

Excellence in Railway Troops badge, mid 1940s.

Brass, enamels. Elongated early type, 48.7 x 38.3 mm; weighs 16.6 g not including the screw plate. This is the second of the two early versions by the NKPS factory. It features less domed center medallion and more rounded font of the inscription.

In excellent condition, extremely uncommon for any Red Army "proficiency" award of WW2 era. The enamel shows only tiny contact marks and retains magnificent luster. It is completely free of the usual chips, significant flaking, repairs or rubbing. Details of the railroad insignia at the bottom, wreath and the top scroll are extremely crisp. The original silver plating on the reverse is nearly pristine. The screw post is full length, nearly 14 mm, and includes original wartime screw plate maker-marked "ShMZ NKPS".

/See Airapetyan, Breast Badges of the Red Army, 1941-1945, p. 106 fig. 2/.

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