

The Numbered Factories and Other Establishments of the Soviet Defence Industry, 1927–67: a Guide

Part II. Research & Design Establishments, version 3.0

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Preface

Since the first version of Part II of our project in July 2000 a great deal of information has become available. The size of the Excel database has now grown tenfold, from 450 kilobytes in version 1 to 4.8 megabytes in version 3. Version 4 is already planned, but should be only slightly larger than the present version.

In comparison with previous versions of the database we have introduced new sections for *filialy* (independently managed subsidiaries) and *otdeleniya* (directly subordinated branches) of parent establishments.

More minor but still significant revisions include the removal of some design establishments from the section dealing with NII (research institutes) to that dealing with GSPI (industrial design institutes), and of OTB (special technical bureaux) from the section dealing with KB (design bureaux) to that dealing with OKB (experimental design bureaux).

When searching or filtering for a particular establishment please note that there was no uniform practice with regard to inserting spaces within acronyms. Thus *NII avtomatikii i priborostroeniya* was abbreviated to both NIIAP and NII AP.

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Any additional information will be welcome, but must be fully referenced if it is to be incorporated into future editions.

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The authors alone are responsible for all the errors of fact, interpretation and omission which are sure to be present in a work of this nature.