

Activist of the OSOAVIAKhIM badge, #3573, circa early 1930s.

In silver and enamels. Measures 35.0 mm in height (from the bottom of the badge to the top point of the banner, not including the flagpole finial); 31.0 mm in width (near the bottom, along the swallow-tail scroll). Stamped serial number "3573" to the reverse. The reverse also shows sterling silver hallmark "916", additional assay inspection hallmark and Cyrillic maker mark "KhEM". Extremely nice quality, characteristic of the award badges of the early 30s.

In very fine condition overall. The obverse is very fine to excellent, with nicely preserved showing attractive original luster. There are minor scratches and contact marks to enamel but they are not easily noticeable to the naked eye. There are no chips or flaking anywhere. The details are well preserved and crisp; the only visible flaw is a small dent on the rifle butt. The reverse is pristine and shows attractive patina. The silver screw post has been reduced for wearing convenience as was customary but its remaining length of over 4 mm is enough to accommodate a screw plate. The wing nut marked "Vsekokhudoznik, Moscow" is of the period although probably not original to the badge.

/"Avers 8", p. 306, fig. 1505.b/

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