## Converts SBIG's innovative ST-i autoguider and planetary imager into a compact, lightweight guiding solution



- √ Fast f/2.8 lens allows guiding on very faint stars
- Custom mounting rings and universal base plate provide multiple attachments options for almost every telescope
- Replace heavier and more costly guidescopes
- Capable of guiding to subarcsecond accuracy on stars fainter than 7th magnitude using I-second exposures. With its  $2.7 \times 2.0$  degree field of view, this means that there will virtually always be a suitable guide star in the field of view no matter where the telescope is pointed in the sky.
  - Eliminates need to hunt for guide stars.
  - Since there is no need to adjust the pointing of the guide scope to find suitable guide stars, the guider can be more firmly mounted to avoid differential deflection.
- Unlike mounting systems using rings with three point adjustment screws that can move
  or flex, the oversized rings of this Guiding Kit clamp firmly around the body of the ST-i
  camera and hold it firmly in place.
  - Guide scopes that use adjustable mounting systems are almost always plagued with differential deflection. The ST-I guiding Kit is mechanically rock-solid.
- In addition to making guiding a complete and easy task, this kit also makes the ST-i a very
  capable electronic finder scope. The ST-i, with its built-in shutter can take dark frames
  allowing the useful capture of relatively long exposures compared to other guiders.
- The lens of our new Guider Kit has a fast focal ratio of F/2.8. This combined with the sensitivity and dark frame capability of the ST-i means that globular clusters and cores of galaxies are within easy reach of this compact system. In tests of the ST-i and Guider Kit from a typical backyard observatory with average light pollution, stars dimmer than 10th magnitude were detected in 1-second exposures. In 10 seconds, stars dimmer than 13th magnitude were recorded and stars as dim as 15th magnitude were captured in 30 seconds.

## ST-i AUTOGUIDING KIT INCLUDES:

- High quality f/2.8 lens with locking aperature and focus adjusment
- Custom C-mount adapter
- Custom heavy duty black satin finished rings and universal mounting plate
- · Lens Hood / Dew shield



## High Performance, Lightweight Combination!



## Superior performance as a planetary camera – Superior performance as an autoguider

| CCD   | KAI-340   | Read Noise         | 9 e-    | Binning modes     | 1x1 2x2 1xN 2xN | Size       | 1.25 × 3.5"        |
|-------|-----------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------|
| Class | I         | Dynamic Range      | > 70 dB | Sub-frame modes   | Any size        | I" Guiding | Mag I I<br>(60 mm) |
| Array | 648 × 484 | Frames / Sec       | 5 – 12  | Power + Interface | USB 2.0         | Software   | Included           |
| Pixel | 7.4 u     | Mechanical shutter | Yes     | Guide port        | ST-4 Standard   | OS         | Win / Mac          |
| A/D   | 16 bits   | Electronic shutter | Yes     | Weight            | 2.2 oz          | Drivers    | 32 or 64 bit       |



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