

Autostar does not recognize keystrokes

The Autostar scans its keyboard rather slowly, and you must type slowly, pressing each key for about 1/4 second or more. Keys are recognized when you release them, not when you press them.

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Most keys on the NexStar can be used only when the NexStar Ready prompt is being displayed. Press UNDO to get to that prompt.

Menu selections do not seem to work

On the Autostar, a menu item is not actually selected unless > appears in front of it. Press ▲ or ▼ at the bottom of the keypad to make the selection, then press ENTER. Just getting the item onto the screen is not enough; if you scroll to an item and press MODE, the item is not selected.

Incorrect information on keypad display

Concerning errors in the LX200 firmware, see p. 246.

The Autostar display uses abbreviations that are sometimes cryptic, such as THE TAU for Theta (θ) Tauri.

When used on an equatorial wedge, the NexStar 5 reckons altitude and azimuth from the plane of its own base rather than the horizon. When asked for the altitude of an object, it displays something close to the declination. More generally, when used on any non-level tripod, the NexStar 5 reports altitude incorrectly.

Text scrolls horizontally too fast to read

On the Autostar, the scrolling speed can be adjusted with the ▲ and ▼ keys at the bottom of the keypad.