

Sergei Kirov, bust in Silumin alloy, dated 1981.

Height 8 1/2", base is 5 3/4" wide. The back shows inscribed name of the sculptor "N.A. Teplov" and the date "1981".

In very good to excellent condition. The bust is completely free of scratched, dings or other noticeable wear; the details are perfect and crisp. There are some whitish oxidation spots near the base and on the top of the head not affecting the face and generally not very detractive.

Kirov was one of the most popular Bolshevik leaders, which led to his assassination on Stalin's order in 1934. His death was blamed on counterrevolutionary conspiracy and helped Stalin to get rid of any possible rivals in the Politburo and the military. After his death, Kirov became an official Communist "saint"; even now most cities in Russia have a street, a park or a square named after him.

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