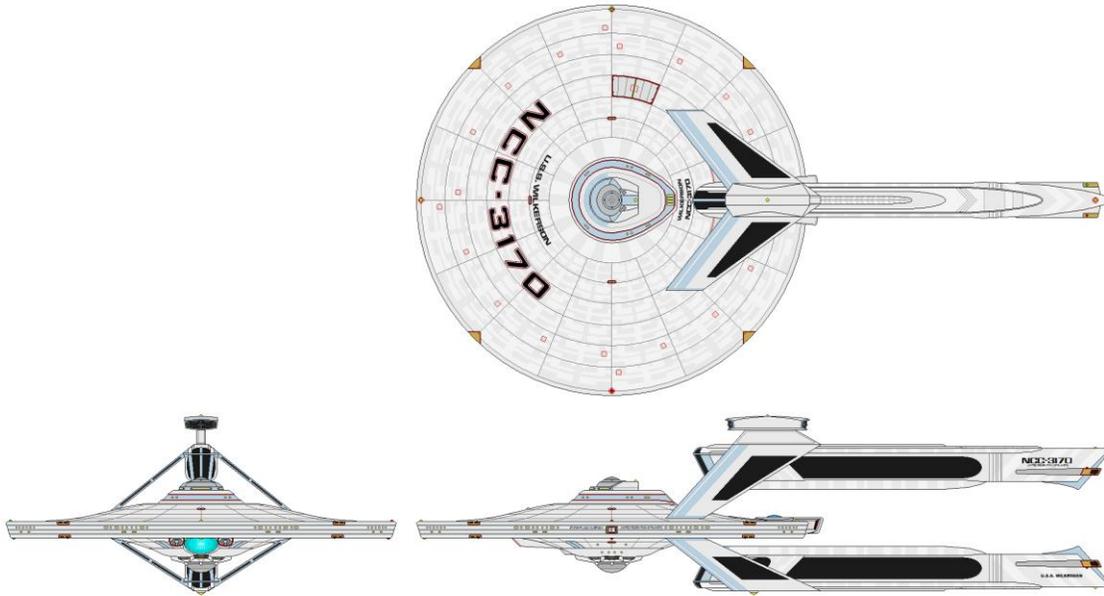


WILKERSON-CLASS DESTROYER

Entered Service: 2276



Dimensions

Length: 240 meters

Beam: 150 meters

Draft: 60 meters

Overview: The *Wilkerson*-class destroyers, which first entered service in 2276, became a favorite among personnel assigned to Starfleet's Destroyer Command. These sleek ships were not only fast and maneuverable, but also well-armed and shielded. Spacious crew quarters and work areas made tours of duty aboard a *Wilkerson*-class ship a sought-after assignment. The *Wilkersons* were tested for combat readiness shortly after they began arriving at their duty stations. Six of them participated in Solar Wind IV, a fleet-level training operation designed to test the fleet's ability to respond to and repulse an invasion by limited Romulan forces. The after-action reports showed the *Wilkersons* to be formidable opponents. During the operation, the *Wilkersons* were in combat four times and suffered no losses. (The only pertinent negative reports from the operation were due to an overzealous captain who was so flushed with victory during a successful engagement that he pursued the fleeing enemy ships and left his support behind. Luckily, he broke off the engagement after realizing that his was the only ship in pursuit of five enemy vessels.) *Wilkerson*-class destroyers continued to serve in Starfleet until they were retired in 2326.

Capabilities: The *Wilkerson* was armed with one forward-port phaser bank and one forward-starboard phaser bank. The *Wilkerson* was also armed with a photon torpedo launcher mounted on the dorsal warp nacelle that could fire a single torpedo either forward or aft. The engines on the *Wilkerson* were rated to cruise at Warp 7 (OCU) and max out at Warp 9 (OCU). Recent innovations in both warp field geometry and gravimetric deflection allowed a smaller warp core and a more efficient navigational deflector to be installed in the *Wilkerson's* saucer section without impinging on the other facilities in the saucer section. Even so, despite the smaller warp core and deflector, there was still not enough space left over to allow for a shuttlebay. Despite this, the *Wilkerson* did not suffer for its lack of a shuttlebay as its mission as a destroyer was to protect larger ships from smaller and

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more maneuverable opponents. With its improved warp drive, the *Wilkerson* was able to act as a fast-response vehicle in case of sudden attacks by hostile forces along the Federation's border.

Systems

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

Departments

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

Scale: 4

Attacks

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

Talents

Wilkerson-class starships have the following Talents:

- Improved Warp Drive
- Advanced Shields

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