

K-CLASS

Entered Service: 2237

Examples: *K-7 (Commissioned 2250)* and *Starbase 9 (Commissioned 2245)*

Overview: The K-class space station is an all-purpose Federation design that entered production in the late 2230s. The class was principally civilian in nature, and K-class stations were used for a wide variety of purposes along travel routes or in systems lacking a planetary base, including: supply depot, trading port, cargo storage, recreation, medical services, or repair facilities. However, Starfleet also used the design for several Starbases, typically as temporary stations, with the intent of converting them into civilian facilities after the completion of a larger *Watchtower*-series stations, the founding of a colony, or the expected induction of nearby systems into the Federation. The K-class' modular design and ease of upgrading allowed these stations to remain in service until late in the 24th Century.

Capabilities: The K-class station consisted of a disc-shaped primary hull capped with a conical central command tower on its dorsal surface. This central tower houses the station's operational center, crew quarters, and medical facilities. Directly beneath the primary hull is a cylindrical secondary hull that houses small cargo bays along with the station's reactor, beneath which is the station's shuttle bay. Branching out from the secondary hull are two to five arms ending in a smaller disc-shaped modules topped with a conical tower; in commercial stations, these arms are also typically equipped with docking ports. These smaller modules can be built to serve a wide variety of functions, such as storage bays, scientific laboratories, or industrial fabrication facilities, while the towers can contain residential quarters, commercial space, cargo bays, or offices. Most stations also have recreational facilities in at least one of the towers, with a bar being the most common, although sporting facilities, gambling, and holosuites were also common. From the edge of one arm to another, K-class stations had a maximum diameter of 450 meters, and could be operated by as few as twenty staff. Because of their modularity, K-class stations could accommodate a variable number of guests, with each residential tower able to comfortably house one-hundred individuals. K-class stations typically lacked offensive weaponry and the minimal shielding necessary to ward against radiation and similar stellar phenomena. Even when used by Starfleet as Starbases, K-class stations largely relied on starships for defence.

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DEPARTMENTS

COMMAND +1

SECURITY -

SCIENCE -

CONN -

ENGINEERING +1

MEDICINE +1

SCALE: 5

WEAPONRY:

- Tractor Beam (Strength 4)

TALENTS

K-class stations have the following Talents:

- Docking Capacity
- Repair Crews
- Sturdy Construction
- Secondary Reactors

