

CENTAUR-CLASS

Entered Service: 2289. The *Centaur*-class starships was reactivate in the 2370s.

Overview: Following the failure of the *U.S.S. Excelsior's* transwarp drive, the Starfleet Corp of Engineers debated what to do with the under construction hulls and components for planned *Excelsior*-class vessels. While the class was still useful even without transwarp drive, it was decided to test a potential alternative usage. The *U.S.S. Centaur* was constructed by taking the inner sections of an *Excelsior* class primary hull and attaching that to a subsection from a *Miranda*-class vessel re-appropriated as a secondary hull. After testing the *Centaur*, Starfleet decided not to continue forward with the class. However, in the 2370s, during the Dominion War the class was resurrected as inexpensive light cruiser that could be rapidly produced to fill out the fleet, using surplussed or salvaged *Excelsior* components, while also being quick to repair and rebuilt after suffering battle damage.

Capabilities: The *Centaur* class featured a single primary hull, which was a smaller version of the *Excelsior's* saucer. Below the primary hull was a rectangular subsection that housed part of the class' small warp reactor. This subsection was built from the "rollbar" and modular subsection of a *Miranda*-class ship, with the rollbar itself being adapted to serve as the ship's nacelles. Built into the underside of the subsection was a small navigational deflector. The subsection's pod retained its fore torpedo launchers and also housed two type-IX phaser banks, which provided full 360 degree coverage for the ventral side of the ship. Across the dorsal half of the saucer section were an additional five phaser banks. Following its refit for service in the Dominion War, the class was upgraded with aft torpedo launchers as well as additional phaser banks on both halves of the primary hull. The ships' shuttlebay was housed on the saucer section, directly forward of the bridge on the saucer. As a light cruiser, the *Centaur*-class was typically operated by 315 officers and enlisted crew. The old-style nacelles meant the class had a relatively slow cruising speed. However, its *Excelsior* components enabled it to reach high warp speeds, but small reactor meant it could only sustain maximum warp for a short duration without sacrificing weapon or deflector power.

SYSTEMS

COMMS 07

ENGINES 09

STRUCTURE 08

COMPUTERS 07

SENSORS 07

WEAPONS 09

DEPARTMENTS

COMMAND -

SECURITY +2

SCIENCE -

CONN +1

ENGINEERING -

MEDICINE -

SCALE: 4

WEAPONRY:

- Phaser Banks
- Photon Torpedo
- Tractor Beam (Strength 3)

TALENTS

Centaur-class starships have the following Talents:

- Electronic Warfare System
- Rugged Design

