

M 1955 Infantry officer dress visor hat, circa 1956-58.

In gray napped wool, with crimson piping and band. The "scrambled eggs" motif on the visor is in anodized aluminum. The hat badge is the large full-dress type; its center piece is in brass and enamels, while the wreath is a separate piece in gilded aluminum. The sweat diamond shows the logo of the TsEP military garment factory in Moscow and a Size 57 (approx. US size 7 1/8 / Medium).

In outstanding, excellent condition - perhaps the best example of this hat we have handled to date. Both the crown and band are immaculately clean. Remarkably, the hat is almost completely free of mothing - an extremely unusual case for a piece of Soviet headgear dating back to the 50s and made primarily of wool. The grey wool of the crown in particular is free of moth bites or holes; it has only a single small, barely noticeable moth track to the nap and a few tiny nips to the nap that are almost completely invisible even at very close inspection. The crimson band is likewise practically free of moth damage: all we could find was a couple of very tiny nips (one of them to the piping) to the right of the hat badge. The visor is perfect and firmly attached. The prongs holding the metal embellishments of the visor are original and intact, unlike on many other hats of this type.

Just like the exterior of the hat, the liner and band are perfectly clean. The sweat band is nicely preserved although it is somewhat dry. It still has the original cardboard "stiffener" under its front portion. The maker's logo on the sweat diamond is fully legible. Overall, this is a truly superb specimen of the Infantry officer hat of the "Zhukov's" model that had been in use for only three years, from 1955-58.

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