

Luftwaffe Pilot's Badge 1936-45 – Zinc Version “BSW”

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Description

All active military personnel qualifying for the military Pilot's License received the Pilot's Badge to be worn on the left breast pocket of the uniform jacket. There is some controversy as to the institution date of the Pilot's Badge. Dr. Heinrich Doehle has determined it to be 26th March 1936. The first reference to the Pilot's Badge was made on 27th May 1935.



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Details

Height	53.6 mm	Weight	32.1 gr
Width	66.7 mm	Material	Zinc

Remarks

This Zinc version of the BSW Pilot's badge has roots back into 1943. It is thus untrue to classify this Zinc version as strictly “late” war as is the usual case with zinc made badges. The BSW pilots badges had the distinctive characteristic being the talon on the eagles right foot touching the Swastika forming a “bridge”. This is usually an indicator of an original period piece.