

Excellence in the Air Force badge, "Classic Flat" version, 1950s issue.

Brass, enamels; 45.7 x 36.7 mm. Late type, described as "Classic Flat" in the Breast Badges of the Red Army, 1941- 1945 by Airapetyan.

In outstanding, excellent condition. The enamel shows beautiful luster and is essentially perfect: there are only some microscopic contact marks that are completely unnoticeable to the naked eye, no wear visible without magnification. The original gilt finish on the wreath and reverse of the badge is exceptionally well-preserved and bright, and so is the nickel silver finish on the wings of the Air Force emblem. The screw post is full length, over 11 mm, and includes original screw plate in bronze-plated steel maker-marked "Pobeda Factory, Moscow".

Established in 1950, the Excellence in the Air Force was the last award of the proficiency badges series which started in 1942.

/Airapetyan, Breast Badges of the Red Army, 1941-1945, p. 139, fig. 3/

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