

Order of Sukhbaatar, Type 2, #1979, late 1990s issue.

Solid 23 K gold, platinum, silver and enamels. Measures 53.0 mm in height, 50.8 mm in width; weighs 59.2 g. Gold star superimposed on a sunburst of blue enamel, with gray circle in the center and superimposed platinum bust of Sukhbaatar (aka Sukhe-Bator), Mongolian revolutionary leader; above the portrait is the red flag with Sukhbaatar's name in Cyrillic. Features Type 2 pin back attachment. Note the extremely high serial number 1979 engraved on the reverse by a rotating tool in standard manner. This specimen is from the small last series of 300 pc with the serial numbers 1701-2000 that were manufactured by the Moscow Mint and delivered to the Mongolian Government in 1985-86. Since Mongolian awards were issued in the order of their serial numbers (unlike Soviet decorations), it was also among the last of the Order of Sukhbaatar ever awarded.

In excellent condition, uncommon for this decoration made in relatively soft 23 K gold and having highly exposed enameled surfaces. The enamel in particular is exceptionally well-preserved, practically pristine: it shows magnificent luster throughout and has no more than a few microscopic contact marks that are not easy to find even with a 10x loupe, no wear visible to the naked eye. The gold star has only minuscule contact marks and very light scuffs that are barely noticeable; it is completely free of nicks, visible scratches, edge knocks or any other significant wear. The platinum bas-relief is essentially pristine; its details are perfect and beautifully crisp. The reverse is likewise pristine and shows extremely attractive even toning to silver. The rivets are intact and tight; the pin attachment is fully functional.

The Order of Sukhbaatar was the highest decoration of Mongolian People's Republic, equivalent to the Soviet Order of Lenin. Unlike the Lenin however, the Order of Sukhbaatar was issued very sparingly. Only 2000 of them were produced, 1300 of which were Type 2 pin backs.

/Khuujii Urnukh, [The Orders and Medals of the Mongolian People's Republic](#), pp. 56-59/.

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