

***Struveaspis* sp.** (TH505)

Struveaspis → Phacopida → Phacopina → Phacopoidea → Phacopidae → Phacopidellinae

Provenance : Morocco, Tinejdad

Formation : ? Fm

Age : Middle Devonian (Eifelian)

Details : Complete specimen, self-prepped from brut bought from trusted dealer. He had already started the prep himself, but made a wrong approach when getting to the ***Akantharges*** (on the side of the stone) and botched that part of the job (I admit I haven't gone into that part of the stone yet myself, as it appears to me that the trilobite is folded up on its backside). Image of the original brut material (and extra info) on page 2.

Bought on : 24.03.2022

Bought at : a trusted vendor's shop in Alnif

Event : MarocTour 2022 (Moroccan Trilobite Hunt)



Below an image of the original brut material, with a beginning of the **Struveaspis**' prep.
As visible in the images above we're dealing with a moult here : cephalon slightly disarticulated from the rest of the body, and several thorax segments are "out of line" as well.

The genus is rather wide-spread in Morocco. While most species of the genus can apparently be found in the vicinity of Jorf, **Struveaspis bignoni** Corbacho, 2013 was originally described from Jbel Amlane; **S. maroccanica** (Alberti, 1970) is also found at Jbel Amlane and Gara Mdouard; **S. micomma** (Roemer, 1852) was described from Dechra-ait-Abdallah (Meseta Est Casablanca) and reported also Jbel Gara el Zguilma; and **S. "struvei"** (so far only reported from Jorf). **S. prantli** (Ruzicka, 1996) is a species known only from the Jbel Amlane area. Specimens of **Struveaspis** have also been found on the Djebel Mrakib (Maharch and Tafroute).

