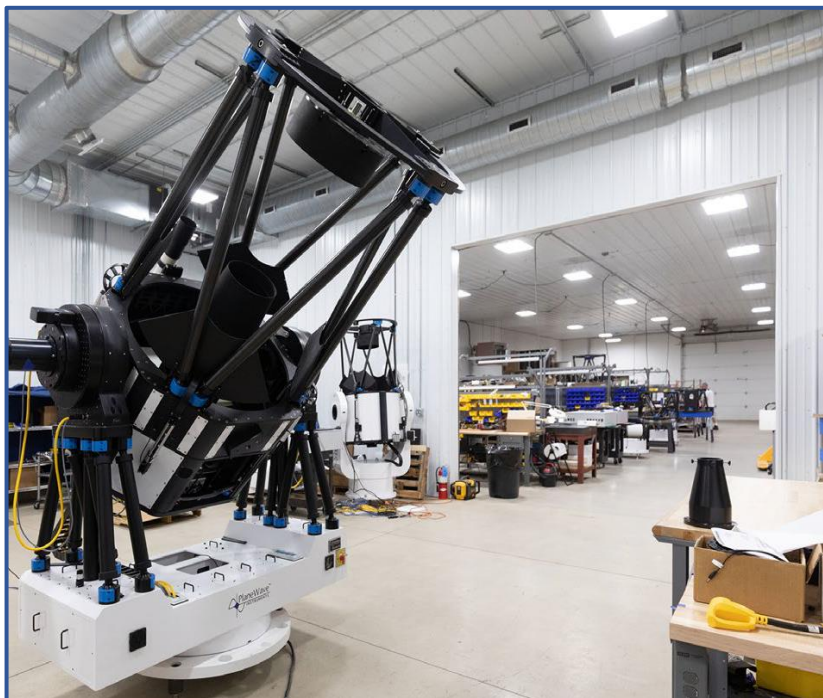


Mi-Light Member Spotlight

PlaneWave – Adrian, MI



This member spotlight is on PlaneWave Instruments; one of Mi-Light's newest members. Here is their company description:

PlaneWave Instruments is a privately held company headquartered in Adrian, MI and was founded in 2006 by Richard Hedrick and Joseph Haberman. It operates design and manufacturing facilities in California and Michigan. Through the leadership of its founders and CTO David Rowe, the company developed and championed the CDK (Corrected Dall-Kirkham) telescope, a revolutionary new optical system.

In addition to consumer products, PlaneWave makes a full line of observatory class telescope mounts, and the CDK and Ritchey- Chrétien (RC) telescope line from 12.5" to 1 meter apertures.

The company produces high-quality off-the-shelf products at unprecedented value. The products are used by universities, research centers and aerospace companies, with 60 CDK700s (0.7 meter aperture) and 16 PW1000 (1 meter aperture) telescopes produced as of 2020.

In 2016, PlaneWave began offering standalone, direct-drive tracking-systems, compatible with both our optical-systems and many third-party telescopes and instrument packages. Building upon the technology, manufacturing knowledge, and software that were developed for the CDK700 and CDK1000 observatory telescopes, our L-Series mounts offer the same exceptional performance, robust reliability, and comfortable ease of use.

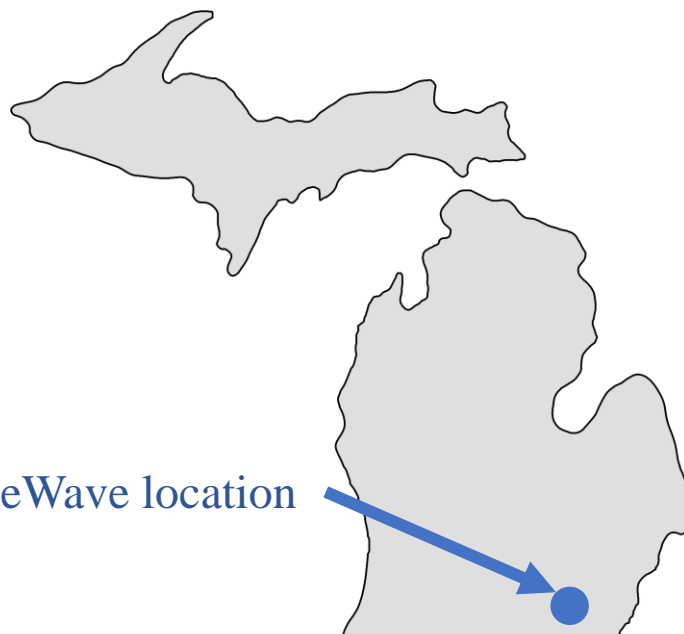
PlaneWave relocated its headquarters from California to Adrian, MI in 2019 and has vertically integrated almost every aspect of telescope manufacturing. From design to manufacturing and final system test, we do nearly everything in-house.

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