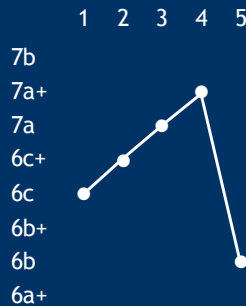




A Czech route in the Chiemgau Alps

What a surprise to find on Urnkopf an even better route with similar difficulties than the adjacent "Schneidige Indianer". It was bolted by Czech climbers who for several years spent their holidays at Urnkopf and appreciated the rock quality there. Until now nine new routes in the sector "Tanzboden" were set up by mainly the two Czechs J.Kareš and S.Dostál. The so far last new route "Brexit" is a wonderful and exposed route in the best Urnkopf rock. Because of the huge roof above the rock is clean and stays

Brexit
ED-, 7a (6b), S1
SW, 1.480 m a.s.l.



J. Kareš, S. Dostál (2016)
130 clm (80 vam)

overall impression ★★★★★

climbing ratio	64%
variety	●●●
scenery	●●●
exposure	●●●
rock quality	●●●
steepness	\
fun factor	●

relatively dry. Some other excellent routes on Urnkopf are lacking these features: the "Nase" and the "Schöne Tage" are often wet and in the upper part a bit lichenic, routes like the relatively hard "Sonnenkönigin" are no longer fun because the lichens have increased due to the low number of ascents. Fortunately also the times are over when great routes such as "Chef" or "Bella Italia" were set up with home-made bolts (which should have been replaced long ago). In "Brexit" the material is perfect and even the belays are equipped with fix abseil carabiners.

The first meters of the technically hard P1 are almost the most difficult ones of this pitch, especially for the start. According to our estimation this pitch is rather 6c+ than 6c as rated by Kareš and Dostál. In a wide left curve the climbing avoids some less perfect and potentially wet rock sections. The almost over-protected P2 is pure fun: after a small overhang a ramp with a thin crack leads left upwards to a steep gray wall with the belay straight up (rather 6c than 6c+ as rated by Kareš and Dostál). The technically difficult P3 is characterized by tiny hand and foot holds in perfect rough and still virgin rock (7a). In this generous pitch a feeling of exposure arises which intensifies in P4. At the beginning of P3 it is advised to clip the 2nd bolt before climbing the much easier wide left curve instead of straight up. This will prevent a collision with the belayer in case of falling shortly before clipping the bolt. We also wondered why in an overall very well-protected route two bolts at the end of this pitch were placed without having reasonably good holds for clipping. The first meters of the magnificent P4 lead slightly right up to the crux section which can be overcome with a wide move up to a good hand hold. Relatively easy crack climbing on good holds leads to the exposed belay on a pulpit which is common with the neighboring route "Schneidige Indianer". For taller climbers this pitch is rather 7a than 7a+ as rated by the Czechs. P5 uses the final pitch of "Schneidige Indianer" where excellent gray rock dominates until the last meter (6b). In the summer months the sun hits the wall around 1 p.m., so if you start around 9 a.m. you will be in the shade up to the end of P4.

From the final belay with wall book keep left and up for about 3 meters, then traverse to the right and follow the red dots through the mountain pines. Later continue on the poorly visible trail until you reach a large meadow. The broad trail of the approach lies on the other side (ca. 30 minutes).

Approach: From the small town Lofer drive up the narrow road to Loferer Almen (it turns into a toll road after a few kilometers, €10.- fee as of July 2017). Park at the end of the toll road at Gasthaus "Schönblick".

Start of the route: Go southwards towards "Lachfeldschneid" until a pond (15 min), first on paved, then on dirt road. Turn right just before the pond and shortly afterwards turn left and follow a broad trail. Leave this trail at a cairn and follow a small trail for a few meters to the rucksack depot at the edge of the cliff (approx. 30 min. in total). Abseil 2 times (chains) and go westwards at the base of the cliff to the sector "Tanzboden" (approx. 10 min). The route starts below a huge roof and about 15m (to the right) before the classic route "Schneidige Indianer".

Guidebook and further information: <https://27crag.com/crags/loferer-alm/topos> (no longer available for free); A. Stocker, Kletterführer Steinplatte, Panico Alpinverlag 2010 (currently out of print, a new edition is planned for summer 2018)



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P5: 6b, 20m

Common exit with "Schneidige Indianer" over perfect gray rock to the last belay with wall book.

P4: 7a+, 30m

On yellow and red dolomite rock slightly right up to the crux (one long move). Then easy along a gray crack to the belay on a pulpit (common with "Schneidige Indianer"). Exposed and beautiful. Rather 7a.

P3: 7a, 35m

With a left loop to the 2nd bolt (for the belayer's safety it is advised to clip this bolt by aid). Face climbing using small holds on very rough and almost virgin rock. At the end 2 bolts are difficult to clip. Delightfully exposed. Mainly stamina.

P2: 6c+, 20m

Over a small overhang (difficulty), then relatively easy and very well protected over a ramp with a crack up to a steep wall with small holds. Beautiful and fun. Rather 6c.

P1: 6c, 30m

Difficult and a bit dusty first meters. Then a beautiful left traverse on small edges. Along cracks and rough rock with small drip holes up and right to the belay. Requires stamina. Rather 6c+.



The difficult upper part of P3.



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In the left traverse at the beginning of P1.



The steep gray wall in the upper part of P2.



Small holds in the lower half of P3. The main difficulties begin in the yellow rock.



Before the crux in P4.