



Medal for the Defense of Leningrad, Variation 2, circa 1970s-80s issue.

In brass; measures 36.9 mm in height incl. eyelet, 32.0 mm in width; weighs 14.8 g not including the suspension and connecting link.

Outstanding, excellent condition. The medallion has only a few minuscule dings on the reverse, almost unnoticeable without magnification - otherwise pristine. The "gilt" mint luster is flawless and extremely bright, completely free of oxidation spots or the usual tarnish, showing only a mild patina that adds character. Comes on original suspension in aluminum with a well-preserved old ribbon. The connecting link appears to be original; its ends are joined with solder. A superb example through-and-through, practically impossible to upgrade. This "Voenkomat" version of the medal is far less common than most wartime issues.

The medal is one of the post-war issues typically awarded by a Voenkomat (Military Commissariat) at the veteran's current place of residence. The reasons for the late issue could vary, but in most instances, "Voenkomat" medals were catch-up awards to civilians who worked in the city for much of the siege or took part in its defense but got somehow overlooked by the authorities during WW2 and in the immediate post-war years.

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