DELTA RIDGE TECHNOLOGIES

Night Sky Log

Forty objects to find yourself, and the conditions you found them in

OBSERVATION LOG

Seeing is a skill and it improves with the written record. Note the sky conditions first, then the object.

DATE	TIME	SEEING 1-5	TRANSPARENCY 1-5	OBJECT	INSTRUMENT	WHAT I ACTUALLY SAW

CONDITIONS THAT DECIDE THE NIGHT

CONDITION	WHAT IT MEANS	HOW TO JUDGE IT FAST
Seeing	Steadiness of the air	Can you split a close double star at high power
Transparency	Clarity of the air	Can you see the Milky Way overhead, and faint stars near the horizon
Light pollution	How dark the site really is	Count stars inside the square of Orion or the bowl of the Big Dipper
Moon	The single biggest factor	A first quarter moon washes out more than you think
Humidity and dew	Ends sessions early	Check whether the scope dews up in the first hour

SAMPLE

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