

Where to buy Astronomy Gear

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New and Used gear

- Look through the advertisers in Sky News Magazine.
- Retailers can be helpful if you don't know what you are doing or looking for. Once you get more experience, go to the various buy and sell sites.
- astrobuysell.ca
 - Both retailers and private sales
 - Ask seller if they take paypal.
 - Engage with the seller first. Ask questions.
- astromart.com
 - In the US so prices and shipping in US\$
 - Membership required
- <https://www.lirelanature.com/en>
 - in Montreal
- <http://maisonastronomie.ca>
- <https://www.kwtelescope.com>
 - Gave Paul good guidance for getting into astronomy.
- amazon.ca
 - Sometimes has better price than the astronomy stores, especially if you can get free shipping
 - Matt has bought eyepieces and Telrad (not currently the best price)
- khanscope.com
 - Has a difficult to use website, but they have a lot of accessories if you are willing to spend the time digging around

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- Matt has bought an eyepiece and a diagonal
- Shop with caution; many members have had really bad experiences, especially with returns if the wrong item was shipped.
- ontariotelescope.com
 - Expensive but have hard to find items.
- ebay.ca or ebay.com:
 - Scopehead1 is a good seller for Meade parts.
 - Buy now might be better than bidding.
 - Look for sellers with a lot of reviews.
 - Watch out for US shipping.
 - Use PayPal, don't give out your credit card info to sellers.
 - Watch out for prices too good to be true.
 - Don't buy meteorites.
- Facebook Market place ([facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com))
 - Search for "Telescope within 100km"
- Kajiji
 - Search for telescope New Brunswick
- <https://www.mallincam.net>
 - For astrophoto gear
 - Canadian company
- <http://www.kendrickastro.com>
- canadiantelescope.com
 - Seems to be out of business.
 - Had the best price on the Twilight II mount.