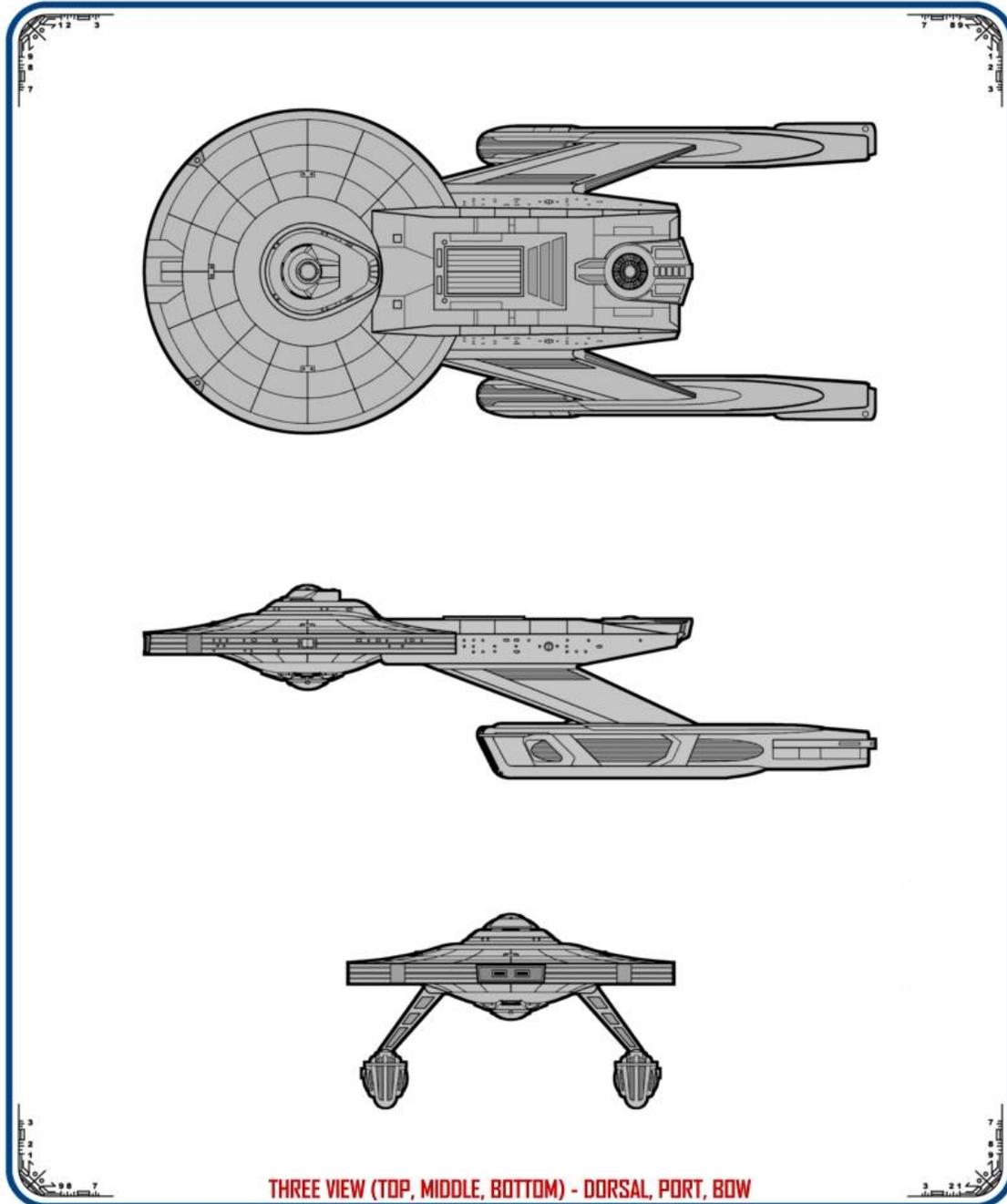


BAKER-CLASS DESTROYER

Entered Service: 2272



Dimensions

Length: 218 meters

Beam: 87 meters

Draft: 52 meters

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Overview: The *Baker*-class destroyer has a unique development history. When the original contracts were let out, they called for a research vessel with limited combat capabilities. The designs for the ship were accepted by Starfleet's Advanced Starship Design Bureau (ASDB) and the actual construction of the *Baker*-class research cruiser began. As the main hull neared completion, Starfleet decided that a new destroyer was needed to replace the aging *Larson*-class destroyer. At this same time, the Admiralty was of the opinion that fewer research cruisers would be needed on the frontiers. The *Baker*-class was then dropped as a research cruiser and re-designated a destroyer. In order to accomplish its new mission as a destroyer, the *Baker's* design underwent several changes. The laboratory facilities were removed while the crew quarters and recreation areas were expanded. (The *Baker*-class vessels would become very well known for these spacious quarters and crew comforts.) Another change came in the weaponry. The original design had only four phasers while the finished design, known as the Mk II, was fitted with six phasers (in three phaser banks) and two photon torpedo launchers. The *Baker*-class destroyer was brought into service with the commissioning of the *USS Baker*, *USS Stafford*, and *USS Peterson* in 2272. As was intended, these vessels were used to replace the aging *Larson*-class destroyers in more hostile areas, while the *Larsons* were redeployed more and more along trailing and rimward frontiers in decreasing numbers until their retirement in 2309. The *Bakers* served with distinction until they were mothballed in 2327.

