



■xcellent Rifleman Badge, 1953-1957.

Brass, enamels; 45.4 x 36.0 mm. The "Classic Flat" variation (also referred to as "Second Unified" variation) according to the Airapetyan classification, manufactured by the Pobeda Factory.

In very fine condition. The red enamel is nicely preserved overall and shows attractive luster; there are a couple of tiny contact marks and internal hairlines in the center resulting in slightly darker areas but no chips or significant wear. The white band has minor amount of flaking along the edges and a single surface chip at approx. 6 o'clock that does not penetrate to brass and therefore not too noticeable.

The details of the artwork are perfect. The gold finish is clearly visible in recessed areas on the obverse and is nearly pristine on the reverse of the badge. A good amount of the gray finish on the top ornament and the edge of the shield is present. The screw post is full length, nearly 12 mm, and includes original Pobeda Factory screw plate.

Established in 1947, this was one of the two badges of the Proficiency series that came up after the war.

/See Breast Badges of the Red Army, 1941-1945, p. 137, fig. 10/.

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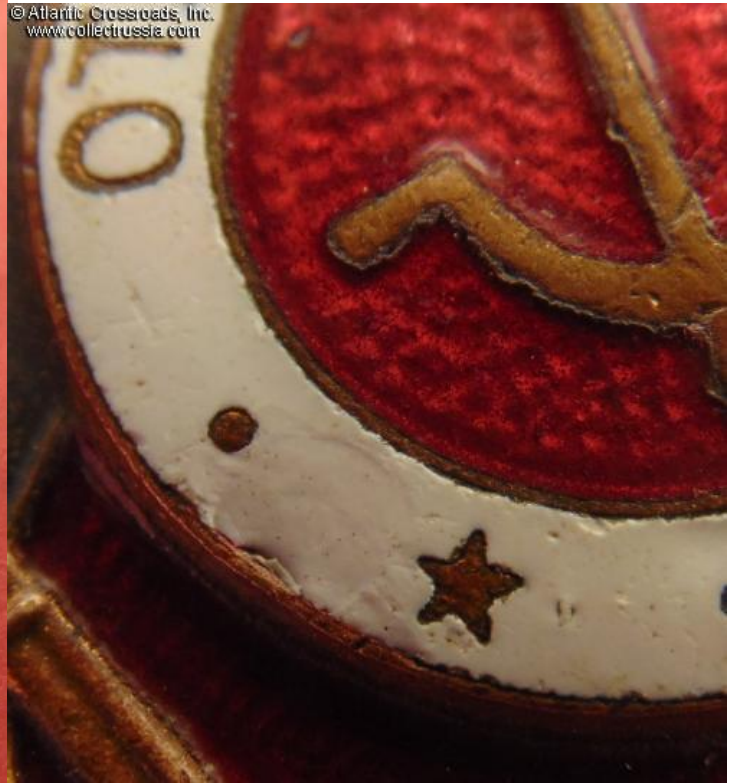
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