

XX-1988 [P-4801] Strateg (Russian Strategy or Strategist chess computer)



An unusual item has been found on Barakholka - a Strateg chess computer. The device was manufactured in 1988 at the Minsk Computer Factory. Only wealthy chess players could afford it — the device cost 500 rubles. That is almost two and a half times the average Soviet salary. Barakholka is located near the border with Kyrgyzstan, and driving from Barakholka to Moscow is approximately 4,000 km and takes about 45 hours. So it's not exactly a short trip to pick up this unknown chess computer yourself if you decide to buy it.☺ Outwardly, it looks like an ordinary chessboard, but inside there is a computer hidden in a pull-out drawer. This model is rare, and it is difficult to find any information about it with a quick Google search. According to the author of the ad, it is not easy to find a Strateg in the CIS, and there is not even one in the museum of the factory where it was manufactured. Today, the asking price for this nearly 38-year-old device in working condition is 800 rubles. It comes with the original manual and power supply. That's the price of a mid-range smartphone. Unfortunately, I don't have any technical information about this machine, but I do see some similarities with the Mephisto III from 1983. Do you see that too? You be the judge!