

Kayserops megaspina Morzadec, 2001 (TH138)

Kayserops → Phacopida → Phacopina → Acastoidea → Acastidae → Asteropyginae

Provenance : Morocco; Oued Ghris (also known as Oudriss).

Formation : ? Fm

Age : Middle Devonian

Details : Complete specimen, bought at low cost with the intent of prepping the dorsal spines once I would get the knack of it. Note that the prepping of the eyes was either done rather roughly (those Moroccan preppers often work against time...or rather, try to do things as quickly as possible...with as result that details are sometimes prepped away), or that erosion ate away the surface (my money is in the fast prepping). Also, a small part of the exoskeleton is missing on the glabella (the part where there's no visible granulation), and in order to make it look "complete" the matrix underneath was probably coloured (I'll have to treat the stone with acetone in order to make sure). Finally, some limonisation (those yellow spots; they're erosion which happens when iron-holding minerals are oxidized) is visible on the pygidium (the fact that this was left as such, either indicating that the prepper – or the seller - didn't wanna go through the trouble to colour those parts – indeed a fine job on those slim spines; or, that the glabella is the only part that was coloured; or, that the glabella was not coloured after all).

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