescope Focal Length (mm)/Eyepiece Focal Length (mm)

Ex: 17.5mm Eyepiece with a 60x600mm telescope.

Magnification = $600\text{mm}/17.5\text{mm}$

Magnification = 34.2x

FOCAL RATIO

To determine the focal ratio of a telescope, divide the focal length of the telescope by the aperture.

Focal Ratio (f/x) = Telescope Focal Length (mm)/Aperture (mm)

Ex: Focal Ratio of a 60x600mm telescope.

Focal Ratio (f/x) = $600\text{mm}/60\text{mm}$

Focal Ratio (f/x) = F/10

ASTRONOMY FORMULAE FOR YOUR ZHUMELL ZENITH TELESCOPE

LIMITING MAGNITUDE

To determine the limiting magnitude of a telescope, use the aperture in the following formula for an approximation.

$$\text{Limiting Magnitude} = 7.5 + 5\text{LOG}(\text{Aperture in cm})$$

Ex: Limiting Magnitude of a 60x600mm telescope.

$$\text{Limiting Magnitude} = 7.5 + 5\text{LOG}(6\text{cm})$$

$$\text{Limiting Magnitude} = 7.5 + (5 \times 0.78)$$

$$\text{Limiting Magnitude} = 11.39$$

RESOLVING POWER

To determine the resolving power of a telescope under ideal conditions, divide the aperture into 4.56.

$$\text{Resolving Power} = 4.56/\text{Aperture (in inches)}$$

Ex: Resolving Power of a 60x600mm telescope.

$$\text{Aperture (in.)} = 60\text{mm}/25.4 = 2.36 \text{ in.}$$

$$\text{Resolving Power} = 4.56/2.36\text{in.}$$

$$\text{Resolving Power} = 1.93$$

ASTRONOMY TERMINOLOGY

DECLINATION (DEC.) - The astronomical equivalent of latitude. Declination describes the angle of a celestial object above or below the celestial equator. The sky over the northern hemisphere has a positive declination. The sky over the Southern hemisphere has a negative declination. For example, Polaris (the North Star) which lies nearly directly over the North Pole, has a declination value of 90° .

RIGHT ASCENSION (R.A.) -

The astronomical equivalent of longitude. Right Ascension measures the degree of distance of a star to the east of where the ecliptic crosses the celestial equator. R.A. is measured in hours, minutes, and seconds as opposed to degrees. It is different than the term "meridian", which is used in referring to lines of longitude. Right Ascension is referred to in "hour circles". There are 24 hour circles of right ascension which run from the north to south celestial poles.

CELESTIAL EQUATOR - The celestial equator is the line of declination which lies directly above the Earth's equator. The celestial equator lies halfway between the north and south celestial poles and serves as the 0° point in measuring declination.

ECLIPTIC - The ecliptic is the apparent path of the sun through the sky over the course of the year. Since we view the sun from different angles throughout the year, it appears to move in relation to other stars. The vernal (spring) and autumnal (fall) equinoxes lie at the points where the ecliptic intersects the celestial equator. The vernal equinox is where right ascension is at 0h (hours). The autumnal equinox can be found at 12h R.A.

ZENITH - The zenith is the point in the celestial sphere directly above your head. The zenith varies depending upon your location. In general, the declination point of your zenith is equal to the latitude at which you are standing on Earth.

EPHEMERIS - The ephemeris of a planet or the sun or the moon is a table giving the coordinates of the object at regular intervals of time. The coordinates will be listed using declination and right ascension. Other information such as distance and magnitude may be listed in ephemerides (plural of ephemeris).

ALTITUDE - The altitude of a celestial object is the angular distance of that object above the horizon. The maximum possible altitude is the altitude of an object at the zenith, 90° . The altitude of an object on the horizon is 0° . Altitude is measured from your point of observation and does not directly correlate to points on the celestial sphere.

AZIMUTH - Azimuth is the angular distance around the horizon measured eastward in degrees from the North Horizon Point. Thus, the North Horizon Point lies at an azimuth of 0° , while the East Horizon Point lies at 90° , and the South Horizon Point at 180° . Azimuth is measured from the point of observation and does not directly correspond to points on the celestial sphere.

ANGULAR DISTANCE - Angular distance is the size of the angle through which a telescope tube or binocular aiming at one object must be turned in order to aim at another object. If you must rotate the equipment from the zenith to the horizon, the angular distance between the two points would be 90° .

TELESCOPE TERMINOLOGY

OBJECTIVE - The objective is the front lens of a telescope. The listed measurement for objective lenses is the lens diameter. A larger objective allows more light to enter a telescope and provides a brighter image. The objective diameter is also sometimes referred to as the aperture of a telescope.

FOCAL LENGTH - The focal length of a telescope is the distance from the point where light enters a telescope (the objective) to the point where the image is in focus. In telescopes with the same size objective, a longer focal length will provide higher magnification and a smaller field of view.

MAGNIFICATION - The magnification of a telescope is determined by the relationship between the focal length of the telescope and the focal length of the eyepiece used. A greater difference in these focal lengths results in a greater the magnification of the telescope. Every telescope has a maximum useful magnification of about 60 times the diameter of the objective in inches. Magnification beyond the maximum useful magnification will provide dim, low-contrast images.

FOCAL RATIO - The focal ratio of a telescope is a description of the relationship between the focal length and objective lens size of a telescope. Visually, a smaller focal ratio (also called f-stop) provides a wider field of view. Photographically, the lower the f-stop, the shorter the exposure time needed to capture an object on film.

LIMITING MAGNITUDE - The limiting magnitude of a telescope describes the faintest object you can see with a telescope. The magnitude of a star describes its brightness. The larger the magnitude of an object, the fainter it appears to be. The brightest stars have a magnitude of 0 or less.

RESOLVING POWER - The resolving power, or Dawes' Limit, of a telescope is the ability to view closely spaced objects through a telescope. The resolving power of a telescope is measured in seconds of arc. The smaller the resolving power, the better you will be able to separate binary stars when viewing through your telescope.

ABERRATION - Aberrations are degradations in image, which can occur due to optical system design or improper alignment of optical system components. The most common types of aberration are chromatic aberration, spherical aberration, coma, astigmatism, and field curvature.

COLLIMATION - Collimation is the alignment of optical components within an optical system. Improper collimation will distort an image and may result in aberrations present in the image. Most reflector telescopes have collimation adjustments which can be made in order to reduce aberrations and image distortion. Refractor telescopes do not require collimation nearly as often as reflector telescopes.

WARRANTY

Zhumell products are designed to provide you with the highest quality and best value available, which is why we're proud to offer a world-class warranty on all of our products. All Zhumell telescopes are covered by a 3-year no-fault warranty.

To obtain warranty service, the damaged equipment must be returned to Zhumell. Our Customer Care associates will be happy to assist you in completing this return to get your Zhumell in working order as quickly as possible. There is a \$25 surcharge associated with warranty returns to cover return shipping and handling.

For more information, contact information, and to download the Zhumell Warranty Return Form, please visit <http://www.zhumell.com>.