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Model: GUIDE 462 M Mono

1. Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your Omegon GUIDE 462 M Mono Camera. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the device to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

2. Product Overview

2.1 Key Features

- Low noise CMOS sensor for enhanced imaging.
- Standard 1.25" eyepiece form factor for broad compatibility.
- CS-mount with a 5mm extender for versatile lens attachment.
- USB 2.0, Type C interface for reliable data transfer.

2.2 Package Contents

Verify that all items listed below are present in your package:

- Omegon GUIDE 462 M Mono Camera
- Adapter with 1.25" filter thread
- USB Cable
- ST4 Cable

Figure 1: The Omegon GUIDE 462 M Mono Camera. This image shows the main camera unit, which features a robust anodized aluminum housing designed to fit standard 1.25-inch telescope focusers.

Figure 2: Included accessories for the Omegon GUIDE 462 M Mono Camera. This image displays the USB cable, ST4 guiding cable, 1.25-inch adapter, and a 5mm extender, which are essential for connecting and operating the camera.

3. Setup

3.1 Physical Connection

1. **Mounting the Camera:** The camera's robust anodized aluminum housing is designed in the shape of a 1.25" eyepiece. Insert the camera directly into your telescope's 1.25" focuser. Ensure it is securely fastened.
2. **Attaching Lenses/Filters:** The camera is equipped with a C and CS mount thread. Use the provided 1.25" filter thread adapter to attach standard astronomical filters or small CCTV lenses.
3. **Connecting Cables:**
    - Connect the USB cable from the camera's USB 2.0 Type C port to your computer.
    - For autoguiding, connect the ST4 cable from the camera's ST4 port to your equatorial mount's autoguiding port.

Figure 3: End view of the Omegon GUIDE 462 M Mono Camera showing the USB-C and ST4 ports. These ports are used for connecting the camera to a computer for data transfer and to an equatorial mount for autoguiding.

3.2 Software Installation and Compatibility

The Omegon GUIDE 462 M Mono Camera is compatible with a wide range of astronomical software. It supports common ASCOM and INDI interfaces, allowing control via various capture programs. Native compatibility is also provided for popular applications such as PHD2 and N.I.N.A.

1. **Driver Installation:** Install the necessary drivers for your camera. These are typically available on the Omegon support website.
2. **Software Configuration:** Configure your preferred capture or guiding software (e.g., PHD2, N.I.N.A) to recognize and communicate with the Omegon GUIDE 462 M Mono Camera. Refer to the software's documentation for specific setup instructions.

4. Operating Instructions

4.1 Autoguiding

The Omegon GUIDE 462 M Mono Camera is an effective autoguider due to its high sensitivity and compatibility with PHD2 software. Modern CMOS sensors allow for the identification of faint guide stars, ensuring precise tracking corrections.

- **PHD2 Compatibility:** Utilize PHD2 software for autoguiding. The camera's ST4 port facilitates direct connection to your mount for guiding commands.
- **Tracking Correction:** Short exposure times and a high guiding frequency enable the camera to compensate for minor to significant tracking errors of your mount, resulting in sharper long-exposure images.

4.2 Deep Sky Astrophotography

With its sensitive CMOS sensor, the camera simplifies deep-sky astrophotography, making it easier to capture nebulae and galaxies. The sensor's high quantum efficiency and low read noise allow for the detection of subtle details that are often imperceptible through visual observation.

- **Exposure Settings:** Experiment with various exposure times to capture sufficient light from faint deep-sky objects.
- **Image Stacking:** For best results, capture multiple exposures and stack them using specialized astrophotography software to reduce noise and enhance detail.

4.3 Planetary Photography

This camera is suitable for capturing images of solar system objects such as Jupiter, Saturn, and the Moon. It also supports real-time observation on a computer screen.

- **High Frame Rate:** Utilize the camera's ability to capture video at high frame rates for planetary imaging. This allows for the selection of the sharpest frames from a video sequence to overcome atmospheric turbulence.
- **Processing:** Use planetary imaging software to stack and process the captured video frames into a single, detailed image.

4.4 Filter Usage and Transmission

The camera's sensor chamber is protected by a filter against dust and humidity. As a mono camera, it features an anti-reflective window that transmits ultraviolet, visible, and infrared light. This design provides full control over the transmission curve when using external filters, which is crucial for advanced photographic and photometric applications.

