

The great organ of St. Peter's cathedral

Built in 2009 by the Austrian organ builder, Rieger, Regensburg Cathedral Organ is the largest and heaviest hanging organ in the world. This 37-ton pipe organ with 80 stops/registers, and a total of 5871 pipes, is suspended on four steel cables fixed into a steel structure above the vaulting. The organ could be played on 2 consoles, one in the organ case, the other is placed in the choir of the cathedral, each with 4 keyboards (manuals), and a pedalboard.

The great organ or St. Peter's cathedral is also noteworthy for its integrated elevator – invisible from the outside – that transports the organist to his position without difficulty.

During service and at concerts the dark, warm and powerful sound of this special instrument fills the interior of one of the most outstanding Gothic buildings in Southern Germany.

Organ Builder

Rieger Orgelbau (Vorarlberg/Austria)

Organ Specifications

4 keyboards + expression pedal 80 stops/registers 5871 pipes (largest: about 32ft, shortest: 0,3 in)

Hanging

26,9ft above the ground at 4 steel ropes with a diameter of 1,18in each

Dimensions

height: 61ft width: 25ft

depth: up to 14ft

weight: 40,45ton (US) / 36,12 ton (UK)