

The Numbered Factories and Other Establishments
of the Soviet Defence Industry: a Guide

Part I. Factories and Shipyards, Version 5.0

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Preface

Version 5 of *The Numbered Factories and Other Establishments of the Soviet Defence Industry* is provided in an extended and rationalised format similar to that used for version 4. To eliminate duplication we consolidated the tabular sections, that is, not counting the Glossary and Sources, reducing them to two: “Numbered defence factories and shipyards” and “Unnumbered Defence Factories and Shipyards”.

To aid electronic sorting there are now four special columns:

- Column 12 labels the establishment type; in Part 1 all are of the type ‘z’ (for *zavod*).
- Column 13 labels those organisations which are *filiaty*
- Column 14 labels subtypes as follows:

auto motor vehicle builder
am Hang-gliders and parapanes
b bearings producer
cable cable producer
fuel fuel producer
GAZ State Union Aircraft Factory of the period 1921 to 1927
m map producer
o *otdelenie*: subordinate division of another factory of the given number or name
r aircraft or automotive repair factory
tyres tyre factory
v veneer (plywood) factory of NKLEs

Factories with no subtype are either a GSZ (*Gosudarstvennyi Soyuznyi zavod*) or have not yet been typed.

Filiaty and *otdeleniya* are now located immediately below their parent enterprise. To permit this to be the outcome of electronic sorting we have sometimes added extra spaces between words in columns 2 or 3.

- Column 15 shows an ‘a’ where there is some doubt that the factory was a defence plant or is still in existence

We have included all numbered plants with archival references.

Some of these existed in paper plans but may never have been commissioned. Many plants carried a number only during World War II.

We believe that 90 per cent of the numbered plants listed without location are included in the unnumbered list as named factories of a later period. So far, however, we have been unable to match them.

Communications

We welcome comments and corrections and suggest that the appropriate form is an email in English addressed to The.Dexters@virgin.net, or, in Russian, to IRodiono@aigbruns.com. We welcome additional information, which must be fully referenced if we are to incorporate it into future editions.

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