

FREEDOM-CLASS

Entered Service: 2146. *Freedom*-class starships were retired from service after 2183.

Overview: Following the *NX-Delta's* breaking of the warp 3 barrier in 2143, Starfleet immediately began planning its exploratory warp 5 vessels, the historic *NX*-class. At the same time, the Starfleet Corp of Engineers also began work on several secondary classes, such as the small *Intrepid*-type cruisers (designed for operations in and around the Sol system) and multi-purpose warp 4 ships designed for transporting Starfleet goods and personnel between nearby systems. The first of these warp 4 vessels was the *NX-326 Franklin*, a MACO troop transport. Despite being planned and receiving its designation after the *NX-01*, its smaller size and less experimental engine meant it finished construction and left space dock prior to the *Enterprise*. When MACO was disbanded following the formation of the United Federation of Planets, the *Franklin* was the first of its class given a U.S.S. designation and reclassified as an exploratory vessel. Sadly, the ship vanished in 2164 while on a mission in the Gagarin Radiation Belt.

Capabilities: Despite being half the size of an *NX*-class ship, *Freedom*-class vessels were designed to maximize their limited space. Most lacked scientific facilities and shuttles with limited supply storage. Initially, the class had minimal defenses beyond spatial torpedo launchers and polarized hull plating. The first vessel of the class was designed as a MACO transport, capable of moving several hundred troops between systems, and featured large crew quarters with durable life support systems. Later vessels of the class made variable use of these features, with one designed for humanitarian missions and evacuations, while another was designed for relocating colonists. Most *Freedom*-class ships were designed for hauling cargo more than people, with two being used by the Starfleet Corp of Engineers, and proved invaluable during the creation of the first few Starbases. When several *Freedom*-class ships were re-purposed for Federation service, they received a number of refits, including an improved warp reactor, sensors, and pulsed phase cannons. Some systems were never refit, such as the navigational deflector and the transporter.

HULL PLATING AND PHASE CANNONS

Ships of the *Star Trek: Enterprise* or "Rise of the Federation" Era, lacked the energy shields and instead relied on hull plating that could be polarized to deflect energy. Rules for these are in *Command Division Sourcebook*.

SYSTEMS

COMMS 05 ENGINES 05 STRUCTURE 07

COMPUTERS 05 SENSORS 06 WEAPONS 06

DEPARTMENTS

COMMAND +1 SECURITY +1 SCIENCE -

CONN - ENGINEERING +1 MEDICINE -

SCALE: 2

WEAPONRY:

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

TALENTS

Freedom-class starships have the following Talents:

- Redundant Systems
- Rugged Design

