

Excellent Tractor Driver badge, by the Pobeda Factory, circa late-1940s - early-50s.

Brass, enamels; 46.9 x 37.6 mm; weighs 13.6 g not including the screw plate. The early-post war of the Pobeda Factory featuring five scrolls forming the top ornament. The middle scroll is in the shape of funnel rather than downward-facing triangle as on the later versions by the same factory. According to Airapetyan's catalog, this version of the Tractor Driver's badge is very scarce (rated 4 out of 5).

In outstanding, excellent condition. The enamel shows beautiful luster and is free of any wear noticeable to the naked eye; there are only a few microscopic contact marks that can be found with a 10x loupe. Details of the artwork are perfect and exceptionally crisp; most of the original gilt finish on the wreath and tractor is intact. The grey finish along the edge of the shield is also nicely preserved. Light verdigris to the reverse and the screw plate only adds character, not detracting. The screw post is full length, approx. 11.5 mm, and comes with original screw plate maker marked "Pobeda Factory, Moscow". A beautiful example through and through, this piece is practically impossible to upgrade.

/See Breast Badges of the Red Army, 1941-1945, p. 129, fig.4/.

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