

## Badge of Distinction of the Military Order of St George, Type 1, #39923, circa 1813-1815.

In silver. Measures 33.1 mm wide by 39.3 mm tall (including the eyelet). Weight 12.7 g. Features obverse without the class designation, the distinguishing feature of the St. George Crosses of the first half of XIX Century. Note the unmistakably early font of the serial number stamp, different from the styles used more recently. Judging by the relatively low serial number, this particular award was almost certainly bestowed for distinction in battles against Napoleonic France.

Fine to very fine condition. Moderate wear to the tips of the arms and the center medallion, however most details of the medallion are clearly discernable. The hole of the eyelet is widened from friction with the suspension and connecting loop, but the eyelet is still solid and fully functional.

It is worth mentioning that among the few surviving Napoleonic era examples of the Badge of Distinction of the Military Order, many are worn almost beyond recognition. This particular piece is clearly one that fared much better than most. Considering its rarity and age, it fully deserves to be a centerpiece of even the most exquisite private collection or museum display.

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**\$11,250.00**







