

NX-CLASS

Entered Service: 2151. NX-class starships were replaced by the *Columbia*-class refits starting in 2162 that added a second hull. The *Columbia*-class was retired in 2185.

Overview: Prior to the NX Project, Human ships were incapable of exceeding warp factor 2. While the projects earlier ships included Warp 3 and Warp 4 engines, like the *U.S.S. Franklin*, the NX-class was the first to be constructed with a Warp 5 engine, allowing Humanity to truly explore beyond neighboring star systems. The *Enterprise NX-01* was the first NX-class starship, and launched in 2151, ahead of schedule, to transport a Klingon courier to Qo'noS. After a series of successful early missions, Starfleet decided to build further NX-class ships and by 2151, three more NX-class ships were in the early design stages. The *Columbia* was completed in late 2154. After that, the *Challenger* and *Discovery* were both launched in 2155. Several months later, the *Atlantis* and *Endeavour* entered service

Capabilities: Starships of the NX-class were far more formidable than the preceding prototypes, the *Daedalus*-class, and assorted freighter types. The NX-class consisted of a habitable saucer module that contained seven decks - numbered A through G - which housed 80 crew members. NX-class ships achieved warp speed through two nacelles that housed multiple pairs of warp coils, enabling the ship to reach a speed of warp 5.2. Defence of the ship was handled through polarized hull plating. Initially, NX-class starships were designed to carry phase cannons as the primary weapons of the ship. While these were powerful weapons by Human standards, they were still considered to be "low-yield" particle cannons by species such as Klingons. Later NX-class vessels were upgraded to include several more phase cannons, and in 2153, photonic torpedoes were added to the design along with improved pulsed phase cannons. Located on E Deck was the launch bay, where the two shuttlepod were docked. While capable of transporting people, initially the transporter was usually used for non-living cargo. However, by the launch of the *Atlantis NX-05*, the transporter was more reliable and saw increasing use transporting crew members to and from planets. During the Earth-Romulan War of 2156-2160, the NX-class saw heavy use in a combat role. Four NX ships were lost in the conflict.

Following the war, the NX-class received a refit, gaining a secondary hull below the saucer section that included a rudimentary navigational deflector shield. When this refit proved successful, future versions of the NX-class were designed to incorporate the secondary hull, becoming the first *Columbia*-class vessels, named in honour of the *Columbia*, the first NX ship to be the destroyed.

HULL PLATING

Ships of the *Star Trek: Enterprise* or "Rise of the Federation" Era, including the NX-class, lacked the energy shields of later vessels, and instead relied on hull plating that could be polarized to deflect energy.

When facing other ships of that era, NX-class ships follow the normal rules for ship combat, with the starship's Shields statistic being renamed Hull Plating. Like Shields, a starship's Hull Plating is equal to its **Structure + Security**. However, polarized hull plating is ineffective against a transporter, and shuttles can dock and depart freely regardless of the plating.

When facing more advanced starships, such as those of the 23rd-Century, a ship with just hull plating is vastly outmatched and treated as if it had 0 Shields.

SYSTEMS

COMMS 05

ENGINES 06

STRUCTURE 06

COMPUTERS 05

SENSORS 07

WEAPONS 06

DEPARTMENTS

COMMAND +1

SECURITY -

SCIENCE +1

CONN +1

ENGINEERING -

MEDICINE -

SCALE: 3

TALENTS

WEAPONRY:

- Phase Cannons
- Photon Torpedoes
- Grapplers (Strength 1)

NX-class starships have the following Talents:

- Rugged Design
- Advanced Sensor Suites

