

OAVUK (Society of Aviation and Aeronautics of Ukraine and Crimea), membership badge, Type 1, 1923-1924.

Brass, enamels; 31.1 mm wide. Type 1, featuring the riveted two-piece construction. In very fine overall condition. The blue enamel is perfect and shows beautiful luster. The red enamel in the propeller has been replaced. Details of the globe, airplane and hammer & sickle emblem are perfect. Some of the original silver plating is visible in recessed areas. The screw post measures over 7 mm in length (it might have been reduced by a few mm as was customary; its current length is more than sufficient for proper functioning). The screw plate is a replacement.

The OAVUK society existed for only about a year, during 1923 - 1924. Unlike the ODVF chapters in various regions of RSFSR and other Soviet republics, this Ukrainian organization operated under its own name and apparently enjoyed a certain degree of autonomy until the 1924 merger into the all-union ODVF.

/ "Avers 8", p. 292, fig. 1423.a, also "Badges of Volunteer Societies of the USSR" p. 218, fig. 5.6 / 5.7/

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