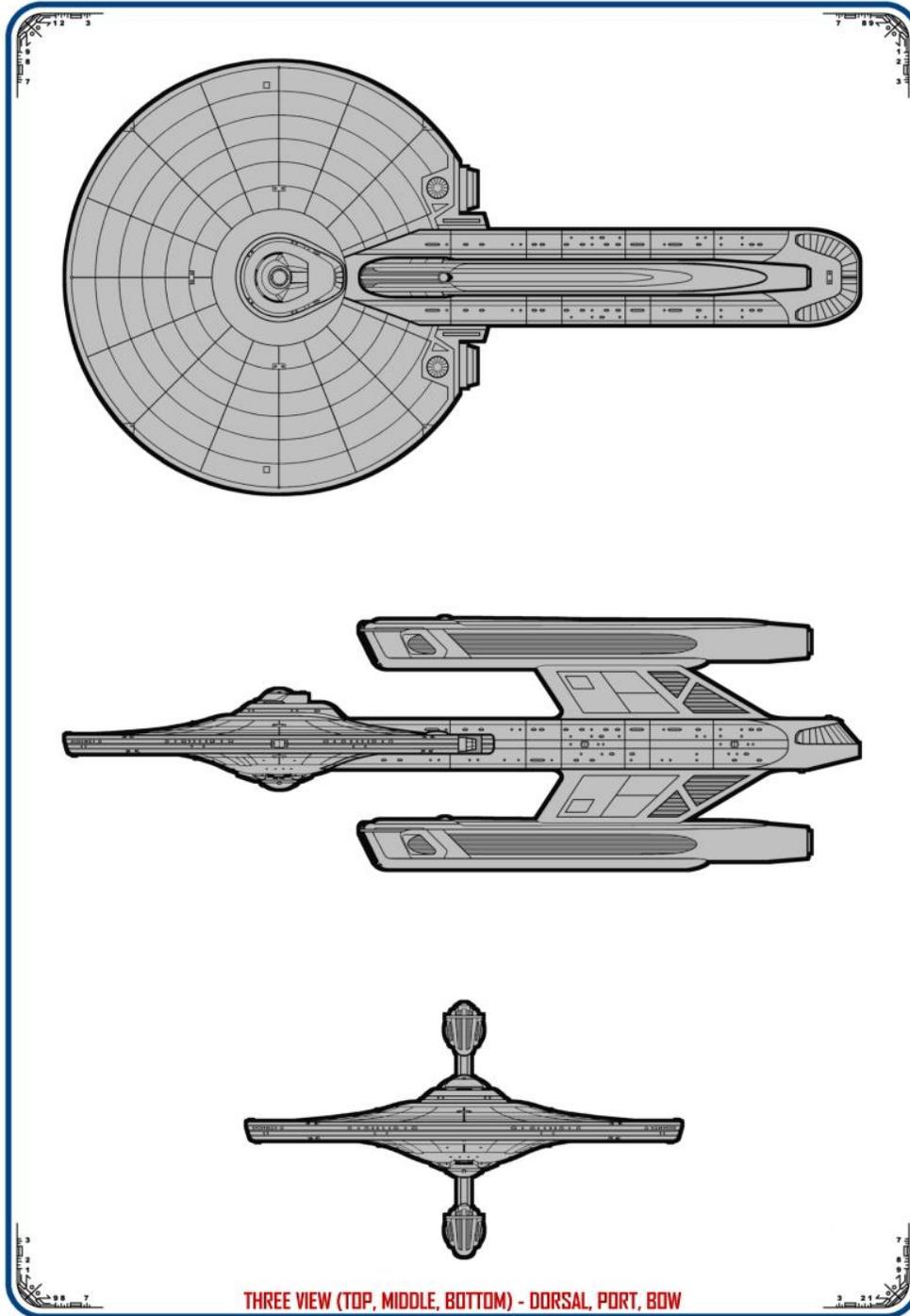


TICONDEROGA-CLASS LIGHT CRUISER

Entered Service: 2285



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Dimensions

Length: 263 meters

Beam: 130 meters

Draft: 78 meters

Overview: The history of the *Ticonderoga*-class light cruiser began after experimental technology yielded positive results with up-down warp nacelle configurations mounted on the *Wilkerson*-class light destroyer in 2276. It was not known if the arrangement would produce great success in a vessel as large as a light cruiser so Starfleet deferred the question for several years. Finally, Starfleet decided to find out for certain and one prototype, the *USS Ticonderoga*, was constructed in 2285. At the time of *Ticonderoga*'s acceptance trials, it was determined that 24 more vessels would be laid down if the prototype passed muster. The *Ticonderoga*, with its high-efficiency power drives, was projected to be a valuable tool in stemming the tide of piracy on the fringe of Federation space in the 2280s. If the *Ticonderoga* succeeded in its shakedown trials, this would allow several of the new *Excelsior*-class ships already assigned to anti-pirate patrols to take on more varied mission profiles. As it turned out, the *Ticonderoga*'s trials were successful and 24 additional *Ticonderoga*-class vessels were constructed and deployed to patrol the Federation's more remote trade routes. Pirate raids in the Federation's outer sectors were reduced by 72% as a result. While anti-pirate patrols were never regarded by Starfleet officers as glamorous work, the crews of the *Ticonderoga*-class vessels always took a special pride in keeping the spacelanes safe for Federation citizens and merchants. The *Ticonderoga*-class light cruisers served superbly in their pirate deterrent role until they were retired in 2328.

