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Celestron has a long rich history as a leader in the optics industry that spans over five decades.

MILESTONES IN INNOVATION

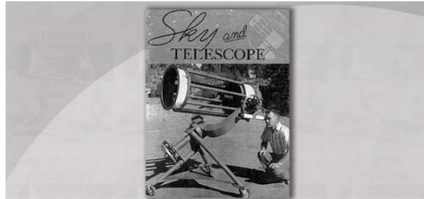
It all began when Tom Johnson unveiled the game-changing C8 and has continued through the development of exciting products with revolutionary technologies and one-of-a-kind innovations.

1960 - 1963



Founded in 1960

Electronics Engineer, Tom Johnson, President and Owner of Valor Electronics started an Astro-Optical division of Valor for the sole purpose of building telescopes.



1963 - Sky and Telescope Cover

A cover article appeared in the March 1963 issue of Sky & Telescope Magazine featuring Tom's innovative 18-inch Cassegrain telescope.

1964 - 1969



1964 - Celestron-Pacific runs its first ad

Johnson creates a method to produce a compact 20" Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope for serious amateur and professional astronomers. He calls it the "Celestronic". In January of 1964, Johnson runs his first ad in Sky & Telescope magazine for the C20. Celestron-Pacific is announced.



1969 - The award winning Schmidt-Cassegrain Telescopes

Celestron is first to offer an entire line of the award winning Schmidt-Cassegrain telescopes; the famous C6, C8, C10, C12, C16, and C22 with blue and white tubes at an affordable price.

1970 - 1971



1970 - Orange Tube C8

Celestron revolutionized the amateur telescope market by introducing the orange tube C8 for under \$1,000.

2006 - 2008



2006 - SkyScout Revolution

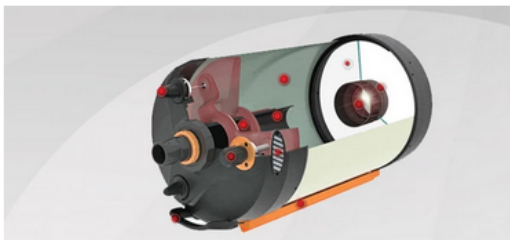
Celestron unveiled the award-winning, innovative SkyScout Personal Planetarium. SkyScout was the first handheld device to utilize advanced GPS technology to identify thousands of stars, planets, and constellations at the click of a button.



2008 - Celestron's First Digital Microscope

Hunching over a microscope eyepiece became a thing of the past in 2008, when Celestron debuted the LCD Digital Microscope. The instrument won a 2009 Innovations Award at CES.

2009



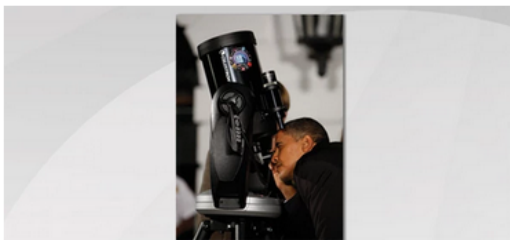
2009 - EdgeHD Optics

Celestron released a new flagship telescope, EdgeHD. The aplanatic Schmidt optical system is ideal for astrophotography.



2009 - The Big Bang Theory

Since 2009, the NexStar SE and other Celestron products have been featured on The Big Bang Theory television show.



2009 - In The White House

President Barack Obama looked through a Celestron CPC 1100 at the White House during Galilean Nights, an International Year of Astronomy 2009 global event.

2010 - 2011



2010 - 50 Years
Celestron celebrated 50 years of creating innovative optical equipment.



2011 - SkyProdigy Self-Aligning Telescope
Celestron developed StarSense Technology and created a telescope smart enough to align itself to the night sky. Using an internal camera and advanced software, the SkyProdigy telescope aligns itself in under 3 minutes. The telescope received an Innovations Award at CES.

2012 - 2013



2012 - Celestron Aboard International Space Station
A Celestron CPC 925 launched into space on a Japanese rocket, and was later installed by astronauts aboard the ISS. The CPC is part of NASA's ISERV mission, monitoring and imaging the surface of the Earth.



2013 - StarSense AutoAlign
Celestron's StarSense self-aligning technology comes to all of Celestron's computerized telescopes with the debut of the StarSense AutoAlign accessory. Simply attach the camera and StarSense hand control and your telescope can align itself in under 3 minutes!

2014 - PRESENT



2014 - NexStar Evolution
WiFi technology plus an all-new industrial design comes to Celestron's famed NexStar telescopes. Users can now control 6-, 8-, and 9.25-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescopes with the Celestron SkyPortal mobile app.



2014 - WiFi Control
Explore the universe with your smartphone or tablet! Celestron released the first-ever telescope with built-in WiFi, the COSMOS 90GT WiFi, at the 2014 CES. Alongside it was Celestron's first wireless microscope, Micro F.