

Phacopidina micheli micheli (Tromelin, 1877) (TH57k)

Phacopidina → Phacopida → Phacopina → Acastoidea → Calmoniidae

Provenance : France; La Dominelais

Formation : Traveusot Fm

Age : Lower Llandeilian (= Darriwilian, Middle Ordovician)

Details : Although there are already a few specimens of this species in the collection, I got myself this one as well after all...simply because it's so pretty and showing nice surface details.

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Event : Hannut 2024



Sure, there's slight damage on the internal mould, but just check out the eyes (next page)...



Last images are a frontal one (focus on the cephalon)...



...and a posterior one (focus on the pygidium).



ADDITIONAL INFO ON PHACOPIDINA MICHELI

The species has 2 subspecies : ***P. m. micheli*** (Tromelin, 1877, original description as ***Dalmanites micheli***), and ***P. m. couyerensis*** Henry 1980. Funky detail : the placement in *Phacopidina* was done by Henry et al., in 1976. The latter is probably far less common than the first...or it would not have taken over a century before someone noticed the difference. Regretfully, I have no idea what that difference may be (hope to find out one day though!).

