



Order of the Red Banner, 2nd Award, Type 5 Variation 1 Sub-variation 3, #26731, circa 1955 - 1956 issue.

Silver gilt, enamels; measures 45.4 mm in height incl. eyelet, 36.3 mm in width; weighs 24.6 g not including the suspension and connecting link. Features the torch with three flames in the lower row and one larger flame above. This piece is from a small series with serial numbers 26203-26802 manufactured in 1954 at the Moscow Mint /see Durov, Strekalov The Order of the Red Banner, pp. 146, 147/.

In excellent condition. The red enamel on both the banner and star is literally flawless and shows beautiful luster; it is completely free of even the microscopic contact marks that could be found under a 10x magnification. The white enamel on the numeral plaque has a tiny surface flake in the upper right, not penetrating to silver and nearly unnoticeable to the naked eye. The details and fire gilt finish of the wreath are beautifully preserved. The reverse is likewise perfect, with untouched stippling. Comes on an original suspension device, a two-layer model in steel with integral catch of the pin. The relatively recent, lightly used ribbon is immaculately clean. The connecting link appears to be original, and its ends are still joined with solder in the characteristically seamless manner of the Soviet Mint.

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