

epinotum. Base of epinotum concave at its junction with the mesonotum, then feebly convex, sloping gradually to the declivity which is slightly flattened. Petiole from above oval, narrower in front, with a deep impressed line down the centre. In profile the apex is pointed, the anterior border concave and the posterior convex, so that it inclines forward. Beneath in front is a small tooth.

Postpetiole broader than long, in most specimens it has a faint impressed line down its basal third; the first segment of gaster slightly longer, the constriction between deep.

Shining; mandibles finely striate with indistinct scattered points; scapes longitudinally striate with scattered points; clypeus coarsely rugose-punctate. Vertex and the space between the frontal carinae longitudinally striate; sides, back, and underside of head with a fine ground-sculpture. In addition, the head is covered with circular shining punctures, widely spaced between the frontal carinae and on the vertex, closer together elsewhere.

The central anterior two-thirds of the pronotum are transversely striate, the rest of its upper surface and that of the mesonotum coarsely reticulate-punctate. The emargination between the meso- and epinotum very finely transversely striate. Declivity transversely striate, the rest of the dorsum of epinotum reticulate-punctate, but more superficially than on the rest of thorax. There is a fine ground-sculpture between the punctures on the whole of thorax. The sides are covered with ground-sculpture and have a few superficial punctures only. Upper surface of petiole finely transversely striate with a few punctures, anteriorly almost smooth, sides punctate.

Postpetiole covered with fine transverse arched striae with a few small superficial points which are more abundant on the apical half. First segment of gaster similar, but the striae finer and becoming concentric on the apical border. The remaining segments reticulate only. Femora circularly reticulate-striate, tibiae longitudinally striate with small superficial punctures.

Manjimup, W. Australia (*J. Clark*, no. 459).

Rhytidoponera convexa, Mayr, s.sp. *violacea*, For.

A variety with greener colouring, otherwise similar.
Beverley, W. Australia (*J. Clark*, no. 441).

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var. *OPACIOR*, NOV.

♂. Length 6 mm.

Dark ferruginous; gaster with a faint metallic-blue tint, mandibles dark castaneous, apical joints of funiculus castaneous.

Scapes and legs less pilose than in the type.