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## Solid Bronze Bust of Lenin on a Pedestal.

The bust is 3 7/8" tall. Base measures 3 7/8" by 4" at the bottom and is 4 6/8" in height. Overall height of complete unit (base and bust together) is 8 5/8". The bust is solid bronze and quite heavy. The base and pedestal are made of a high quality zinc alloy painted black. The bust bolts to the top of the pedestal through an opening in the top of the column and the nut holding it in place can be accessed from inside the hollow base. On the back of the bust are the initials of the sculptor (NK) and the year it was made: (19)55.

Overall very good condition. The bust shows no wear although the tip of his nose does show one or two very light taps - not very noticeable when sitting on a desk or a bookshelf in indoor lighting. The finish on the base and the pedestal show a number of oxidation spots but none of them detract from the strong impression the ensemble still makes at first sight; someone with modest skills as a painter could easily unbolt the bust, give the base a good cleaning, and then give it a new coat of matte or semi-gloss black paint.

This is undoubtedly a replica of a specific shrine-like bust of Lenin once on prominent display somewhere in the former USSR. The determined, angry look on his face raises the possibility that the original full-sized bust was done much earlier and the 1955 date simply reflects the point in time that this miniature was cast.

There are still a few foyers and halls in Russia where one can suddenly encounter similar busts - although now there are no longer any spotlights highlighting them...

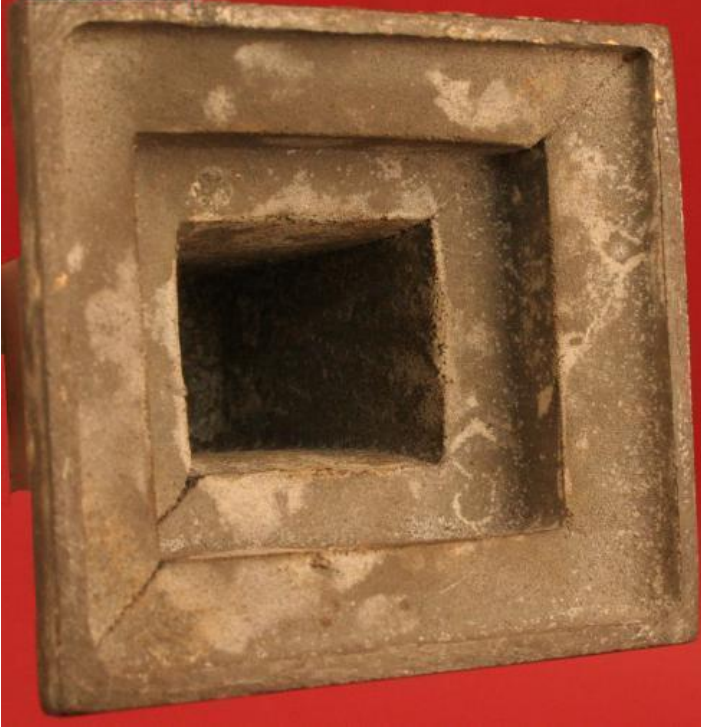
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