

### Badge of a Shock Worker of Stalin Labor Campaign, circa early- to late -1950s.

Brass and enamels; 32.7 mm tall (including the upper flagpole finial), 33.6 mm wide. Shows a steam engine locomotive under a red flag with "Stalin" written on the front, and with stylized sickle and hammer emblem. This is a 1950's version of the badge featuring bronze finish on locomotive, nickel finish on the cogwheel, relatively thin screw post (approx. 3.5 mm in diameter) and blue enamel in the lettering around the sickle. Excellent quality.

In outstanding, excellent condition. The enamel shows beautiful luster and is completely free of the usual chips, flaking, or rubbing. There are only a few microscopic contact marks that are completely unnoticeable to the naked eye. The raised details of the locomotive are pristine and exceptionally crisp. The bronze finish is perfect. The nickel finish is perfect on the reverse of the badge and has only minimal wear on the cogwheel. The screw post is full length, approx. 14 mm long. Includes the original early-style screw plate in bronze-plated steel maker- marked "ShMZ-d MPS" ("Mechanical Stamping Factory, Ministry of Railroad Transportation"). Overall, this is an uncommonly nice example of a relatively common badge.

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