



## Afghanistan, Order of Friendship of Nations, "Ring Reverse" variation, 1980-1992.

Silver-plated and gold-plated brass, enamels. A massive and very well-made piece exhibiting typical quality of the Soviet mint production. Medallion measures 51.4 mm in height (incl. eyelet), 48.1 mm in width; weighs 38.2 g not including the suspension and connecting link; overall weight with suspension is 50.3 g. The center medallion is a separate part attached to the gold starburst by solder and rivets. This "Ring Reverse" version features a circular depression to the reverse. There is a raised underline for a serial number which was never engraved as is always the case.

In excellent condition. The enamel shows beautiful luster and has only a single minuscule chip at the top at the outer edge of the white band - practically invisible to the naked eye. The edges and points of the starburst are extremely crisp and free of noticeable wear; the gilt finish is pristine and extremely bright. The silver finish on the reverse is likewise perfect. Comes with original suspension and perfectly preserved, clean old ribbon. The connecting link appears to be original, and its ends are still joined with solder in the characteristic seamless manner of the Soviet mint.

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