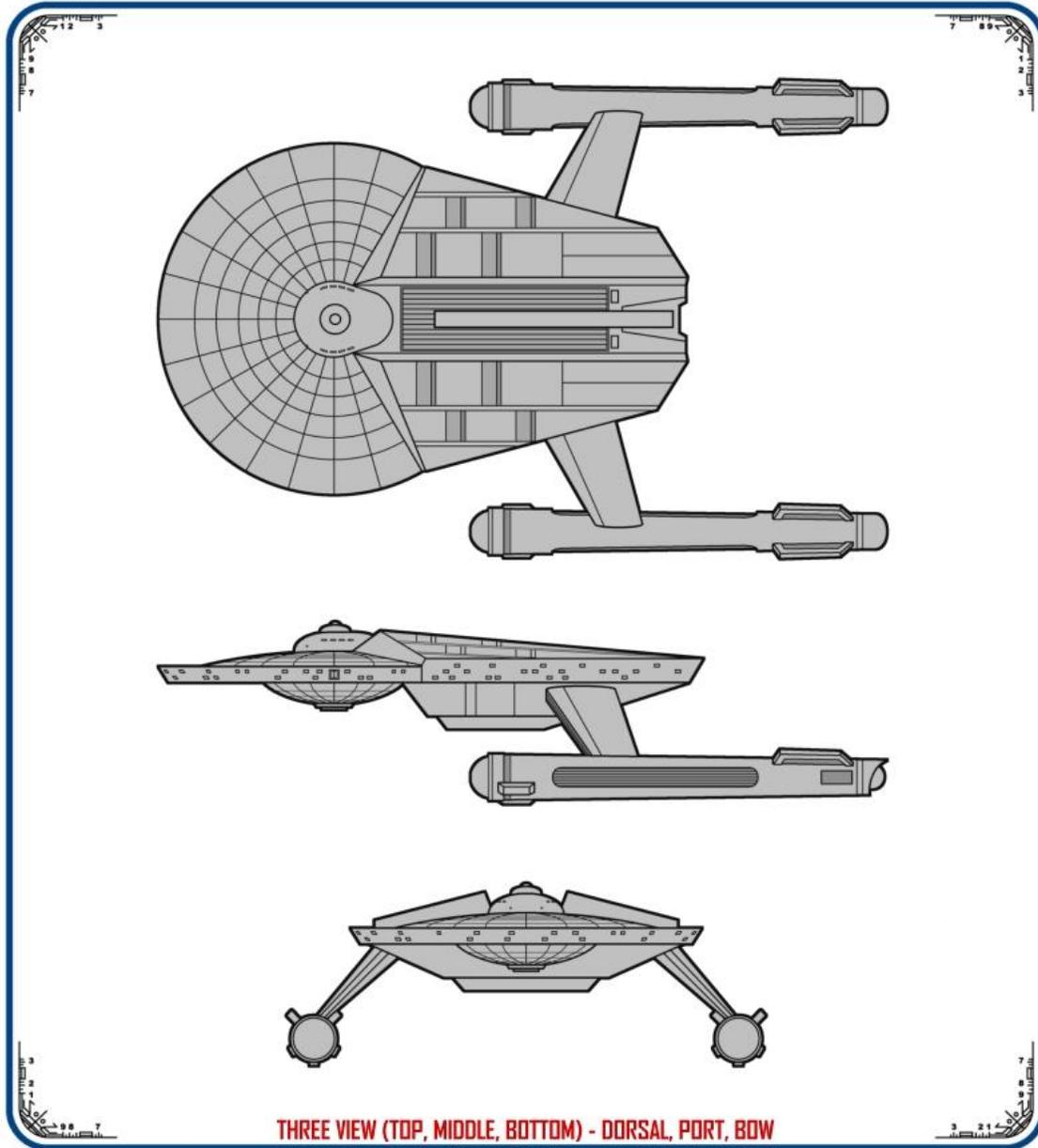


ANTON-CLASS SCIENCE CRUISER

Entered Service: 2243



Dimensions

Length: 274 meters

Beam: 181 meters

Draft: 61 meters

Overview: First commissioned in 2243 during the period of Federation exploration and expansion known as "The Great Awakening," the *Anton*-class cruiser was in the forefront of that expansion effort. At the time, Starfleet itself was expanding in response to the changing economic and political

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goals of the United Federation of Planets. To meet the demand of a larger navy, Starfleet's Advanced Starship Design Bureau authorized the development and testing of hundreds of vessel types, the *Anton* among them. During this same period, the concepts of ship design were rapidly evolving and becoming more sophisticated, and the technology to build and operate starships was going through an industrial revolution. Advances in all facets of the technologies required to construct, maintain, and operate a starship were happening so rapidly that some ship designs became obsolete before they even left the planning stage. The *Anton* design was changed no fewer than 12 times before the tooling and machining had begun. Even so, the ship required some alterations during its trials and was to see many more changes after its commissioning. When these new cruisers were launched, they were only capable of performing 3-year missions with re-supply at 1-year intervals. This made their dual-purpose role of research cruiser harder to perform because with the great distances that had to be traveled, they could not get more than 6-months travel time from a friendly outpost. This meant they could only advance as fast as the frontier was expanding.

