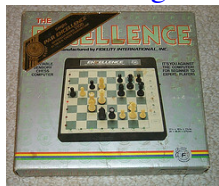


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Par Excellence First Original Box  
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**Par Excellence**, (Fidelity Par Excellence)  
a [dedicated chess computer](#) by [Fidelity Electronics](#), produced and distributed since 1986 as successor of the [Excellence](#) with an positional improved [Sargon](#) based [6502](#) program by [Dan](#) and [Kathe Spracklen](#), similar to the [Elite Avant Garde](#) except its [check extensions](#) <sup>[1]</sup>, running at 5 MHz.

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## Expert Rating

The Par Excellence was rated 2100 by the [United States Chess Federation`s](#) Computer Rating Agency, an independent certifying body. At a rating tournament March 8 to 9, 1986 in [La Habra, California](#), the Par Excellence played four games each against 10 human players rated from 1776 to 2127, or high category 2 to [expert](#). The computer won 26 games, drew 6 and lost 8 <sup>[3]</sup>. Schachcomputer.info Wiki mentions an

[SSDF](#) Elo rating of 1835 <sup>[4]</sup> as well as 1911 of a private tournament rating list for the 5 MHz version <sup>[5]</sup> <sup>[6]</sup>.

## Tournament Play

At the [Second United States Open Computer Chess Championship 1986](#), Fidelity Elite 86M and Fidelity Excellence 86M had Par Excellence programs in [Elite Avant Garde](#) and [Excellence](#) housing <sup>[7]</sup>, both in the middle of the pack with 3/6. Further, the Par Excellence played the [Aegon 1987](#) also with 3/6.

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