

New Variable Stars Discovered Using the Tzec Maun Observatory Telescopes

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#	Name	Other	Coord (J2000)	Type	Max	Min	System	Period	Epoch (JD)	type	Sp	Comment	L.Curve	Find.Chart	Data
1		GSC 1031-00478, USNO-B1.0 1025-0401150	18 28 27.10, +12 30 13.6	EB	13.30	13.65	v	0.7907	2454653.6432	min			tm1.png	tm1_chart.png	tm1.txt
2		USNO-B1.0 1021-0391794	18 24 47.83, +12 11 16.6	EW	13.20	13.50	v	0.4189	2454619.7449	min			tm2.png	tm2_chart.png	tm2.txt
3		USNO-B1.0 1025-0399971	18 27 36.66, +12 32 07.2	EA	14.60	16.20	v	0.78056	2454649.6647	min			tm3.png	tm3_chart.png	tm3.txt
4		GSC 1031-01061, USNO-B1.0 1025-0401511	18 28 42.41, +12 34 28.6	EB	13.25	13.65	v	0.86027	2454615.8360	min			tm4.png	tm4_chart.png	tm4.txt
5		USNO-B1.0 1021-0391572	18 24 39.14, +12 11 43.4	EW	14.90	15.35	v	0.38467	2454608.9220	min			tm5.png	tm5_chart.png	tm5.txt
6		USNO-B1.0 1018-0379804	18 27 49.48, +11 51 50.4	EA	15.35	16.20	v	0.9596	2454610.956	min			tm6.png	tm6_chart.png	tm6.txt
7		USNO-B1.0 1024-0399198	18 25 18.01, +12 28 34.2	EW	15.65	16.10	v	0.58353	2454607.9178	min			tm7.png	tm7_chart.png	tm7.txt
8		USNO-B1.0 1020-0388501	18 24 44.38, +12 05 36.9	RRAB	15.80	16.90	v	0.55129	2454608.9035	max			tm8.png	tm8_chart.png	tm8.txt
9		USNO-B1.0 1024-0399663	18 25 37.02, +12 25 51.9	LB:	12.80	13.30	v			other			tm9.png	tm9_chart.png	tm9.txt

Comments:

1. MinII = 13.55. TOA150 observations are added. 2. MinII = 13.45. 3. MinII = 14.90. 4. The star is near the edge of the frame. Imperfectly corrected vignetting noticeably decreases photometric precision. The star is outside the field of view of many AP206 images. TOA150 observations are added. 5. MinII = 15.30. 6. MinII = 15.45. TOA150 observations are added. 7. MinII = 16.0. 8. The star is too faint to be measured on available TOA150 images. 9. 2MASS 18253699+1225521, NSVS 10964768, ASAS 182537+1225.8. 2MASS photometry: J = 7.493±0.024, H = 6.600±0.024, Ks = 6.187±0.026. Our lightcurve, as well as the NSVS data (Wozniak et al. 2004b), show slow irregular light variations. However, we cannot rule out semiregular variations (type SR). Infrared colors do not contradict any of these options (Wozniak et al. 2004a, Schultheis et al. 2004). The All Sky Automated Survey (ASAS-3, Pojmanski 2002) contains 171 V-band measurements of the star (2002.09.09 - 2008.08.31), but the star is too faint for a reliable detection of variability in this dataset. The mean V magnitude measured by ASAS is 14.18, with an r.m.s scatter of 0.34 mag, consistent with the peak-to-peak amplitude of 0.5 mag derived from our observations. The difference in the mean magnitudes derived from ASAS, NSVS, and our unfiltered observations is due to the extremely red color of the star and not to slow large-scale light variations.

Remarks:

We present 9 new variable stars found during follow-up observations of the recently discovered eclipsing binary with a Cepheid component ASAS 182611+1212.6 (Antipin et al. 2007). The observations were conducted over 25 nights from May 19 to August 4, 2008 using the remotely controlled apochromatic refractor AP206 (D = 206 mm, F = 1620 mm) of the Tzec Maun Observatory (New Mexico, USA) equipped with an unfiltered SBIG STL-11000 CCD camera. Additional observations were conducted on August 6, 2008 using another remotely controlled instrument of the Tzec Maun Observatory - the apochromatic refractor TOA150 (D = 150 mm, F = 1095 mm) located at Pingelly, Western Australia. TOA150 was equipped with a similar unfiltered SBIG STL-11000 CCD camera. The less precise TOA150 photometry was combined with AP206 data for stars where additional time coverage could significantly improve the period. For other stars, only AP206 observations were used.

Star detection, aperture photometry and variability search were conducted using VaST software (<http://saistud.sai.msu.ru/vast/>) which is based on SExtractor software (Bertin and Arnouts 1996).

The zero point of our instrumental magnitude scale was calibrated assuming $V = 11.914$ mag for GSC 1031-01796 (18:26:09.43, +12:17:37.0, 2000.0), the star suggested as a comparison star for ASAS 182611+1212.6 by the AAVSO. We use the V magnitude to calibrate our unfiltered photometry because the STL-11000 camera incorporates a blue-sensitive chip which reaches maximum quantum efficiency at around 500 nm. Thus, our photometric system is instrumental v . Since both telescopes were equipped with the same type of CCD, no additional zero-point corrections were necessary to match TOA150 and AP206 observations.

The coordinates were taken from the GSC 1.2 (Morrison et al. 2001) or USNO-B1.0 (Monet et al. 2003) catalogues.

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