



## Order of the Red Banner of Labor, Type 3, Variation 1 "jumbo", #23820, circa late 1943 - early 1944.

Silver gilt, enamels. Measures 50.9 mm in height including the eyelet, 37.9 mm in width; weighs 38.8 g not including the suspension and connecting link. The red enamel is of characteristically light shade. Overall, an extremely attractive piece.

This piece is among the earliest of the suspension type Orders of Red Banner of Labor, and unlike most, it was almost certainly awarded during the Patriotic War. The mint mark located near the top is slightly curved up and measures approximately 7 mm in width. This type of mint mark is found only on the Red Banners of Labor in the currently known serial number range of 21016 through 26568 (for suspension type), according to Mondvor.narod.ru, and also on the earlier screw back types. The serial number is engraved near the center just above the lower rivets. There is characteristic "spillover" gilt along the edge of the reverse which is characteristic of the early issues. In outstanding, excellent condition. The enamel shows magnificent luster; it is practically free of wear visible to the unaided eye, having only a single minuscule, nearly unnoticeable flake at the upper edge of the banner to the left of the eyelet. Besides that, there are only a couple of microscopic contact marks that are hard to find even with a 10x loupe. The details of the artwork are likewise perfect; the original gilt is practically pristine and exceptionally bright on all the gilded parts.

Attractive light toning to silver on the reverse. The rivets are completely intact and tight. The order comes on an original suspension device, a WW2 two-layer model in steel with self-locking pin. The nicely preserved ribbon is old although probably more recent than the decoration itself. The connecting link appears to be original, and its ends are still joined with solder.

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