Capabilities: The *Ticonderoga*-class light cruiser was manned by 320 officers and crew and had three standard (6-person) personnel transporters, three 22-person escape transporters, and two cargo transporters. The *Ticonderoga*'s warp engines were rated to cruise at warp factor 8 (OCU) and max out at warp factor 10 (OCU), making it able to run down even the fastest pirate vessel. The *Ticonderoga*'s weapons consisted of five dual-emitter phaser banks (for a total of ten phaser emitters), with two forward-port phaser banks, two forward-starboard phaser banks and one forward firing phaser bank. When confronted with such a bewildering array of forward firepower, many pirates surrendered without a fight. The *Ticonderoga*'s only torpedo armament was a single aft-firing photon torpedo launcher to discourage pursuers. The *Ticonderoga* was also equipped with a large shuttlebay capable of carrying anywhere from 10 to 12 shuttlecraft (though only a maximum of 6 could be actively maintained at any one time) that could, among other missions, render assistance to stricken spacecraft, provide additional firepower as makeshift fighters or deploy Starfleet Security personnel for commando raids on pirate bases.

Systems

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

Departments

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

Scale: 4

Attacks

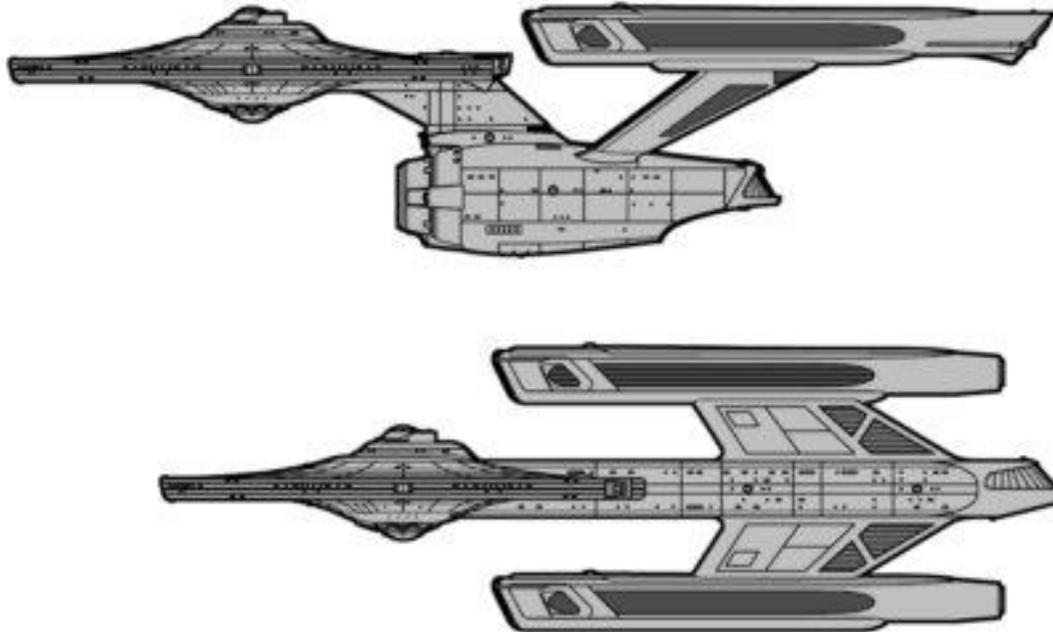
- Phaser Banks
- Photon Torpedoes
- Tractor Beam (Strength 3)

Talents

Ticonderoga-class starships have the following Talents:

- Extensive Shuttlebays
- Improved Warp Drive

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Ticonderoga class (bottom) light cruiser, here seen with a Constitution (refit) class cruiser, for size comparison