

Badge of a Traffic Fare Enforcement Officer, Moscow Public Transportation Agency (UPT), #2028, 1950s.

In nickel-plated brass and enamels; 35.1 x 25.7 mm. Very well-made and massive piece.

In excellent condition. The enamel is essentially perfect having only minimal amount of rubbing and a few tiny contact marks - no chips, flaking or hairline fractures. The nickel plating is pristine and bright on both sides. The characteristically long 15-mm screw post has not been reduced and includes original screw plate maker-marked "ShEZ" (Stamping and Enamels Factory) as well as scarce original washer.

The fare enforcement officers haunted city buses, trolley buses and trams looking for fare beaters, i.e. riders without a ticket or with a ticket not properly validated. On a typical day on a Soviet city bus or tram stop, it was not uncommon to see a bunch of people, mostly young men, piling out of the vehicle's door in a hurry when a fare officer was spotted entering it on the other side.

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