

WALKER-CLASS

Entered Service: 2217. *Walker*-class starships were retired from service after the 2370s.

Overview: After five decades of rapid growth, the fledgling United Federation of Planets struggled to maintain its infrastructure and Starfleet struggled to balance its primary missions of exploration and science and the myriad missions required to maintain the alliance. With dozens of member worlds and new species every few years, there was dramatic increase in requests for starships to intervene in planetary crisis. The *Walker*-class was one of several new classes designed to operate within the borders of the Federation, performing relief missions and maintaining the communication networks and trade routes that allowed the union to function.

Capabilities: The *Walker*-class consisted of a saucer-shaped primary hull with an integrated navigational deflector at the front. A compact secondary hull extended out of the rear of the primary hull, housing the ship's main engineering, as well as its cargo and shuttle bay. The class had two warp nacelles connected to the secondary hull with large triangular pylons. Including its primary and secondary hulls, the class had fifteen decks and was typically crewed by only 150 officers and enlisted personnel. *Walker*-class vessels were capable of atmospheric flight and planetary landing, and had maneuvering thrusters across their hulls, which also enabled precise movement in space. Atypically for Starfleet vessels, the bridge on *Walker*-class starships was located on the ventral side of the primary hull, positioned to aid in planetary landings. As one of the primary purposes of the class was humanitarian missions, it featured a large cargo bay for transporting important medical supplies and relief workers, that doubled as an expanded shuttlebay for accommodating evacuees. While not designed for combat, numerous incidents with the under-armed *Einstein*-class vessels showed that all Starfleet vessels needed some measure of defences, if only for combating rogue asteroids, so the *Walker*-class had several phase cannons as well as two forward facing torpedo launchers. The class underwent numerous refits over its service, but as individual vessels were often shifted from emergency to emergency, many were forced to skip scheduled upgrades.

SYSTEMS

COMMS 07

ENGINES 08

STRUCTURE 08

COMPUTERS 06

SENSORS 07

WEAPONS 07

DEPARTMENTS

COMMAND -

SECURITY -

SCIENCE -

CONN +1

ENGINEERING +1

MEDICINE +1

SCALE: 3

WEAPONRY:

- Phase Cannons
- Photonic Torpedoes
- Tractor Beam (Strength2)

TALENTS

Walker-class starships have the following Talents:

- Advanced Sickbay
- Improved Hull Integrity

