



Civil Aviation Badge for Flying Safely 1,000,000 km, #5550, circa early 1950s-1960.

Brass, enamels; measures 40.4 mm in height, 37.3 mm in width; weighs 15.1 g without the screw plate. Two-piece construction: the airplane is a separate part attached by wires. Note that it is an early PS-89 model passenger plane produced in the Soviet Union from the late 30s until the German invasion. The safe flight award badges featured this aircraft only until 1960, at which point it was replaced by the Tu-104 jet airliner. Raised mint mark "MMD" and hand-engraved serial number to the reverse. The badge is of beautiful quality and design.

Very fine condition. The enamel appears practically perfect on the first glance, although a close examination reveals a small chip to the red flag under the right (to the viewer) wing of the aircraft and a slightly darker area of enamel just above the same wing. The enamel elsewhere is perfect and shows a beautiful luster throughout. The details of the artwork are perfect and crisp; the original gilt finish on the wreath and reverse of the badge is pristine and bright.

The attachment wires are intact and tight, allowing only a minor amount of "play" to the aircraft. The screw post is full length, approx. 8.5 mm, and includes an original mint-marked screw plate.

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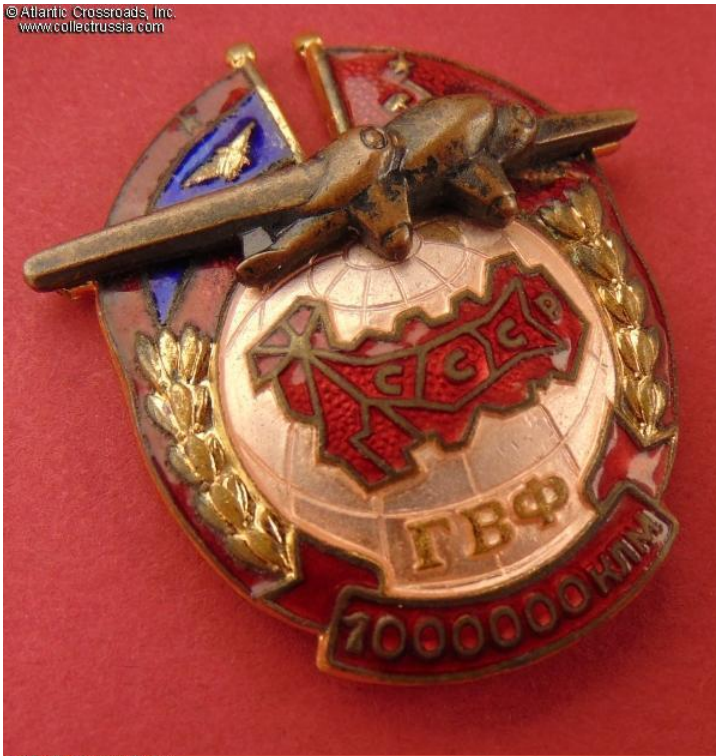
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