Primary Maker: Moskobel
Title: Steeplecab locomotive
Date: 1951-1956
Medium: Cast iron, metal, plastic, glass, paint
Dimensions: Overall: 4 1/2 × 15 × 3 1/4 in. (11.4 × 38.1 × 8.3 cm)
Credit Line: Acquired with generous support from Bloomberg Philanthropies, Richard Gilder, and an anonymous donor
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Object Name: Rolling stock
Classification: TOYS

Curatorial Remarks:
Starting in 1951, the Soviet Union began producing an ‘O’ gauge electric train set to serve as a special gift to Communist party members and foreign dignitaries. Sets were also presented to adolescent members of the Young Pioneers, the USSR equivalent of the Boy Scouts. This example, produced under Stalin, bears his initials. Many Stalin-era toy trains were later destroyed under orders from Nikita Khrushchev to purge all reminders of the Stalin personality cult.

Physical Description:
Electrotechnical Industries. Cyrillic letters on side translate to Stalin's initials and the number 51 along with the initials of the Ministry. 4-4-4.

Markings: Imprinted on side: "CCCP // [image of hammer and anvil]"
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