



Medal for Valor during a Fire, Variation 1, 1957-1960.

In solid silver. Measures 37.2 mm in height incl. eyelet, 32.1 mm in width; weighs 21.4 g not including the suspension and connecting link.

In excellent condition. There is no visible wear to the high points; the raised details are perfect and exceptionally crisp on both sides. There are a few tiny dings to the raised edge but no bumps or significant scratches; beside that, the medallion has only a few microscopic contact marks that are completely unnoticeable to the naked eye. There is a very attractive even patina to silver throughout. The medal comes on a correct period suspension in brass with a well-preserved old ribbon which is probably original to the medal. The connecting link appears to be original as well; its ends are still joined with solder.

Variation 1 in solid silver was produced for only three years after the institution of the medal in 1957. Reportedly, only a few hundred specimens were made. This version of the Firefighter Medal is one of the rarest of all Soviet awards of the post-war period.

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