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We Are Strong. We Are United. Kharkiv Oblast

Kharkiv oblast is Ukraine's northeastern shield – a land of science, industry, and innovation, rich in both natural and economic resources. Across its over 31,000 square kilometers, the distinct character of the Slobozhanshchyna region took root: reserved, persistent, and deeply responsible.

Kharkiv oblast is situated along the banks of the Siverskyi Donets and Oskil rivers, which have long served as hubs for settlement and trade. The region's geographic position has made it a vital gateway between central Ukraine and Eastern Europe – a crossroads where cultures meet and economic currents flow.

Kharkiv oblast is one of Ukraine's premier industrial powerhouses, specializing in mechanical engineering, energy, aviation, defense, instrument making and chemical production. Simultaneously, it remains an agricultural leader, boasting fertile black soil, vast grain fields, and a robust farming sector.

Above all, it is a land of education and science. Kharkiv is rightfully regarded as one of Ukraine's scientific capitals. It is home to dozens of universities and research institutes that have fostered influential scientific schools. It was here, in 1932, that the splitting of an atomic nucleus was achieved – an event of global significance.



The region's history is inextricably linked to the Sloboda Cossacks. Kharkiv began as a Cossack fortress and evolved into a vital administrative, educational, and cultural center for the entire region.

This land is tied to the names of great thinkers: the philosopher Hryhorii Skovoroda, the linguist Oleksandr Potebnia, the world-renowned physicist Lev Landau, and the architect Oleksii Beketov.

In 2022, Kharkiv oblast was among the first to bear the brunt of the full-scale Russian invasion. Aerial attacks, destruction, and the occupation of parts of its territory were a grueling ordeal, yet the region stood firm. Residents joined the Armed Forces, dedicated themselves to volunteering, and continued their work as doctors and teachers – nurturing life under nearly constant fire.

Today, Kharkiv oblast is rebuilding while holding the line. It preserves its intellectual potential, its human dignity, and its unwavering faith in the future.

We are strong, we are united, and this unity will win.

Glory to Ukraine! Glory to the Heroes!

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24 February 2026	nickel-plated zinc-based alloy	23.5 mm	uncirculated	grooved	2,000,000

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