



Medal for Active Participation in "Shock" Construction, circa 1960s.

In brass, "cold" enamel and lacquer; medallion is 30.7 mm tall (incl. eyelet), 27.6 mm wide. The Ukrainian language inscription on the banner is for "For Active Participation in the Shock Construction". The reverse has raised inscription "Lenin Communist Youth League of Ukraine". The brass suspension has a cloth ribbon representing the national flag of Soviet Ukraine. In excellent condition. The enamel and lacquer finish are perfect.

The award was issued for significant contribution to the so-called Komsomol Shock Construction Projects - i.e. those that were deemed of top significance and urgency to the national economy. These projects were often located in faraway areas - such as gigantic Siberian hydroelectric dams - and given special attention and supervision by the Communist Youth. The Komsomol often enlisted its members including college students to work there during the summer months thus providing labor force that was more enthusiastic than prisoners of correctional camps and much cheaper than professional workers.

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