

# SABER-CLASS

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**Overview:** Following the discovery of the Borg threat, Starfleet's Advanced Starship Design Bureau began work on a number of new ship designs. Following the disastrous confrontation at Wolf 359, work on these new starships took priority over exploratory and scientific vessels. It was planned that this wave of new ships would work together as a cooperative attack wing, with the *Defiant*-class serving the offensive role. However, the prototype of the *Defiant* revealed a number of design flaws that resulted in the class being scrapped. In its place, the *Saber*-class was quickly designed as a replacement. The *Saber*-class was slightly larger than the *Defiant*, but devoted a larger percentage of its space to power systems and had comparatively reduced weaponry. The *Saber* proved a success, so that even after the design flaws of the *Defiant* were corrected, the *Saber* remained in production.

**Capabilities:** A more conservative design than the *Defiant*, the *Saber* employs traditional phaser arrays in place of cannons, trading offensive power for greater warp and impulse power while also permitting it to travel at full speed with its weapons charged. The class features an angular primary hull loosely octagonal in shape with an integrated deflector and large impulse engines. The ship's engineering subsection runs down the middle of the primary hull before extending out the aft. The ship's nacelles are connected directly to the primary hull, with the foresections covered by reinforced cowlings shielding its Bussard collectors. One of Starfleet's smallest vessels in service, *Sabers* were crewed by 40 officers. Owing to the size, only senior received personal quarters, and junior officers and enlisted crew had to share rooms. *Saber*-class ships were typically tasked with defending larger vessels, including transports and freighters. Small and agile, it was planned for *Sabers* to fight the much larger Borg cubes, where their reduced profile would make them more challenging to hit; conveniently, the design also proved an effective counter to the smaller Jem'Hadar strike ships. *Sabers* saw heavy use during the Dominion War, where they were also often used as scout ships

## SYSTEMS

COMMS 09 ENGINES 12 STRUCTURE 09

COMPUTERS 08 SENSORS 11 WEAPONS 10

## DEPARTMENTS

COMMAND - SECURITY +1 SCIENCE -

CONN +2 ENGINEERING - MEDICINE -

SCALE: 3

### WEAPONRY:

- Phaser Arrays
- Photon Torpedoes
- Tractor Beam (Strength 2)

### TALENTS

*Saber*-class starships have the following Talents:

- Improved Impulse Drive
- Improved Reaction Control System

