

Eckernförde, St. Nicolai (Main Organ)

Sankt Nicolai, Kirchplatz 2, 24340 Eckernförde, Germany



Builder	J. G. Heßler
Year	ca. 1762
Period/Style	Baroque
Stops	37
Keyboards	3+P
Keyaction	tracker/mechanical

Description

The organ was initially built by Johann Georg Heßler in 1760/62, with 28 registers on the main work (12), upper work (8), and pedal work (8). After several minor repairs and alterations, a significant redesign was conducted by Karl Kemper under Hans Henny Jahnn's supervision in 1930. This redesign involved converting the old upper work into the chest work, and a new upper work was added. In 1964, a repair was performed and by 1974/77, Klaus Becker had fitted the organ with historic pipes and undertook a restoration of the wind chests in 1984/85.

In this process, a new player's desk was installed, and the tractions were renewed in a mechanical construction manner. An overhaul was conducted by Mühleisen Organ Builders in Leonberg in 2010. In 2019, this workshop installed a new electric register traction with a setter system and revised the play traction.

According to documented works on the organ over the years:

- In 1830, 1876/77, 1888, 1910, and 1964, repairs or restorations were made.
- In 1917, the facade pipes were removed.
- In 1930, Kemper reformed the organ: relocated the upper work to chest work and installed a new upper work.
- In 1974/77, the organ was equipped with historic pipes, potentially by Klaus Becker.
- In 1984/85, Becker also restored the wind chests, installed a new player's desk, renewed the mechanical tractions, and changed the manual distribution to OW = I, HW = II, BW = III.
- The workshop at Mühleisen conducted a cleaning and maintenance in 2010. And, in 2019, the same workshop modified the traction system, adjusted manual distribution (HW = I, BW = II, OW = III), and installed a setter unit.

Stoplist/Disposition

Hauptwerk (I)	Brustwerk (II)	Oberwerk (III)	Pedalwerk
Quintatön 16'	Rohrflöte 8'	Quintade 8'	Subbaß 16'
Prinzipal 8'	Prinzipal 4'	Salizet 8'	Prinzipal 8'
Gedackt 8'	Spitzflöte 4'	Gemshorn 4'	Gedackt 8'
Oktave 4'	Oktave 2'	Nasat 2 2/3'	Oktave 4'
Flöte 4'	Terzian II	Rohrflöte 2'	Nachthorn 2'
Quinte 3'	Scharf III	Terz 1 3/5'	Rauschpfeife IV
Oktave 2'	Krummhorn 16'	Blockflöte 1'	Posaune 16'
Terz 1 3/5'	Regal 8'	Scharf IV	Trompete 8'
Mixtur IV-VI		Krummhorn 8'	Clarine 4'
Zimbel II			
Trompete 8'			

Additional: II/I, III/I, I/Ped, III/Ped, Tremulant Hauptwerk (I), Tremulant Brustwerk (II), Tremulant Oberwerk (III)

Sources

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