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Model: 523023-0000-000

1. INTRODUCTION

The ZEISS SFL 8x30 Binoculars are designed for lightweight, compact, and high-performance observation. Featuring Ultra-High Definition coated glass, these binoculars provide 90% light transmission for bright, high-contrast images, even in low-light conditions. The SmartFocus concept allows for rapid and precise focusing. This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your ZEISS SFL 8x30 binoculars.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Binocular Components

Familiarize yourself with the main components of your ZEISS SFL 8x30 binoculars:

- **Objective Lenses:** Front lenses that gather light.
- **Eyecups:** Adjustable for comfortable viewing with or without eyeglasses.
- **Focus Wheel:** Central wheel for adjusting image sharpness.
- **Diopter Adjustment:** Ring on one eyepiece for compensating individual eye differences.
- **Strap Lugs:** Attachment points for the neck strap.
- **Bridge:** Connects the two optical tubes, allowing interpupillary distance adjustment.



Figure 2.1: Front view of the ZEISS SFL 8x30 Binoculars, showing the objective lenses and central focus mechanism.



Figure 2.2: Close-up view of an eyepiece with the adjustable eyecup extended.



Figure 2.3: Detail of the central focus wheel and ZEISS branding.

Included Accessories

Your ZEISS SFL 8x30 binoculars come with the following accessories:

- Neck strap
- Protective carrying case
- Objective lens caps
- Eyepiece rain guard
- Cleaning cloth



Figure 2.4: All included accessories for the ZEISS SFL binoculars.

3. SETUP

3.1 Attaching the Neck Strap

1. Thread the ends of the neck strap through the strap lugs on each side of the binocular body.
2. Secure the strap by passing it back through the buckle, ensuring it is tightly fastened.
3. Adjust the strap length for comfortable carrying around your neck.

3.2 Adjusting Eyecups

The eyecups can be adjusted to provide the optimal eye relief for comfortable viewing.

- **For users without eyeglasses:** Rotate the eyecups counter-clockwise until they are fully extended.
- **For users with eyeglasses:** Rotate the eyecups clockwise until they are fully retracted. This allows your eyes to be closer to the eyepieces, providing a full field of view.

3.3 Adjusting Interpupillary Distance

The interpupillary distance (the distance between the centers of your pupils) must be set correctly to see a single, circular image.

1. Hold the binoculars up to your eyes.
2. Bend the binocular body at the hinge until you see a single, perfectly circular field of view.

3.4 Diopter Adjustment

This adjustment compensates for differences in vision between your left and right eyes.

1. Close your right eye or cover the right objective lens.
2. Look through the binoculars with your left eye at a distant object.
3. Rotate the central focus wheel until the image is sharp for your left eye.
4. Close your left eye or cover the left objective lens.
5. Look through the binoculars with your right eye at the same distant object.
6. Adjust the diopter ring (usually on the right eyepiece) until the image is sharp for your right eye.
7. The diopter setting is now calibrated for your eyes. You should only need to use the central focus wheel for subsequent observations.

4. OPERATING

4.1 Focusing

Once the interpupillary distance and diopter are set, focusing is straightforward:

1. Raise the binoculars to your eyes.
2. Locate your desired object.
3. Rotate the central focus wheel until the object appears sharp and clear. The SmartFocus concept allows for quick adjustments with minimal rotation.



Figure 4.1: Users observing wildlife with ZEISS SFL binoculars.



Figure 4.2: Example of the clear and detailed view provided by ZEISS SFL binoculars.

5. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

5.1 Cleaning Lenses

The lenses of your ZEISS SFL binoculars feature advanced coatings for optimal performance. Proper cleaning is crucial to maintain their quality.

- 1. Remove loose dust:** Use a soft brush or a blower bulb to gently remove any loose dust or particles from the lens surfaces.
- 2. Clean smudges:** For fingerprints or stubborn smudges, breathe lightly on the lens surface to create condensation, then gently wipe with the provided microfiber cleaning cloth. Use circular motions from the center outwards.
- 3. Avoid harsh chemicals:** Never use abrasive cloths, paper towels, or harsh cleaning solutions, as these can damage the lens coatings.

The ZEISS T* coating ensures brilliant, high-contrast images, especially in challenging light conditions. The LotuTec coating provides a clear view in wet weather by repelling water and dirt from the lens surface.



Figure 5.1: Visual representation of the clarity provided by ZEISS T* coating.



Figure 5.2: Water beading on a lens with LotuTec coating, illustrating its water-repellent properties.

5.2 General Cleaning and Storage

- Wipe the binocular body with a soft, damp cloth to remove dirt or grime.
- Store the binoculars in their protective case when not in use to prevent dust accumulation and physical damage.
- Avoid storing in direct sunlight or extreme temperatures.
- The binoculars are waterproof; however, after exposure to water, dry them thoroughly before storing.



Figure 5.3: ZEISS SFL binoculars demonstrating their waterproof capability in a natural environment.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
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Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Image is blurry or out of focus.	Incorrect focus wheel adjustment or diopter setting.	Adjust the central focus wheel. If still blurry, re-perform diopter adjustment (Section 3.4).
Cannot see a single, circular image.	Interpupillary distance is not correctly set.	Adjust the hinge of the binoculars until a single circular field of view is achieved (Section 3.3).
Dark edges or 'blackouts' in the view.	Eyecups not set correctly or eyes not positioned properly.	Adjust eyecups (Section 3.2) and ensure your eyes are centered with the eyepieces.
Objective lens caps do not stay on securely.	Design characteristic or wear.	Ensure caps are fully seated. Consider aftermarket alternatives if persistent.
Image appears dim or lacks contrast.	Lenses are dirty.	Clean the objective and eyepiece lenses carefully (Section 5.1).

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	523023-0000-000
Magnification	8x
Objective Lens Diameter	30 mm
Product Dimensions	4.7 x 4.5 x 5.7 inches
Item Weight	1.01 pounds
Light Transmission	90%
Special Features	Compact Design, Waterproof, Ultra-High Definition, ZEISS T* Coating, LotuTec Coating, SmartFocus
Date First Available	November 4, 2022

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

ZEISS products are manufactured to high-quality standards and come with a manufacturer's warranty. For specific warranty details, registration, or technical support, please refer to the official ZEISS website or contact their customer service directly.

Online Support: Visit the official ZEISS website for FAQs, product registration, and contact information.

Service and Repairs: In case of a defect or the need for repair, please contact ZEISS customer service for authorized service centers and procedures.