

State Prize Medal, 3rd class, #3644, 1962-1966.

Brass, silver-plated German silver (wreath), two-piece construction. Medallion measures 25.9 mm wide and weighs 8.7 g not including the suspension and connecting link; total weight of the medal including the suspension and screw plate is 16.4 g. Stamped serial number to the reverse.

In outstanding, excellent condition. The brass medallion is free of significant oxidation or tarnish, has only a few very minor spots on the obverse that do not detract. The silver plating on the wreath is intact and bright. Includes original and complete suspension device. The screw post is full length, approximately 10.5 mm long measured from the rectangular back plate, and includes original screw plate. The nicely preserved ribbon is old and probably original to the medal. The connecting link is original and hasn't been cut.

All State Prize medals with class designation were issued during a short period in the 60s as a replacement to recipients of the Stalin Prize Medal of corresponding class (as part of the Khrushchev's "de-Stalinization" campaign).

/See "Avers 8", p. 221, fig. 1086.c (please note, the book incorrectly states that the medal is made in brass and solid silver)./

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