

Belknap-Class Cruiser

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ENTERED SERVICE: 2264

OVERVIEW: The *Belknap*-class cruiser is the last of the Constitution-era vessels to be commissioned. Conceived to be a less heavily armored version of the *Constitution*, allowing the class to operate at significantly less cost than the flagships of the fleet. These ships were deployed all over Federation territory to defend areas of a special or sensitive nature, and often acted as first response vessels in military engagements. As a less equipped version of her sister ships, they served better in dedicated roles as opposed to multi-mission profiles. Towards the end of 2272, surviving vessels of this class began to undergo a refit similar to the *Constitution*-class

CAPABILITIES: The *Belknap*-class cruiser was effectively a bare bones version of the *Constitution*-class. Ships of this class were outfitted with an aft phaser bank to cover a blind spot in the firing profile. The vessel excels at combat and defense, while only able to function at a standard capacity in other roles.

Notes from the authors: The Jaynz guides identify this series of ships as a Decatur-class. Due to the history and design profile, we decided to incorporate the refit storyline to explain how there is a class of ship in the TOS era which looks like the Belknap, yet carried a different class designation.

SYSTEMS

Comms	07	Engines	08	Structure	07
Computers	07	Sensors	08	Weapons	09

DEPARTMENTS

Command	+1	Security	+2	Science	--
Conn	--	Engineering	--	Medicine	--

SCALE: 4

ATTACKS

Phaser Banks

Photon Torpedoes

Tractor Beam (Strength: 3)

TALENTS

Belknap-class starships have the following talents

Rugged Design

Fast Targeting System

STANDARD COMPLIMENT

Officers	32
Crew	280

DIMENSIONS

Deadweight Tonnage	175,000 Metric Tons
Length	277 m
Beam	127 m
Draft	78 m

ARMAMENTS

Phasers	4 Banks of 2: 1f, 1f/p, 1f/s, 1a
Photon Torpedoes	1 Bank of 2: Forward

Warp Speed (TOS)	Cruise: 6 / Max: 8
Warp Speed (TNG)	Cruise 5.1 / Max: 6.5

