



### Badge of Honored Railway Employee, Type 2, #24890, circa late 1943 - early 1944 issue.

In brass and enamels; measures 45.3 mm in height, 32.1 mm in width; weighs 13.9 g without the screw plate. This piece is among the early issues of what is typically considered "WW2 type" of the badge featuring distinctive counter-relief to the locomotive, flat area in the upper part of the reverse and flat bottom with stamped serial number. Note that the serial number which is quite low for the bronze version of the badge.

The badge is in very fine to excellent condition - far better than the average for this award. The enamel is completely free of chips and flaking, and appears nearly perfect to the unaided eye. There is a single thin dark line across the banner in its lower right segment resulting from the tiny internal hairline fracture that does not break the surface and does not seem to threaten the integrity of the enamel. A very careful examination reveals a tiny amount of "spiderweb" craquelure to the white enamel on the background and a few microscopic hairlines in the upper left corner of the banner under the hammer and sickle emblem - the latter practically unnoticeable without magnification. The enamel retains a beautiful luster and impressive appearance throughout.

The details of the locomotive and other raised parts are extremely well-preserved and exceptionally crisp. A good amount of the original silver finish is present on the reverse around the screw post. The wires holding the hammer & sickle emblem are tight. The screw post is original and of full length, nearly 12.5 mm. The badge comes with the original washer and original 24-mm screw plate in bronze-plated steel maker-marked "ShMZ NKPS".

Overall, a nicely preserved example of the highest WW2 award of Soviet railroad workers. This badge was very hard to earn and provided significant privileges to its recipient.

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