

Mechanical Stopwatch, by Agat Factory, comes with the original chain and period pouch, by 343 (ZChZ, Zlatoust Watch Factory).

In nickel-plated brass case measuring approx. 54 mm across, 19 mm thick. The dial features Arabic numerals. The signature is in Russian but "made in the USSR" underneath is in English, suggesting that the item was meant for foreign markets. The pentagonal Sign of Quality above the Agat brand name means that this model had been awarded the status of top quality. The Soviet Quality Sign was not just a stamp of the manufacturer's QC but a temporary award in recognition of outstanding quality of a product, valid only for 2-3 years. After that, the manufacturer could re-apply for the Sign, if they so desired, and prove again that the product was worthy of it.

The stopwatch is in excellent condition mechanically. It runs well, and all its functions are working fine. It is also in excellent condition in terms of its appearance, with the exception of the crystal. The crystal is acrylic, exceptionally free of scratches and scuffs, possibly a replacement but perhaps being kept in its pouch saved the crystal from the expected wear. There is an unfortunate crack to the crystal in the 9 o'clock area, luckily running along the very edge and not obscuring the numerals. The chain appears to be original and is in impeccable condition. The pouch appears to be of the period but not original to the stopwatch. Its velvety surface shows mild wear, not very obvious due to the dark color.

Agat stopwatches are manufactured at the Zlatoust Watch Factory in the Chelyabinsk Region in the Urals. Production began following the factory's evacuation from Moscow in 1941, and continues to this day, with the factory being the sole Russian manufacturer of mechanical stopwatches.

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