

Voroshilov Marksman badge, OSOAVIAKhIM issue, 1st level, 1934 - 1941.

In bronze-plated and silver-plated steel, 38.4 x 32.2 mm; weighs 4.9 g without the screw plate. This relatively uncommon variation features deep-red enamel of superb quality far exceeding that on a typical Voroshilov Marksman badge.

In excellent condition. The enamel is exceptionally well-preserved throughout (the minuscule imperfections on the white enamel of the bull's eye target are apparently manufacturing flaws, not a result of wear.) The details of the artwork are likewise nicely preserved and crisp.

The fragile original silver finish on the reverse is almost entirely intact. The screw post is of full length, well over 10 mm. The unmarked screw plate, although not necessarily original to the badge, is definitely of the period and fits the screw perfectly.

/Badges of USSR Defense Societies A. Kalistratov, V. Voronochko, p. 56, fig. II #6, also Avers 8, p. 315, fig. 1542.b/

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