

Checkmate



Wooden Chess Set



Glass Chess Set



As a professional broker, I have seen ALOT of crystal in the past 7 years. But, there are still occasions when crystal items catch me off-guard. Several years ago, the chess set was one of them.

As you probably know, there were 2 different chess sets available, both known as the same Swarovski part number: 7550NR432032.

One is the Wooden Chess Set, introduced in 1984 and retired in 1986. It was available in the USA and Canada only.

The other one is the Glass Chess Set, introduced in 1984 and it is still a current item in the Silver Crystal line. This Chess Set is available world-wide and retails for \$1375 USD.

Some time ago, I sold the Glass Chess Set to a customer. Since we seldom sell current items, it was the first I had time I had one on-site for inspection pending a sale.

When I opened the package,
I expected to find this case:



or possibly these 2 cases...



but, instead found this case:



So, then the search for information was full-steam ahead...what other surprises would be in store?

We found the crystal items to be marked like this:



Although I was not able to find actual examples, I would imagine the chess pieces may be found with traditional logos as well.



At one time, it was possible to purchase the Chess Men, Gray Leather Carrying Case, and the Glass Chess Board separately, but now they are packaged together as a complete set.

I wouldn't necessarily suggest that the different packaging or marks would affect the value of the item. I just found it interesting to see so many types of packaging on the Chess Set.

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