

Hi, It's Kevin here,

An old favourite showed up again recently regarding optical clarity and a strange scent.

I know we covered this some time ago but it's always good to get a timely reminder, especially as at this time of year it's a lot damper & consequently a period where fungal spores are very active.

If any damp is allowed to sit on your precious optical equipment, it can easily kick start the fungal spores into spreading over, under & in between your optics, damaging coated surfaces and even etching into the lens surface.

It really doesn't take that much to destroy a costly lens or port.

If you store any kit in a case or bag, then ensure this is also clean & dry, as cross contamination is the easiest path for fungal spores to multiply.

So when storing your optics, please make absolutely certain that the container is very clean & of course very dry, always put some drying agent like silica gel in with your optics.

Often the first sign of impending disaster is that slightly musty smell, do not ignore it, clean, bleach if you need to, but keep your kit away until your storage place is spotless.

If you find it's too late and your precious kit already smells musty, move it to a 'sunny' spot, remove any covers or lens caps & allow the natural UV rays to help kill off the fungal spores you can't reach, a dehumidifier may also help along with a thorough clean down of the areas you can get to.

I really hope this helps you to avoid this issue, if you would like to hear more tips & tricks why not Opt into our weekly newsletter below

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