

**08-2006 [B-4346] Excalibur - Phantom Talking Robotic Chess (prototype)**

A commercial edition of this prototype, called the Phantom Force, finally appeared after a delay of more than a year. The prototype has a striking plexiglass cover over the chessboard, which was removed from the Phantom Force. Was this cover sometimes a safety consideration because of the very small chess pieces? We will probably not get an answer to this question. It doesn't really matter anymore, and I am glad that the pictures below has been preserved for the database.



**Excalibur Phantom Talking Robotic Chess**  
(prototype – never released)

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**Excalibur Phantom Force**  
(the commercial edition)

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