- **External Filters:** Employ specific astronomical filters (e.g., LRGB, narrowband) with the 1.25" filter thread adapter to achieve desired imaging results for different celestial objects.
- **Transmission Control:** The broad spectral response of the mono sensor, combined with external filters, allows for precise control over the light reaching the sensor, enabling specialized scientific or artistic imaging.

5. Maintenance

- **Cleaning:** Keep the camera's optical window and housing clean. Use a soft, lint-free cloth for the exterior. For the optical window, use specialized optical cleaning solutions and cloths to avoid scratches.
- **Storage:** Store the camera in a dry, dust-free environment when not in use. Use the original packaging or a padded case for protection.
- **Environmental Conditions:** Avoid exposing the camera to extreme temperatures or high humidity,

which can affect performance and lifespan.

6. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Omegon GUIDE 462 M Mono Camera, consider the following:

- **Connection Issues:** Ensure all cables (USB, ST4) are securely connected. Try a different USB port or cable if connectivity problems persist.
- **Software Not Detecting Camera:** Verify that the correct drivers are installed. Check your imaging software's settings to ensure the camera is selected and configured properly. Restart the software and your computer.
- **No Image/Faint Image:** Confirm that the telescope is properly focused and that the camera's exposure settings are appropriate for the target object. Check for any obstructions in the optical path.
- **Guiding Errors:** Review your PHD2 settings, including calibration, guide star selection, and mount parameters. Ensure the ST4 cable is correctly connected to both the camera and the mount.
- **Image Noise:** High noise levels can be reduced by adjusting gain settings, increasing exposure time (if applicable), and stacking multiple images during post-processing.

For further assistance, consult the documentation for your imaging software or contact Omegon customer support.

7. Specifications

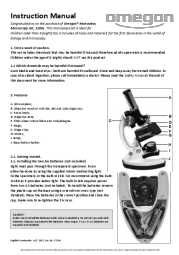
Feature	Specification
Brand	Omegon
Model	GUIDE 462 M Mono
Color	Bronze
Sensor Type	CMOS (Low Noise)
Mounting Diameter	1.25"
Lens Mount	CS-mount + 5mm extender
Filter Thread	1.25" (via adapter)
Interface	USB 2.0, Type C
Guiding Port	ST4
Manufacturer Reference	4049467837398
ASIN	B0DVGMWRGF
Country of Origin	China

8. Warranty and Support

For information regarding warranty coverage, technical support, or service, please refer to the official Omegon website or contact your authorized dealer. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.

Related Documents - GUIDE 462 M Mono

	Omegon Pro Cameras veLOX, veTEC, GUIDE: Instruction Manual Comprehensive instruction manual for Omegon Pro veLOX, veTEC, and GUIDE astrophotography cameras. Covers setup, features, software, and techniques for deep-sky and solar-system imaging.
	Omegon MiniTrack Pole Finder Operating Instructions Detailed operating instructions for the Omegon MiniTrack pole finder, guiding users through setup, mounting, and alignment for astrophotography. Includes part identification and alignment procedures.
	Omegon V-I Nabla I Microscopes User Manual: Features, Operation, and Specifications Comprehensive user manual for the Omegon V-I Nabla I microscopes, covering preparation, parts identification, features, assembly, calibration, operation, maintenance, troubleshooting, and technical specifications. Includes monocular and binocular versions.
	Omegon AC 70/400 BackPack AZ Bedienungsanleitung Umfassende Bedienungsanleitung für das Omegon AC 70/400 BackPack AZ Teleskop. Enthält Informationen zu Lieferumfang, Aufbau, Bedienung, technische Daten und Himmelsbeobachtungsobjekten.

	Omegon Monoview Microscopy Set 1200x Instruction Manual Comprehensive instruction manual for the Omegon Monoview Microscopy Set 1200x, detailing features, setup, experiments, and safety precautions for young scientists.
	Omegon® Laser Kollimator 1.25" Bedienungsanleitung Anleitung zur präzisen Ausrichtung von Spiegelteleskopen (Newton-Typ) mit dem Omegon® Laser Kollimators 1.25". Enthält Schritte zur Einrichtung, Batteriewechsel und Kollimation.