

VESTA-CLASS

Entered Service: 2380

Overview: During the tumultuous second half of the 24th Century, Starfleet poured resources into the research and the development of new technology, at first to guard against the Borg threat and then to counter the technology of the Dominion, including the Breen allies. The technologies found in the Gamma and Delta Quadrants lead to surges of innovation and experimentation, with new forms of shielding, power, weaponry, propulsion, and scanning. To serve as a test-bed for new shipboard technologies, Starfleet created the *Vesta*-class. Each vessel was built to accommodate one or more new types of system to be tested in the field. Because of the experimental nature of many of these technologies, some *Vesta* starships were classified, while others simply had decks or sections that were off limits to all but certain personnel.

Capabilities: *Vesta*-class starships often served as exploratory vessels, performing multiple missions in the field, to test their new technologies in non-ideal circumstances. To give these ships the best odds of success, the *Vesta* was also equipped with top-of-the-line engines and sensors, and was able to rival *Sovereign* vessels in speed and *Luna* starships in terms scanning. Most *Vesta* ships were also equipped with advanced weaponry, including the experimental mark XII phaser cannons. Crewed by seven hundred and fifty officers and personnel, the large ship was a mere dozen meters shorter than the *Sovereign*, but was more compact with just under two-dozen decks. The class has a single ovoid primary hull, resembling the saucer section of the *Sovereign* or *Intrepid* classes. A smaller subsection extends from the aft, housing cargo bays and storage; the class ostensibly had numerous cargo bays but this space was often occupied by experimental equipment and spare parts, housed in the aft section to protect the crew. Because most *Vesta* ships contained inefficient and unperfected technology, the ship was designed with a twin-reactor system, to provide steady power without taxing existing systems.

SYSTEMS

COMMS 10 ENGINES 11 STRUCTURE 08

COMPUTERS 11 SENSORS 11 WEAPONS 08

DEPARTMENTS

COMMAND +1 SECURITY - SCIENCE +1

CONN - ENGINEERING +1 MEDICINE -

SCALE: 6

WEAPONRY:

- Phaser Arrays
- Phaser Cannons
- Photon Torpedoes
- Quantum Torpedoes
- Tractor Beam (Strength 5)

TALENTS

Vesta-class starships have the following Talents:

- Advanced Sensor Suites
- Improved Warp Drive
- Quantum Torpedoes
- Secondary Reactors

