

***Rheingoldium marocanensis*** Morzadec, 2001 (TH630)

***Rheingoldium*** → Phacopida → Phacopina → Acastoidae → Acastidae → Asteropyginae

**Provenance** : Morocco; Oued Ghris (aka Ou Driss)

**Formation** : ? Fm

**Age** : Devonian

**Details** : Complete specimen. When I first saw this specimen, I thought I was seeing a ***Saharops***, which I have not been able to add to the collection yet, seen as the one I thought I'd bought (at too far steep a price) turned out to be a "mere" ***Kayserops megaspina*** (a "detail" which I discovered thanks to starting this website). Having been "burned" before (after all, there were already two ***Kayserops*** in the collection now), I went a-checking, and was pleasantly surprised to find out what was at hand. In fact, I was so pleased with the purchase price, that I gave the German-Moroccan vendor a bonus! Check out next page for more remarks.

**Bought on** : 3-5/11/2023

**Bought at** : Palais du Congres, Liege

**Event** : Intermineral 2023





Notice how the left librigena is “tucked in” underneath the thorax? I’ve actually come across such a feature before, on the prep of an **Hollandops**. Also, notice that “tent-like” protuberance on the occipital ring? It’s part of what distinguishes the species. For better details on the eyes’ lenses, I’ve made the following images a bit larger. By the way, “Oued Ghris” and “Ou Driss” are pronounced the same way in Morocco.

