

Order of the National Flag, 3rd class, Type 4 Variation 3, #49539, circa 1960s.

Silver, enamels; measures 49.3 mm in height, 47.3 mm in width; weighs 29.4 g. Features horizontal pin back, stamped serial number, and rounded star points on the reverse. There are no counter-relief "dimples" on the ends of the reverse of the finial balls of the star. The "nipple" ends of the star points on the reverse are narrower and longer than on the other variations of Type 4. The quality is far better than the more recent issues. This and the other versions of the "horizontal pin" Type 4 are believed to be of Czechoslovakian manufacture, same as Type 3 screw back. Note the very low serial number of this specimen, near the lowest observed for Variation 3 (#47997 according to the Sessler and McDaniel reference guide).

Excellent condition. The enamel is pristine, free of even the microscopic contact marks that could be found under a 10x magnification. The starburst has only a few minuscule dings; its ridges are perfectly crisp, free of significant wear. The center star shows only a tiny amount of wear to the apex and ridges; its gold plating is largely intact and clearly visible. There is an attractive even patina to silver on both sides.

/Sessler & McDaniel, [Military and Civil Awards of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea \(DPRK\)](#), Page 151 (bottom)/

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