

Mephisto Phoenix presentation in Kaufbeuren on 8 October 2022



Left: Thomas Karkosch during his presentation of the Mephisto Phoenix in Kaufbeuren. In the foreground, Thomas Jäger looks on interestedly.



Left on the office chair: Horst Kern is one of the team members who collaborated on this innovative high end chess computer.



Erwin Biri looks at this new gadget with admiration...



Mephisto Phoenix chess computer with tournament chessboard (55 cm) incl. piece recognition, LED move display and real wood pieces. The module contains 4 top engines as well as neural engine technologies and reaches up to 3400 Elo playing strength. 23 classic chess computer emulations from the 80s and 90s are also included.



You can see that a lot of attention has been paid to the packaging. It looks very elegant. The name "Phoenix" is written very large on the packaging. As everyone knows, CEO Ruud Martin of the Phoenix Chess Systems company is responsible for that. Let's hope that both parties, Millennium and Phoenix Chess Systems can continue to work together on future developments of new chess computers for a long time to come!



The operating module looks beautiful. The emulated Glasgow programme is highly sought after by collectors for its human playing style.



In the most deluxe version, i.e. with tournament board and incl. emulation package, this chess computer will cost € 1,999,-.



But the more compact chess board obviously takes up less space and can also be more easily carried around.



But the large and elegant chess pieces on the tournament board do not make a choice any easier.

See: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPv-7oV_ZL4&t=12s



Here are some more discussions between the 'team members'.



To be ordered at Phoenix Chess Systems (Ruud Martin):

<https://phoenixcs.nl/> & <https://phoenixcs.nl/products/>

To be ordered at Millennium: <https://computerchess.com/Mephisto-Phoenix-T-Schachcomputer-mit-55-cm-groesem-Turnierbrett/M924>

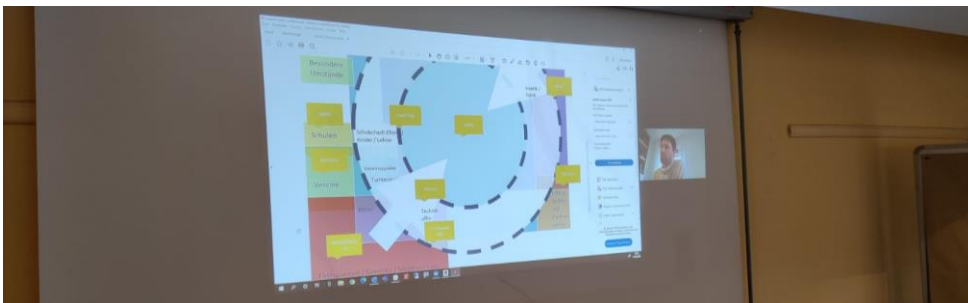
To be ordered at Niggemann: <https://www.schachversand.de/computer-und-dgt-bretter/tischgeraete-holz.html>

Phoenix Development Meeting in Klingenberg

Since the Mephisto Phoenix can be ordered, I am now happy to show some pictures of how this chess computer came about. The photos were taken in Klingenberg on 11 February 2022 during an important discussion about the Millennium company's new super-powerful chess computer with both the latest chess programmes and as many classic emulations on board.



On the screen we see Thomas Karkosch. He was unable to attend due to corona. Through a live video link, he was still able to participate in this important meeting.



The endless discussions that went on all day were a real torture for all team members! I myself became too much and ended up going for a long walk in the beautiful mountainous surroundings of Klingenberg.



Sitting at the head of the table is Wolfgang Mueller. Like the other team members, he was an important member.



Mephisto Phoenix prototype M2000 DEV2



On 28-10-2022 I received the above picture from Ruud Martin from his attic room. A unique picture showing two Mephisto Phoenix test machines from the Munich company Millennium. The one on the left (M2000 PRD1) looks standard, but the one on the right (M2000 DEV2) clearly has a prototype operating module! Developing such a new chess computer takes many hundreds of hours of labor for Ruud alone. Keep in mind that because of this collaboration of Ruud with Millennium, his own personal projects have come to a standstill! I know what this does to Ruud, but let me stop there...