Contrary to popular belief, the *Anton* is not the design ancestor of the *Miranda*-class cruiser. In fact, the first *Mirandas* were built from scratch rather than from refitted *Antons*. Though the two ships look similar, the actual dimensions of the pair are different enough that a refit of the *Anton* into a *Miranda* would have been prohibitively expensive and impractical.

The *Antons* were retired in 2270, shortly after the *Oberth*-class surveyors were first commissioned and made the *Anton* obsolete.

Capabilities: As a lightly armed science cruiser, the *Anton* lacked the heavy armament seen on some of its Great Awakening contemporaries like the *Constitution*-class cruiser or the *Loknar*-class frigate. Since the *Anton* was designed to perform short-range planetary surveys or observe stellar phenomenon within a relatively short distance from the Federation's border, the Admiralty decided that the risk of encountering hostiles would be low so heavy weaponry was unnecessary. Instead, the *Anton* was equipped with sensitive detectors and subspace scanners, though the vessel also had a single forward-firing phaser bank for self-defense. The *Anton* had a crew of 290 officers and crewmen and carried 4 shuttlecraft in its hangar bay.

Systems

Comms	7	Engines	7	Structure	7
Computers	8	Sensors	10	Weapons	7

Departments

cmd	+1	sec	--	sci	+2
conn	--	eng	--	med	--

Scale: 4

Attacks

- Phaser Banks
- Tractor Beam (Strength 3)

Talents

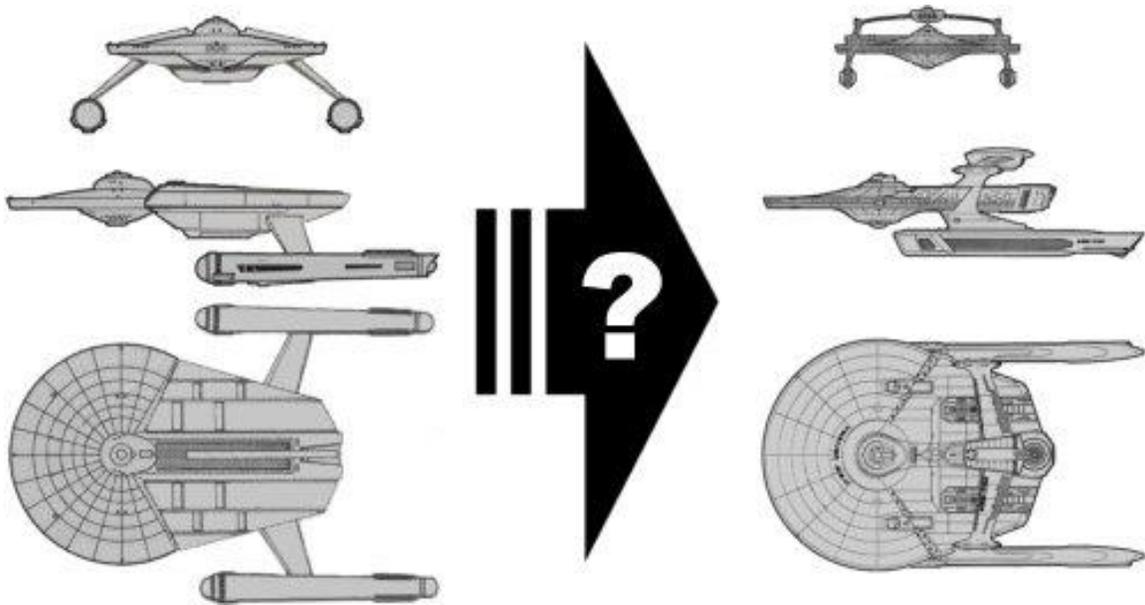
Anton-class starships have the following Talents:

- Advanced Sensor Suites
- High Resolution Sensors

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A list of known *Anton*-class vessels can be found at Memory Beta [here](#).

As to the fan theory that the *Anton* was refitted into the *Miranda*, have a gander at this:



Um...*NO*. Brad's right, there's no way the *Anton* was refitted into the *Miranda* like the *Constitution* was refitted into the *Constitution* refit. The different proportions of the *Anton* and the *Miranda* are just *all* wrong. -CFD