

Luftwaffe Pilot Badge (Flugzeugführerabzeichen) Gebrüder Wegerhof, Lüdenscheid (GWL)

Description

The pilots badge eagle manufactured by GWL is probably one of the easiest recognized by collectors. The uniqueness of the eagle, combined with an unusually durable finish has made early GWL badges a favorite among collectors.



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Details

Height	52.83 mm	Weight	44.76 gr	Type/Pattern
Width	42.67 mm	Material	Tombac	

Remarks

On the reverse, GWL employed an unusual peen method to their rivets that formed a distinctive dimple in the centre, which occasionally is seen shifted off-centre. The trademark is often found with a break in the ring in the 8 o'clock position caused by a progressive flaw in the tool. The most unique characteristic to the reverse is the 'fingerprint' tool mark pattern on the reverse of the eagle.