

Pre-Observing Procedures

Before entering observatory examine the dome from the outside.

- Is the dome completely closed at the lower/upper shutter interface?
- During cold weather look at the back of the upper shutter for ice or snow drifts.
- During cold weather examine the limit switch for the lower shutter.
- During cold weather look at roof of entryway to make certain no snow or ice will collide with an open lower shutter that sweeps by.
- Is the dome either at an azimuth of 180 or 60? The former likely means the dome is slaved, the latter means the dome is parked. Other positions are possible to deal with incoming weather.
- Check the parking area for lost items and sharp objects.

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