

Phacops rana tindoufensis (Burton & Eldredge, 1974) (TH566a)

Phacops → Phacopida → Phacopina → Phacopoidea → Phacopidae → Phacopinae

Provenance : Mauretania

Formation : ? Fm

Age : Devonian

Details : Complete, slightly eroded and enrolled specimen. From old collection, bought as *Phacops rana tindoufensis* (its naming by designation). Too bad the specimen(s – I have a second, check TH566a) didn't come with more precise details about find place and/or stratigraphy. I mean...there you are : you can add a new country to your trilobite-finds list, and...well, better less said! Additional info : the species is Middle Devonian (Upper Eifelian- Givetian boundary) of age and was described from finds in the Oued Ratmia area (vicinity of Tifariti, which is only a stone's throw away from Mauretania – and which most certainly should make the caption above to read "Northern Mauretania") of "Spanish Sahara" (South-western Morocco). In its original description, the species was likened to American species such as *Phacops rana* and *Phacops rana crassituberculatus*...which have since been placed into the "new" genus ***Eldredgeops***. However, that genus was supposed to be reserved for North-American species formerly ID'ed as "*Phacops*". I therefore stay with the ID given me to begin with!

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