

Atlanta Thrashers Slava Kozlov 2006-09 game worn Mission Carbster helmet.

Vyacheslav "Slava" Kozlov won back to back Stanley Cups with the Detroit Red Wings before coming to the Thrashers after a one year stopover with the Buffalo Sabres. Kozlov is second only to Ilya Kovalchuk in all time games played, goals scored, assists and total points during Atlanta's eleven seasons in the NHL. This Carbster helmet from Mission Hockey was the first hockey helmet made with a carbon fiber shell, which gave it durability similar to a goalie mask. The interior of the Carbster was made with dual density foam covered with a cloth-like comfort lining. This material was outstanding for wicking away sweat, and the large vents on either side of the helmet were designed to keep players cool. The Carbster was not adjustable, available in just four sizes, and many players claimed they were between sizes, which kept many from wearing it. Introduced around 2000, it was revolutionary but only a limited number of NHL players wore it besides Kozlov; Anson Carter, Jordan Leopold and Alyn McCauley being some of them. This rare item bears Kozlov's number 13 (surrendered by Patrik Stefan when Kozlov came to Atlanta), two Thrashers primary logo stickers on each side and the NHL shield on the back. The Thrashers primary logos were only worn on the white helmets from 2006-2009 while Kozlov was with the team. The Mission Hockey logo on the front of the helmet has been covered up, likely due to contractual agreements. This helmet was acquired from a former employee of the Atlanta Thrashers.

