

Raketa - Soviet Union Made Wristwatch, True 24 Hour Dial, Marked CCCP, 16 Ruby Jewels, World Time Zone Dial, Made for Soviet Polar Expeditions - (circa 1980s)



WNS-MDN-5034 - Raketa - True 24 Hour Dial - Central Dial Close Up View



WNS-MDN-5034 - Raketa - True 24 Hour Dial - Dial Close Up View



WNS-MDN-5034 - Raketa - True 24 Hour Dial - Full Front View with Strap



WNS-MDN-5034 - Raketa - True 24 Hour Dial - Right Front View

Case: The round shaped stainless steel case measures 41 mm across (43 mm including the crown) and 42 mm (lug-to-lug.) It is 11 mm thick. The case back is marked with the number 060.

Dial: The round dial has a silver background with black Arabic numbers (the odd numbers up to 23 are marked in Arabic numbers and the even numbers have a straight line hour marker) and there is a functioning world time zone circular dial, white in color with black lettering, surrounding the outer circumference of the main dial. Major cities of the world are marked in English and Russian. It is marked Raketa upper central section and the Soviet initials CCCP is at the lower central section.

The hour and minute hands are black in color and the sweep seconds hand is also black in color.

The crystal has a flat surface and is curved around the edges.

Movement: Mechanical wind movement with 16 jewels

Bracelet: 18 mm genuine leather that is padded and is black in color. It has a silver tone buckle.

Comments: This is a Soviet Union made 16 jewel mechanical wind watch with a real functioning 24 hour dial. It is marked with the Soviet initials CCCP. This watch also features a rotating world time zone dial. There are two crowns (one is for the setting of time and the other is for the moving of the world time zone dial.) These watches were specially designed for Soviet Polar expeditions.

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Brief Information Regarding the Raketa Watch Company:

Located in St. Petersburg, Russia, this watch designing and manufacturing firm produced mechanical and automatic wristwatches, pocket watches and clocks for the Soviet Union's military and civilian markets. The firm managed to survive after the collapse of the USSR (CCCP) but inevitably closed down their factory around 1995. They produced some of the most unique, highly specialized, patriotic and memorable watches in the history of Russian watch making. Many of their watches are now Cold War relics and continue to gain popularity amongst collectors around the world.