

The Dobsonian Telescope Book Pdf

Dobsonian Parts Source

- of the tube. White is not recommended—it takes longer for a white tube to cool down to ambient (outside) temperature.
- **Sheet Metal Screws:** Flathead, size #6, 3/8" long. Get at least a dozen.
- **Nails:** Assorted sizes. Use dipped galvanized box nails work well.
- **Machine Bolts (B):** Three bolts, 1" long, 3/8" in diameter.
- **Lag Screws with matching washers (L):** One lag screw, 2" long, 1/2" in diameter.
- **Recess (R):** One photograph recess, 35-55 LP film size (A "used" record is fine). Or visit your local camera maker for some fine "Scraps" Plastic Laminite ("Formica" is a brand of Plastic Laminite—you want wood made just enough to cover the bottom of your Rackler Box, use Section "C" of these plans) and line the outside edges of your Alidade Bearings. Do not use "glue" Plastic Laminite, however; just the regular surfaced stuff. You may also want to contact <http://www.dobsonians.com/> for inexpensive "kits" of Plastic Laminite and Teflon.
- **Chrome-plated Brass Tubing:** Washburn double top, 1-1/2" outside diameter. We'll need two pieces: one about 1-1/2" long, for the eyepiece holder, and one about 6" long, for the aligning tube. (Available from a plumber's supply bin.)
- **Cedar Shain Shingles:** Three pieces, about 1-1/2" to 2" wide. Shingles break easily, so it's a good idea to keep a few extra shingles on hand.
- **Wooden Thread:** One piece, about 3" long. Usually sold as "closet pole" or "hand rail stock" (approximately 1/8" in diameter).
- **Cardboard "Mailing" Tube:** One piece, 1-1/2" inside diameter, about 2" long (Grocery stores have this tube in the produce department used for dispensing plastic bags.)
- **Thumbtacks (T):**
- **Leather Straps:** Three small pieces about 1/2" square. Old book leather works fine.
- **Sinker or Dred (D):** About 1/2" in diameter. I like to use "hole reinforcement" washers, for strong notebook paper. A "gold size" also works well. Visit your stationary store.
- **Masonite:** One rectangle of 1/8" thick Masonite board about 7" x 4" (1/8" thick is also O.K.) with a 1-1/2" hole drilled in the center, and three pieces about 1" square.
- **Teflon:** 7 pieces, approximately 1" x 1" square, and 1/4" thick. Three pieces will be used for the lower Rackler Box bearings and four for the Cradle Board bearings. Try to locate electronic surplus stores; otherwise visit <http://www.electro.com/> under "Sources."
- **Furring nails (F):** If you can't find furring nails, don't fret. I like to use rubber furniture glides (the kind you just nail in—this serves the same purpose as the furring nails: namely preventing our primary mirror from falling forward).
- **Glue:** White glue works fine. In addition, I like to use DOWS black silicone glue on selected parts (like lenser connections and diagonal mirror to diagonal holder adhesions).
- **Telescope Objective Mirror (H):** See above "A word concerning focal ratio," and "Sources" below.
- **Cardboard:** The back of a cardboard breakfast cereal box works nicely.
- **Telescope Diagonal Mirror (D):** Order when primary mirror is decided upon.
- **Eyepiece (E):** Eyepieces may be purchased from telescope supply houses (see "Sources"), or you

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