

OAVUK (Society of Aviation and Aeronautics of Ukraine and Crimea), membership badge, Type 2, 1923-1924.

In brass and enamels; 30.2 mm wide x 30.2 mm tall. Second, single-piece version of the badge. The enamels are of exquisite quality, extremely attractive and well executed.

In outstanding, excellent condition - very rare for a badge of this vintage. The enamel is perfect for all intents and purposes, although close examination under 10x magnification will reveal a couple of tiny contact marks. The details are perfect. Much of the original silver finish on the reverse of the badge is present. The flower shaped screw nut is of the period and probably original to the badge. The screw post is full length, approx. 10 mm.

The OAVUK society existed for only about a year between 1923 and 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.b; see also "Badges of Volunteer Societies of the USSR" p. 217, fig. 5.5/

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