

Air Force Engineer badge, 3rd class, 1958 - 1961.

Silver-plated brass & enamels; measures 23.3 mm in width, 66.5 mm wide. Excellent condition.

A very scarce badge: it was manufactured for only a few years, until the 1961 change in uniform regulations called for replacing the Air Force engineer's qualification badge with a unified Combined Arms Specialist badge (the change also affected the flight personnel but unlike the engineers and technical personnel, pilots and navigators usually flaunted the new rules and continued wearing the old Air Force wings.)

/Avers 8 p. 454 fig. 2132; Uniforms of the Russian Air Force, Volume 2 Part 2 (1955 - 2004). A. Kibovsky et al. C. 2005, Moscow, pp. 93, 94./

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