

Mongolia, Order of the Polar Star, Type 3, Variation 2, #3396, circa early 1950s issue.

Silver gilt, enamels; measures 54.2 mm tall, 47.0 mm wide; weighs 42.0 g without the screw plate. Early variation featuring slightly concave reverse and serial number at 7 o'clock position. Note that although we classified this piece as Type 3, Var. 2 is in accordance with the The Orders and Medals of the Mongolian People's Republic, the distinction between Variations 2 and 3 offered in the book is fuzzy at best. This particular piece is from the series produced by the Soviet Mint at some point in the late 1940s after the initial order to manufacture 5000 specimens of the Type 3 was placed by the Mongolian government in 1945.

Excellent condition. The enamel is extremely well preserved and shows beautiful luster; there are just a few microscopic flakes and contact marks at the outer edges of the white scrolls that are completely unnoticeable without magnification. There are a few tiny dings to the raised border around the center medallion, nearly unnoticeable to the naked eye, while the raised details of its artwork are perfect and exceptionally crisp exhibiting no detectable wear whatsoever. The original gold plating on the starburst is present and clearly visible, although toned down by silver patina. There is a beautiful untouched patina to the reverse. The screw post is full length, over 15.5 mm, and comes with an original Soviet-made period screw plate which fits perfectly.

/Khuujii Urnukh, [The Orders and Medals of the Mongolian People's Republic](#) , pp. 122-140/

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