

Pre-Observing Procedures

This procedure is only for when the telescope has been used regularly and was not left in lightning shutdown. If things are obviously a mess (I.E. the power to everything is off) it would be good to perform the [Startup Procedure](#).

Before actually performing any steps to get the telescope ready for observing you must check a few things and note any anomalies in the trouble report. These include:

Outside

- Is the dome open at all?
- During cold weather, is there ice or snow drifts on the back of the shutter or around the lower shutters limit switches?
- During cold weather, is there snow above the entry way that would interfere with the domes rotation?
- Is the dome positioned at a strange angle? (I.E. not South or directly over the entryway door).

Inside

- Is the telescope pointing at the Park position? Confirm via [Telescope Orientations](#)
- Are the mirror covers open?
- Is the Flat Field panel on?

If the answer to any of these questions is *YES* then there may be a problem and it should be noted in the trouble report.

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