

M 1955 Air Force Officer Dress Visor Hat, 1956-58.

The crown in navy blue wool gabardine is characteristically small, of the early style. The band and piping are in slightly napped sky-blue wool. Gold chin cord. Early style rounded visor with "scrambled eggs" motif in anodized aluminum. Early two-piece construction, combination hat badge is the 1956 model with a wreath in anodized aluminum and centerpiece in gilded brass and enamels. Attached near the top of the crown is a set of wings signifying flight personnel (as opposed to non-flying Air Force officers.) The sweat diamond shows the logo of the Headgear Factory #12 in Moscow. The liner is marked Size 55 (US size 6 7/8 / Small). There is a factory quality control stamp to the underside of the sweat band.

The hat is in excellent condition. It has kept its saddle shape beautifully. The wool fabric of the crown is completely free of noticeable moth damage, which is very uncommon for a Soviet hat of the 1950s period. The band has only a couple of tiny moth nips on the back, noticeable only at close inspection. Both the interior and exterior are very clean with the exception of a couple of tiny spots on the top of the crown that can be found only at close inspection under a bright light. The sweat band and liner show almost no wear. The metal motif on the visor is perfect and tightly attached, with all of its prongs intact.

This attractive early hat was used for only a brief period from 1955-58. It is a very uncommon find in such a superb condition.

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