

Chapter 8

Binocular Sources

Contact Information for Principal Manufacturers/Suppliers

Presented here in alphabetical order is a listing of primary sources for those binoculars typically used for stargazing. (Advertisements for many of these can be found in various issues of magazines such as *Sky & Telescope* and *Astronomy* since a number of these same companies also offer telescopes, as will be seen in the next chapter.) Note that most of the suppliers included in this compilation do not actually manufacture the various glasses listed but have them made to their specifications overseas (today, mainly from China, Taiwan and other optical facilities in the Orient). Note also that many of the dealers listed here handle other brands in addition to those having their own label on them.

Under the company's name are its mailing address, Internet web site and/or e-mail address, phone number/s where available, and a concise listing of the various binoculars offered at the time of writing. Apertures smaller than 30 mm are not included here, being intended primarily for terrestrial use. Readers should contact the companies directly for copies of their latest catalogs, specifications for specific models, current prices, shipping charges, delivery times, warranty and return policy. In most cases their catalogs are available on-line in addition to print copies by mail. Porro and roof-prism styles, zoom and waterproof models, wide-angle and ultra-wide-angle glasses, mini and giant binoculars, affordable basic units and costly premium ones (including image-stabilized glasses and even telescopic binoculars), are all to be found among the various product lines offered by the sources below!

Before individually listing some of the more prominent suppliers of binoculars, one valuable all-encompassing source is www.binoculars.com. Most of the major

brands and the various models each offers will be found on this site—typically at significantly discounted prices.

Apogee, Inc.

P.O. Box 136, Union, IL 60180

Phones: 815-568-2880/877-923-1602

Web: www.apogeeinc.com, E-mail: apogee@sbcglobal.net

Models: 7x50, 10x60, 12x60, 20x70, 25x70, 20x80, 20x88, 26x88, 32x88, 40x88 and 20x100 (with the 88mm apertures having semi-apochromatic triplet objectives).

Barska

855 Towne Center Dr., Pomona, CA 91767

Phone: 888-666-6769

Web site: www.shopbarska.com/binoculars.html

Models: 8x30, 8x42, 10x42, 12x42, 7x50, 10-30x50 (zoom), 10-30x60 (zoom), 12x60, 15x70, 12-36x70 (zoom), 12-60x70mm (zoom), 20x80 and 30x80.

Bausch & Lomb/Bushnell Performance Optics

9200 Cody St., Overland Park, KS 66214

Phones: 913-752-3400/800-423-3537

Web site: www.bushnell.com

Models: 10x32, 12x32, 16x32, 7x35, 10x35 (image stabilized) 8x40, 7x42, 8x42, 10x42, 12x42, 8x43, 10x43, 12x43, 7x50, 10x50, and 8-15x50 (zoom).

Bresser

855 Towne Center Dr., Pomona, CA 91767

Phone: 888-666-6769

Web sites: <http://www.bresserstore.com/bresserbinoculars-.aspx>

Models: 8x32, 10x32, 7-15x35 (zoom) 8x40, 8x42, 10x42, 8.5x45, 10.5x45, 7x50, 10x50 and 16x50. (Marketed through Explore Scientific).

Brunton Company

2255 Brunton Court, Riverton, WY 82501

Phones: 307-857-4700

Web site: www.brunton.com

Models: extensive line of both porro and roof prism binoculars of various apertures and magnifications. (Click on “Brunton Outdoor” icon.)

Canon, Inc.

One Canon Plaza, Lake Success, NY 11042

Phone: 800-652-2666

Web site: <http://www.usa.canon.com/cusa/consumer/products/binoculars>

Models: 10x30 and 18x50 (both image-stabilized).

Celestron International

2835 Columbia St., Torrance, CA 90503

Phone: 310-328-9560

Web site: www.celestron.com

Models: 7x35, 8x40, 7x50, 10x50, 8x56, 9x63, 20x80 and 25x100 (and many others!)

