

Script for ESOcast Light 237: Testbed Asteroid Hunter Sees First Light

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New ESOcast intro	New ESOcast introduction
Title: Testbed Asteroid Hunter Sees First Light	
1. The European Space Agency's Test-Bed Telescope 2 has opened its eye .	
2. It is hosted by ESO in Chile and joins its northern-hemisphere twin in the hunt for objects that might hit Earth .	
3. TBT1 and TBT2 serve as a technology testbed to " Flyeye " – a network of telescopes that will track asteroids and other near-Earth objects.	
4. We currently know only a minor fraction of small near-Earth objects. Yet even an asteroid just 20 metres across can cause significant damage.	
5. Although such impacts are rare scanning the sky is key to predicting future collisions, preventing injuries and saving lives.	
[Outro]	<i>Produced by ESO, the European Southern Observatory. Reaching new heights in Astronomy.</i>

