

Order of the National Flag, 2nd class, Type 4, Variation 3, #14667, circa late 1950s-1960s.

In silver and enamels; 59.5 mm tall x 57.1 mm wide; weighs 45.3 g. Features horizontal pin back, stamped serial number, and star counter-relief on the reverse with "small nipples". Overall quality is far superior to the more recent types. This and the other versions of the "horizontal pin" Type 4 are believed to be of Czechoslovak manufacture, same as Type 3 screw back.

In very fine to excellent condition, uncommonly well- preserved for a DPRK decoration of its vintage. The enamel appears perfect to the unaided eye and shows beautiful luster. There is some surface flaking to the blue enamel on the edge of the center medallion, but the amount of it is so minuscule that it is completely unnoticeable without magnification. The red enamel likewise has a couple of microscopic flakes and contact marks, but no wear visible without a loupe. There are some tiny dings to the rays and center star, but the rays of the star and starburst remain beautifully crisp. There is nice even patina throughout, while the original gilt finish on the star is still clearly visible. Overall, a very attractive piece!

/See Sessler & McDaniel, [Military and Civil Awards of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea \(DPRK\)](#), p. 126/

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