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Luftwaffe Parachute Badge (Fallschirmschützen Abzeichen)

F.W.Assmann, Lüdenscheid

Description

The Parachutist Badge was instituted in November 1935, and was awarded to those who had successfully completed paratrooper jump training. The badge consisted of a diving, gilded eagle on a darkened, silver wreath. Early examples were of the highest quality - silver plate wreaths with darkened finish and fire-gilt bronze or brass eagles.



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Details

Height 53 mm Weight 37.0 gr Type/Pattern

Width 42 mm Material Tombac

Remarks

The distinctive eagle design can be found throughout the entire production of Assmann Parabadges. The wreath changed when manufacturing turned to inferior metals such as zinc. In those cases the hinge and catch are also inferior. The Assmann 'A' logo is found on the reverse of the eagle.