ScopeCalculator v2

Variables and Formulas

afov eyepiece apparent field of view

 θ afov / 2

EFL eyepiece focal length

TFL telescope focal length

 RD_{afov} rectilinear distortion from the flat focal plane and the spherical afov

(always positive: pincushion)

 $FS_{zero\ RD} = 2\,EFL\, an(\,\theta)$ eyepiece field stop for zero RD (Rutten and van Venrooij, $Telescope\ optics$:

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AMD angular magnification distortion

(positive = pincushion, negative = barrel)

 $FS_{zero\ AMD} = 2\,EFL\,\theta$ eyepiece field stop for zero AMD (Rutten and van Venrooij)

 FS_{known} known eyepiece field stop

BRF barlow or reducer factor

Mag magnification

 $\mathit{TFOV}_{\mathit{zero\ AMD}}$ true field of view when AMD is zero

 $TFOV_{AMD}$ true field of view corrected for AMD

The inputs of the spreadsheet are the telescope and eyepiece focal length (TFL and EFL), the afov of the eyepiece (afov), the known field stop of the eyepiece (FS_{known} , if available) and any eventual barlow or reducer factors (BRF). The blue versions of the formulas (below) are used in the spreadsheet.

$$\theta = \frac{afov}{2}$$

$$FS_{zero_RD_afov} = 2 EFL \tan(\theta) = 2 EFL \tan(\frac{afov}{2})$$

$$RD_{afov} = \frac{\tan(\theta) - \theta}{\tan(\theta)} = 1 - \frac{\frac{afov}{2}}{\tan(\frac{afov}{2})}$$

$$FS_{zero_AMD} = FS_{zero_RD_afov} = 2 EFL \tan(\theta) (1 - RD_{afov}) = EFL afov$$

$$AMD = \frac{FS_{zero_AMD} - FS_{known}}{FS_{zero_AMD}} = 1 - \frac{FS_{known}}{EFL \ afov}$$

$$RD_{total} = 1 - \left(1 - RD_{afov}\right) \left(1 - AMD\right) = 1 - \frac{\frac{FS_{known}}{2}}{\tan\left(\frac{afov}{2}\right) EFL}$$

$$Mag = \frac{TFL}{EFL} \cdot BRF = \frac{TFL BRF}{EFL}$$

$$TFOV_{zero_AMD} = \frac{afov}{Mag} = \frac{afov EFL}{TFL BRF}$$

$$TFOV_{AMD} = \frac{afov}{Mag} \cdot (1 - AMD) = \frac{FS_{known}}{TFL BRF}$$

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