

***Leonaspis* sp.** (TH240)

Leonaspis → Odontopleurida → Odontopleurina → Odontopleuroidea → Odontopleuridae → Odontopleurinae

Provenance : Morocco; Timrzit

Formation : ? Fm

Age : Lower Devonian, Upper Emsian (?-Lower Eifelian)

Details : Complete specimen, sold to me as coming from Ordovician layers (most probably because of the state of preservation). An on-site visit however brought serious doubt, or rather certainty : at the Timrzit site (situated a short distance in SW direction from the village of that name) we find two distinct layers. One is called the *Walliserops* couche by the local diggers, the other one, only 30m NE from those layers, are named the *Leonaspis* couche (containing also pygidia of an unidentified phacopid), which is somewhat pink in aspect. Most probably, the *Leonaspis* couche is a locally eroded part of the Tazoulait Formation. Complete specimens of ***Leonaspis*** are relatively rare, but not uncommon...disarticulated sklerites are rather abundant (and make a contrast from the matrix by their darker pink-reddish colour). Oh yeah, "Timrzit" is to be read as Timerzit ☺.

Bought on : 25/11/2016

Bought at : Comblain-au-Pont

Event : Non-fair purchase (also, my B-Day)

