

Bulgaria, People's Order of Labor, 2nd class, Type 1, with original case of issue, 1945-1950.

Medallion is in silver-plated brass; measures 33.1 mm in width and weighs 19.7 g not including the suspension and connecting links. Comes on triangular suspension ribbon. The box is of the early model, wrapped in red cloth and with larger font of the word "сребърен" (i.e. "in Silver").

In excellent condition. There is no visible dings or other wear. The silver finish is bright and well preserved, shows only minor tarnish that adds character. Includes original suspension ribbon and connecting links. The box is likewise in excellent condition.

This piece is one of the relatively few early post-war issues. The order was established in 1945, initially in only two classes. In 1950, the appearance of the award was changed: the medallion was enlarged to 34 mm, and the new five-sided Soviet style suspension replaced the traditional Bulgarian triangular model. At the same time, a third class of the decoration was added to the existing two. There were also subtle changes made to the artwork: the early issues are of better quality - note for example the finely detailed features of the worker as compared to the Type 2 from 1950. In 1977, this order was abolished altogether and replaced by the Order of Labor, also in three classes.

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