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# Messier 72

**Quick Facts:**

**Distance: 55,000 Light-years.** **Size: Approx 110 Light-years.**

**Constellation: Aquarius.**

**One of the most distant Messier globular clusters, it's farther from us than the center of the Milky Way. Hence, it's also one of the smallest and faintest appearing globulars in the famous list. Even so, it has more than 100,000 stars.**

**Find it: Use the brightest stars in Aquarius, Sadalmelik and Sadalsuud, sweep the line west to find the fainter star Albali. The cluster lies 4 degrees SSE of this star. GOTO: M (Messier).**

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