

The catalog consists of 7 chapters:

1. Token with text in Cyrillic.
2. Token with text in Latin, Georgian and Armenian languages.
3. Tokens without letters.
4. Surrogates.
5. Tokens without sign.
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7. Appendix.

Within 1 and 2 chapters tokens are presented in alphabetical order.

Source text for cataloging is the text of the front side.

Face (obverse) side of a token is a side, that contains:

- The name of the country or
- full or abbreviated name of the city (region) or
- abbreviation for the telephone network or
- other letters.

The other side, of course, is back(reverse) side. The side is considered to be a reverse side if it does not have any pictures on it.

There is a number of tokens that might be referred both to first and second chapter in sense of letters that are present on these tokens, for instance, tokens with letters: «A», «AOTT», «ATM», «ACKO», «ATC», «E», «EMTC», «KBECT», «MMT», «MO», «M-CK», «MTA», «MTM», «MTC», «HMTC», «POCTOB» and others. Such tokens are located in the first chapter.

Graphic information can be read in the following way:



Avers (s) - Profile - reverse (s) - the city (region) - Diameter - Thickness - the content - the magnetic properties.

Reverse sides with no images are not listed, as a rule.

Profile of a token is depicted along the grooves and turned to the obverse and reverse by a respective side.

Right from the reverser on the top line - the city (region). In the second line - the diameter and thickness, in millimeters. In the third line – metal, the token is made of:

A - Aluminum,	Ж - iron,	K - cadmium,	Л - brass,
M - copper, red brass, dark bronze,		MH - copper - nickel alloy,	
HC - Stainless Steel,	C - steel,	Ц - zinc.	

Tokens with coating are indicated by a fraction, where in the denominator - the metal of the token and in the numerator - the metal of the coating. Metals of white color used in the coatings, indicated by the letter «Б» (M/C - steel coated with copper, Б/Ц - zinc-coated metal of white color).

Varieties of steel tokens without coating and coated cadmium are generally not specified.

Next position - a way a token has been produced:

Л - stamped out of sheet metal

PM - produced by methods of powder metallurgy.

The latter position - magnetic properties. Specified only when required.

M – magnetic

CM - weakly magnetic

NM - nonmagnetic

If necessary, further indicating a herd has a token:

ГГ - drove smooth

ГР - herd the corded

ГРС - corded herd segment.

The catalogue does not consider «variety», formed by rotation of axes of aver - reverse itself and relatively to one another, different stamp error, print technology, cal matrix and punch holes, traces of collision with the matrix (mirrored images of the opposite side), stamping with worn out stamps, as well as stamps with broken and damaged parts of the image. Exceptions are the tokens reversible, rotated by 180 degrees (Mint and less long-range check). Inverted reverse is labeled with P↓. Besides tokens, that were being sold to population, the catalogue lists tokens for restricted use (so-called «prozvonki» or «kontrolki» (test tokens)), which were given to employees of payphone shops to check and adjust payphones.

Information on the tokens marked with an asterisk (\*), has been taken from the catalogue of Mr. Kozhara A. Authors don't have any other information about such tokens. The most embarrassing issue was to determine a region, where the type of the token was used.

There are several reasons for that embarrassing and time is required to collect and process all information about the issue. Tokens, region of usage of which is not known or need to be clarified, are marked with “?”.

Some fake tokens could appear in the catalogue as well. In some cases one cannot say for sure, which token is genuine and which one is fake. There are also tokens, whose relevance to phones should be proved. These ones are mostly grooveless tokens with an image of 1 or 2 letters. Chapter 6 of this catalogue lists tokens, which relevance to phones is unlikely, but is possible nevertheless.

During creation of this catalogue a question concerning rarity of tokens appeared. Due to absence of such knowledge, we had had to limit the assessment of this parameter to viewing of several Moscow token collections and tokens, rejected by Moscow UIT

In such a way we got an assessment of the degree of rarity of tokens listed in this catalogue. For more detail information one needs to get to know collections of tokens from other regions. In appendix materials are given to assess the degree of rarity of large number of tokens. We abstain from evaluation of some tokens due to some reasons.

For description of some varieties of letters the following symbols are used:

«C» open :  «C» closed: 

In description of “M” letter the notion “depth” is used, the value of which is given in conditional units depth = 1, depth = 0.5

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Authors sincerely hopes that this catalogue will help collectioners all over the world. Upon receiving additional information the current catalogue will be updated.

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