

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

Part II. Research & Design Establishments,
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Version 4 of *The Numbered Factories and Other Establishments of the Soviet Defence Industry, Part II: Research & Design Establishments of the Soviet Defence Industry* is presented in an extended and rationalised format. To eliminate duplication we have consolidated the tabular sections, reducing them to five, not counting the Glossary and Sources:

- Design Bureaux: (kb): including KB, OKB, SKB, and TsKB
- Scientific Research & Design Institutes (nii): NII, TsNII, and GSPI
- Subordinated Organisations or Departments (d): *Otdely, Sektory*, Groups, Centres, and Laboratories
- Test Sites (t), previously called NIP
- Companies (co): NPO, NPP, Corporations, Concerns, Complexes and the independent Centres created in the 1990s. Some which are listed are no longer in existence.

To aid electronic sorting there are now four special columns:

- Column 12 labels the subtype.
- Column 13 labels those organisations which are *otdeleniya* (o) or *filiaty* (f); where there is doubt 'f o' is shown.
- Column 14 shows the section name given in earlier versions.

Filiaty and *otdeleniya* are 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 entry was a defence organisation or is still in existence

We have included all numbered enterprises, other than factories, with archival references.

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

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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