Eagle Optics

2120 W. Greenview Dr., Suite 4, Middleton, WI 53562

Phone: 800-289-1132

Web site: www.eagleoptics.com, E-mail: info@eagleoptics.com

Models: 8x42, 10x42, 10x50 and 9.5x44.

(Edmund) Scientifics Direct (formerly Edmund Scientifics)

532 Main St., Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 800-728-6999

Web site: www.scientificsonline.com

Models: 5x30, 7x50 (plus 20x80 and additional sizes by Celestron).

Fujinon, Inc./Fujifilm USA

10 High Point Dr., Wayne, NJ 07470

Phone: 973-633-5600

Web site: <http://www.fujifilmusa.com/products/binoculars/>

Models: 6x30, 14x40 (image-stabilized), 7x50, 10x50, 10x70, 16x70, 15x80, 25x150 and 25x150 (currently the world's largest production model binocular!).

Jim's Mobile, Inc. (JMI)

8550 West 14th Ave., Lakewood, CO 80215

Phones: 303-233-5359/800-247-0304

Web site: www.jimsmobile.com, E-mail: info@jmitelesopes.com

Models: 6-, 8-, 10-, 12-, 14.5- and 16-in. aperture telescopic binoculars! (Designated "Reverse Binoculars" by JMI since you observe looking down into the eye-pieces with your back to the sky.)

Kowa Optimed, Inc.

20001 South Vermont Ave., Torrance, CA 90502

Phone: 310-327-1913

Web site: www.kowa-sporting-optics.com

Models: 8x32, 10x32, 8x42, 10x42, 8.5x44, 10.5x44 and 32x82.

Leica

Germany—Web site: http://us.leica-camera.com/sport_optics/

Models: 10x32, 8x42, 10x42 and 8x50.

Leupold & Stevens

14400 NW Greenbrier Parkway, Beaverton, OR 97006

Phone: 800-LEUPOLD

Web site: <http://www.leupold.com/observation/binoculars/>

Models: huge selection of styles and magnifications from 30 to 50 mm aperture.

Meade Instruments Corp.

6001 Oak Canyon, Irvine, CA
 Phones: 949-451-1450/800626-3233
 Web Site: www.meade.com
 Models: 8x42, 9x63 and 20x80.

Miyauchi

177 Kanasaki, Miano-machi, Saitama 369-1621, Japan
 Phone: 81-494-62-3371
 Models: 8x42, 10x50, 15x63, 20x77, 20x100, and 25x141 (with apochromatic objectives). Offered by various US distributors, one specializing in their large astronomical binoculars being BigBinoculars at: http://www.bigbinoculars.com/miyauchi_binoculars.html

Nikon

1300 Walt Whitman Rd., Melville, NY 11747
 Phones: 631-547-4200/800-645-6687
 Web site: <http://www.nikon.com/products/sportoptics/lineup/binoculars/>
 Models: 7x35, 8x40, 10x42, 7x50, 10x50, 12x50, 10x70, 18x70, and 20x120.

Oberwerk Corp.

1861 Wayne Avenue, Dayton, OH 45410
 Phone: 866-244-7937
 Web site: www.bigbinoculars.com
 Models: 8/9/12/15/20x60 (choice of magnification), 11x56, 15x70, and 25/40x100 (dual magnification). An extensive line of models, styles and magnifications beginning with 8x42 and including all of the above).

Olivon Manufacturing Group

Canada—Web site: www.olivonmanufacturing.com, E-mail: olivonoptics@gmail.com
 Europe—Web site: www.olivon-europe.com, E-mail: sales@olivon-europe.com
 Models: 8x42 and 10x42

Orion Telescopes & Binoculars

10555 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014
 Phones: 800-676-1343/800-447-1001
 Web site: www.OrionTelescopes.com
 Models: 8x40, 8x42, 7x50, 10x50, 12x50, 8x56, 10x60, 9x63, 12x63, 15x63, 11x70, 15x70, 20x70, 11x80, 15x80, 16x80, 20x80, 30x80 and 25x100.

