

The Numbered Factories and Other Establishments of the Soviet Defence Industry, 1927 to 1967: a Guide

Part I. Factories and Shipyards: Version 3.0

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Preface

Version 3 of “The numbered factories and other establishments of the Soviet defence industry” incorporates new data. In addition, its format has been extended, and where possible we have begun to incorporate each enterprise’s geographical address and a list of directors.

All known numbered defence factories and shipyards are now included, whether or not they were listed as *Gosudarstvennyi Soyuznyi zavod* (GSZ). The basis on which this status was determined is not easily understood; even the government had difficulty making up its mind. For example many factories of Narkomstankprom gained this status on transfer to Narkomtankprom in 1941 only to lose it within a few months when the transfer was reversed. For reasons not yet fully understood, many large and important plants were not apparently listed as GSZ. Therefore it is worth emphasising that exclusion did not imply auxiliary status.

In addition to the list of numbered factories eight new sections have been added to our database:

— Unnumbered defence factories and shipyards: those defence plants without numbers and therefore excluded from the numbered list are listed here in alphabetical order by name. Where a numbered factory was also a section of a larger unnumbered factory, the latter is also listed here.

— GAZ (*Gosudarstvennyye Aviatsionnyye zavody*): these aviation plants were numbered during the civil war were renumbered into the GSZ list in 1927. Note, however, that GAZ was later used as an acronym for the Gor’kii automotive plant and as a prefix for its vehicle types.

— GAZ (*Gosudarstvennyye Avtomobil'nye zavody*): automotive plants

— Fuel and oil plants and refineries

— Repair plants in all defence categories except ships

— GPZ (*Gosudarstvennyye Podshipnikovye zavody*): bearing plants

— Cable factories

— *Filialy* of factories listed elsewhere: in previous versions of the database these were listed immediately after the associated plant.

Our ultimate objective is to confine the first section of the database to a listing of numbered GSZ, with other numbered factories listed separately in appropriate sections. More research is needed before this can be achieved.

For further information about the structure and aims of the database, please consult the prefaces to previous versions which continue to be available from the same website. We welcome comments and corrections and suggest that the appropriate form is an email addressed to

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Again we welcome additional information from our readers, but such information must be fully referenced if it is to be incorporated into future editions.

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