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How to Choose Binocular Power

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Summary:

The first step in picking out a pair of binoculars is to figure out the power you should get.

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Article Body:

The first step in selecting a pair of binoculars is determining the power you want. Binocular

-- Magnification --

The first number, which is always the smaller of the two, expresses the amount of magnification.

Lower magnification binoculars—typically those that are 7x and lower—allow for a larger field of view.

But of course, lower magnification binoculars allow for less magnification, and consequently more detail.

As for cost, it's probably not surprising that higher magnification models tend to be more expensive.

-- Objective Lens Size --

The second number in the power corresponds to the diameter of the objective lens in millimeters.

Binoculars with objective lens sizes of 30 mm and under are usually found on pocket and compact models.

If nighttime use, or brightness is important, objective lenses that are 50 mm or larger will work better.

The most frequent objective lens sizes used are between 35 and 50 mm. Since the magnification

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