

### Soviet Aviator's Leather Flight Mask, dated 1941.

In soft leather with satin liner and elastic straps. On the inside is a sewn-in cloth label of the Leningrad's Rot-Front Fur Goods Factory of the Narmkomat of Light Industry (NKLP) with the clearly visible 1941 date and the factory quality control stamp with aviation insignia. The mask was probably produced in the first half of 1941 just before the German invasion (Leningrad came under siege in late August and was completely cut off about a week later).

The mask is in excellent unissued condition; shows storage age only. The leather is good as new, beautifully soft and supple; the elastic straps are completely intact. The long strap may be a bit longer than needed but it should be easy to adjust to necessary length.

The mask was designed not only for open cockpit airplanes such as U-2 (Po-2) night bombers and R-2 reconnaissance planes, but also for any WW2 era unheated airplane cockpit, especially when flying at high altitude or during Russian winter. A great piece of early aviation history, this mask will make an excellent addition to a WW2 Soviet pilot's kit and will display nicely either on a full mannequin or Styrofoam head.

Please note, our photos on a mannequin show an example of a very similar face mask for illustration purposes, not the actual mask we are offering now. All the other photos are of the actual mask being offered. The price is for the face mask only; other items shown in our photos (pilot's helmet, goggles) are not included but may be available separately on our website.

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