Capabilities: The *Baker*-class has a compartmented dual-wall internal structure to give additional protection from explosive decompression during battle. Earlier designs with single-wall protection often ruptured when one compartment decompressed, victims of a domino effect that would eventually render the entire vessel incapable of sustaining itself. Although compartmentalization is not new in ship design, double walls separated by a pressurized dead space was. Such a dead space counteracts the forces on the outer wall surfaces by means of sensors that detect any changes in pressure and trigger units that regulate the pressure inside the dead space. The *Baker's* weapons have an atypical configuration, with 2 phaser banks set in a forward/port/starboard firing arc while the third phaser bank is set in a typical forward firing arc. Meanwhile, the vessel's forward-firing photon torpedo launchers are fitted in the forward center of the saucer section. The *Baker* is also equipped with a small shuttlebay capable of carrying two shuttlecraft. Unlike most Federation starships, the *Baker's* shuttlebay is set amidships with the doors placed on the dorsal side of the secondary hull.

Systems

Comms	7	Engines	9	Structure	9
Computers	7	Sensors	8	Weapons	9

Departments

CMD	--	SEC	+1	SCI	--
CONN	+1	ENG	+1	MED	--

Scale: 3

Attacks

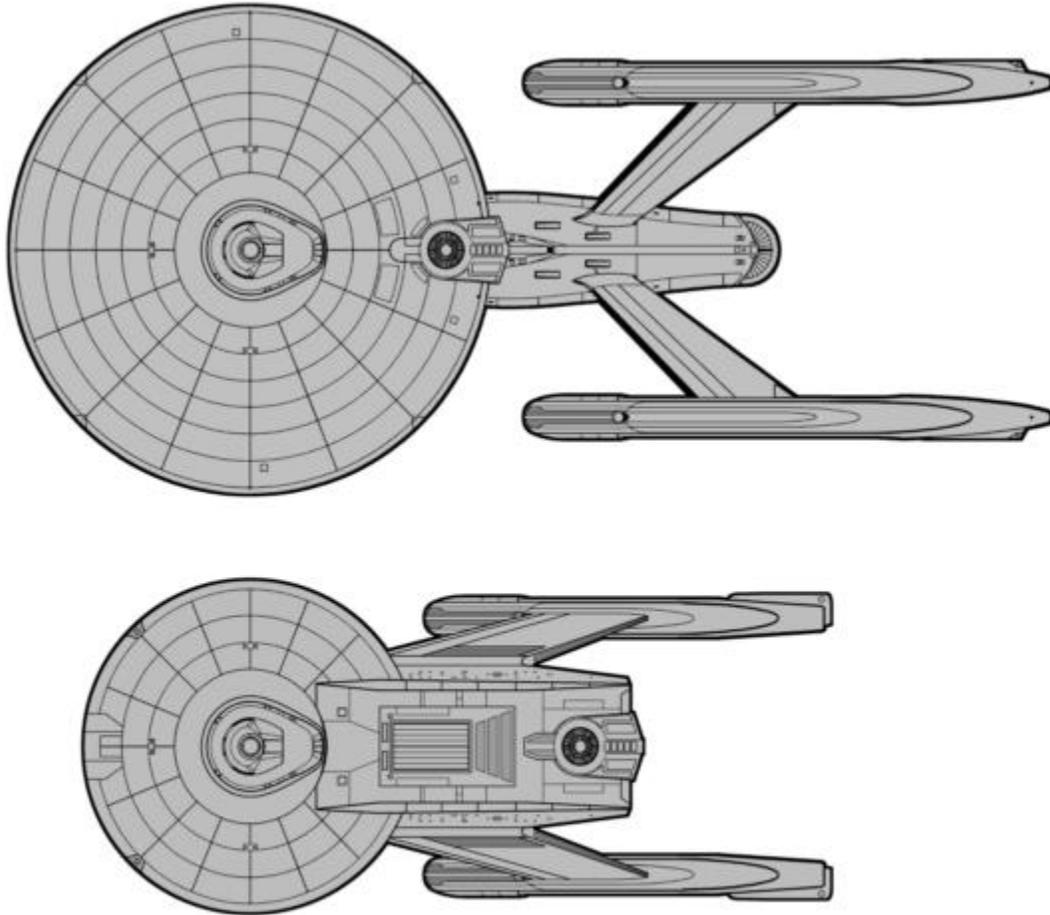
- Phaser Banks
- Photon Torpedoes
- Tractor Beam (Strength 2)

Talents

Baker-class starships have the following Talents:

- Improved Hull Integrity

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Seen here in comparison with the Constitution (refit) cruiser

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