Parks Optical

750 Easy St., Simi Valley, CA 93065
 Phone: 805-522-6722/800-420-0255
 Web site: www.parksoptical.com, E-Mail: parksoptical@parksoptical.com
 Models: 8x42, 10x42, 7x50, 10x50, 12x50, 10x52, 10x70, 11x80, 15x80, 20x80, 20x80 and 25x100.

Pentax Corp.

35 Inverness Dr. East, Englewood, CO 80155

Phone: 800-877-0155

Web site: <http://www.pentax.jp/english/products/binoculars/>

Models: 8x40, 10x40, 7x50, 10x50, 12x50, 16x60 and 20x60.

Pro-Optic/Adorama Camera

42 West 18th St., New York, NY 10011

Phones: 212-741-0052/800-223-2500

Web site: www.adorama.com E-mail: info@adorama.com

Models: 8x42, 7x50, 10x50, 11x70, 16x70, 11x80, 20x80, 14x100 and 25x100.

Steiner

Germany—Web site: www.steiner-binoculars.com/binoculars

Models: 8x30, 10x30, 10x32, 8x42, 10x42 and 10x50.

Swarovski

2 Slater Dr., Cranston, RI 02920

Phone: 401-734-1800

Web site: www.swarovskioptik.com

Models: 10x40 and 7x42.

Swift Sport Optics

12980W. Cedar Dr., Lakewood, CO 80228

Phone: 877-697-9438

Web site: <http://www.swift-sportoptics.com/binoculars.html>

E-mail: info@swift-sportoptics.com

Models: 7x35, 8x40, 7x42, 8x42, 10x42, 8.5x44, 9x63, 10x42, 7x50, 10x50, 15x60, 11x80 and 20x80.

Takahashi America

1925A Richmond Ave., Houston, TX 77098

Phone: 713-529-3551

Web site: www.TakahashiAmerica.com

Model: 22x60 (with apochromatic objectives). Marketed in US by Land, Sea and Sky at <http://www.landseaskyco.com> (same address and phone number as above) along with more than a dozen other brands.

Tasco/Bushnell Performance Optics

9200 Cody, Overland Park, KS 66214

Phones: 800-423-3538

Web site: www.tasco.com

Models: 4x30, 8x32, 16x32, 7x35, 8x40, 8x42, 10x42, 10x50 and 10-30x50 (zoom).

Vanguard

9157 E. M-36, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

Phone: 800-875-3322

Web site: www.vanguardworld.com/index.php/en/os/search/binoculars

E-mail: info@vanguardusa.com

Models: 8x32, 8x42 and 10x42.

Vixen North America/Tele Vue Optics

32 Elkay Dr., Chester, NY 10918

Phone: 845-469-8660

Web site: www.VixenAmerica.com

Models: 8x32, 10x32, 8x42, 10x42, 12x80 and 20x80.

Vortex Optics

2120 West Greenview Drive, Middleton, WI 53562

Phone: 800-426-0048

Web site: www.vortexoptics.com, E-mail: info@vortexoptics.com

Models: 6x32, 6.5x32, 8x32, 8.5x32, 10x32, 8x42, 10x42, 7x50, 10x50, 12x50, 8x56, 10x56 and 15x56.

Zeiss (Carl) International/Carl Zeiss Sports Optics

711 Moorefield Park, Dr., Bldg. E, North Chesterfield, VA 23236

Phone: 800-441-3005

Web site: www.zeiss.com (click on “sports Optics” and then “Nature Observation”)

Models: 8x30, 10x30, 8x32, 10x32, 8x40, 10x40, 7x42, 8x42, 10x42, 12x45, 15x45, 7x50, 8x50, 8x56, 10x56, 12x56, and 20x60 (image stabilized).

Zhumell

9394 West Dodge Road, Suite 300, Omaha, NE 68114

Phone: 800-303-5873

Web site: www.zhumell.com

Models: 7x30, 8x42, 10x42, 7x50, 10-30x50 (zoom), 20x80 and 25x100.