

M 1935 Red Army Senior Officer (General) hat badge, larger size for a winter hat, 1935-1940.

In magnetic steel, brass plating and high quality enamel; measures 34.3 mm in height, 36.2 mm in width; weighs 6.1 g. The hammer & sickle emblem is a separate part attached by wires. The badge is noticeably larger and more massive than the far more common M-35 hat badge for lower-ranking RKKA personnel.

In outstanding, excellent condition. The enamel has only a few tiny contact marks practically unnoticeable to the naked eye and minimal rubbing, still retains very nice luster. The brass plating on both sides is intact and has acquired attractive patina, free of pitting or significant blemishes. The attachment prongs are completely intact and fully functional.

Issued to an RKKA officer with rank equivalent of Major General or higher. At the time, they were called "Brigade Commander", "Division Commander" etc. as the Soviet authorities were yet unwilling to re-introduce the general ranks of the hated Russian Imperial army. When the General and Admiral ranks finally appeared in the Red Army in 1940, this hat badge was replaced by the round variety.

Please note, the "regular" officer hat badge from the same era in our last photo is there only for comparison purposes and not included in the lot. Caveat Emptor: the prongs are rather stiff (as they typically are on original badges.)

Please be advised to exercise extreme caution when bending them to put the badge on a hat: we cannot guarantee how durable or functional they are, will not be responsible if they are accidentally broken by the buyer, and will not accept the return if they are damaged.

/Borisov, Breast Badges of the Soviet Armed Forces, 1918 - 1991, fig. 15/.

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