

Chipped stone industry from Hôrka-Ondrej, area A represents the youngest phase in development of the Middle Palaeolithic. An uninterrupted continuation of the development of the industry in travertine mounds from the last interglacial into the Old Würm was documented besides Hôrka-Ondrej also in Gánovce and Bojnice.

A genetic connection of the industries from the last interglacial with those from the Old Würm of the Spiš region was evident in their raw material and typological composition, and in the production technology. Quartz was the dominant material complemented by chert.

Common types of Middle Palaeolithic artefacts, with a dominance of side-scrapers, were repeated in the inventories. Denticulate and notched flakes did not reach more distinct proportions. Mousterian points were present in Gánovce³² and in Hôrka-Ondrej, and flat retouch was documented already on side-scrapers from Gánovce.³³ A radiolarite blade was found in layer 3 in Gánovce, and in layers 1 and 4 blade-shaped flakes.³⁴

The chipped stone industry corresponds to finds from the Mousterien of the Old Würm. The closest to Slovak travertine localities were finds from Bojnice I – Prepoštská cave, belonging to the final stage of W 1.³⁵ Approximately the same age and the same typological composition are industries from the open settlement localities in Prievidza,³⁶ and from Žiarska basin in Central Slovakia. In Eastern Slovakia there were finds from the middle part of the valley of Topľa, Torysa, and Ondava rivers.

Other analogies to the Mousterian industry from Hôrka-Ondrej were found at the Hungarian localities Tata³⁷ and Érd³⁸ dated to the interstadial Brörup. A similar industry comes from caves Raj³⁹ and from layer XIII in Obłazowa⁴⁰ in Poland.

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³² BÁNESZ 1991, Tab. 1, 3.

³³ BÁNESZ 1990, 49.

³⁴ BÁNESZ 1990, 48–49.

³⁵ BÁRTA 1966, 16–22.

³⁶ BÁRTA 1980, 31–51.

³⁷ KRETZOI–VÉRTES 1964, 262.

³⁸ GÁBORI–CSÁNK 1968, 110.

³⁹ KOZŁOWSKI 1990–91, 611.

⁴⁰ VALDE-NOWAK 1991, 601.