

**Cyphaspides sp. nov.** (TH343)

**Cyphaspides** → Aulacopleurida → Aulacopleurina → Aulacopleuroidea → Aulacopleuridae → Cyphaspidinae

**Provenance** : Morocco; Jorf

**Formation** : ?Boutchafrine Fm

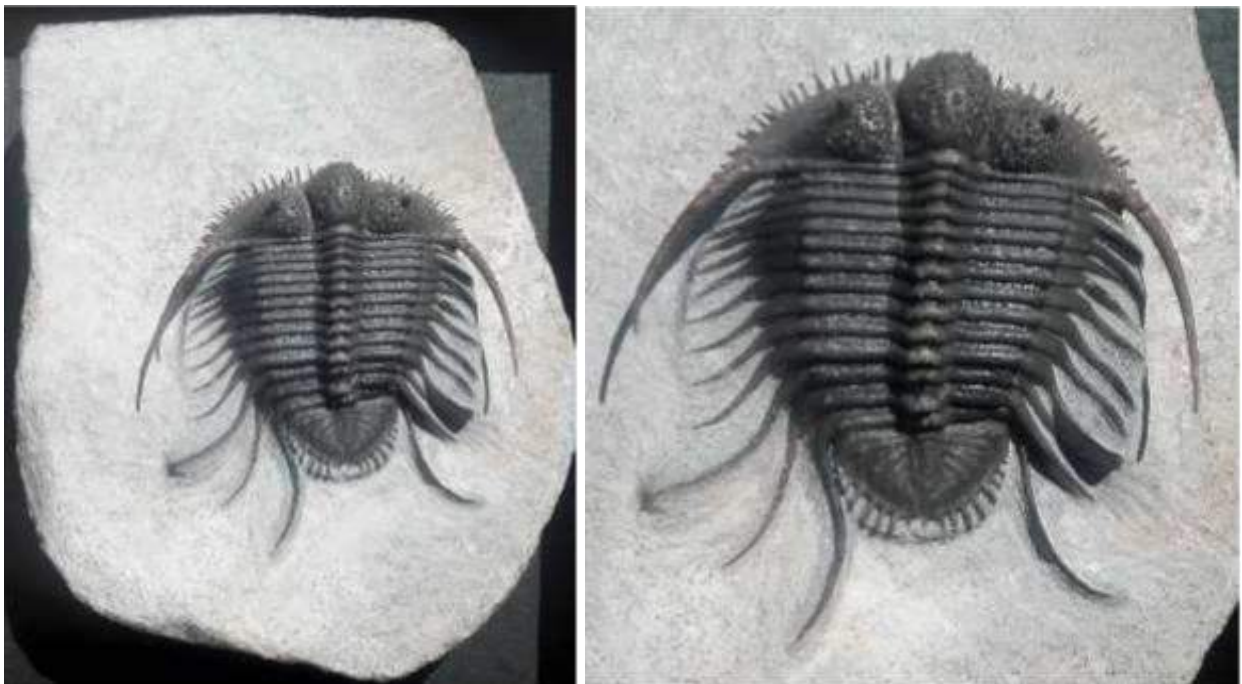
**Age** : Lower Devonian, Pragian

**Details** : A small story behind this one : Originally the piece was priced almost the double of what I was to purchase it for, but as I was at the same time getting two other relatively pricy specimens (a "**Lehua**" with unusual cephalic features, and **Dactylocephalus cf. dactyloides**) the vendor (become friend) was quite okay with the arrangement, as long as I left the pieces on his stand (to make the whole more pleasing for the eye. True enough, less than 10 minutes after I'd made my decision, a client asked for the price on this very trilobite (even though the red tag was present), and so the vendor told him a "discount" price (momentarily withholding the intel that the piece was actually sold). When that client (whom returned later to buy completely different things) stepped away, my friend immediately set himself to work, putting "sold" stickers on the pieces I was to take.

**Bought on** : 06/09/2015

**Bought at** : Bibliotheek, Sint-Gillis-Waas

**Event** : BVP 2014



As you can see in the image above, the glabella of this specimen has some quite large tubercles, and these are also present (but in size-decreasing style as they're more removed from the glabella) on the librigena.



Another remarkable feature are the small pre-cephalic spines, which are somewhat irregularly placed (not a nice flowing row, see?). And then there's those 2 rows of small spines on the thorax (did I see those on another *Cyphaspid* before? I'm simply not certain). Also, the genal spines are rather long, don't you think so? Overall, this is quite a large-sized trilobite for the genus.

