

Order of National Flag, 3rd cl, Type 4 Variation 1, #4773, circa 1960s.

In silver-plated brass and enamels; 49.9 mm tall x 48.3 mm wide; weighs 29.6 g. Features horizontal pin back, stamped serial number, and "dimples" on the finial balls on the reverse (the latter are not present on all the later variations of the same type.) Overall quality is far better than more recent types. This and the other versions of the "horizontal pin" Type 4 are believed to be of Czechoslovak manufacture, same as Type 3 screw back. Note the exceptionally low, four-digit serial number, among the lowest observed for the Variation 4. Interestingly, judging by the wear to the silver finish on the raised points, the badge is made in silver-plated brass rather than solid silver (even though the reference guide by Sessler & McDaniel states that it is of solid silver and the other Type 4 specimens we have seen appear to be made of solid silver.)

In very fine to excellent condition. The enamel appears practically perfect to the unaided eye, the only exception being a very shallow surface flake to the red enamel in the 5 to 7 o'clock segment. It is however so thin that it is not easy to notice. The silver finish is well preserved having only minor wear to the apex of the center star and the highest points of the finial balls.

There are a few tiny dings to the star and minor amount of wear to its apex; otherwise perfect with nicely preserved gilt, crisp details and attractive patina.

/See Sessler & McDaniel, [Military and Civil Awards of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea \(DPRK\)](#), p. 152/

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