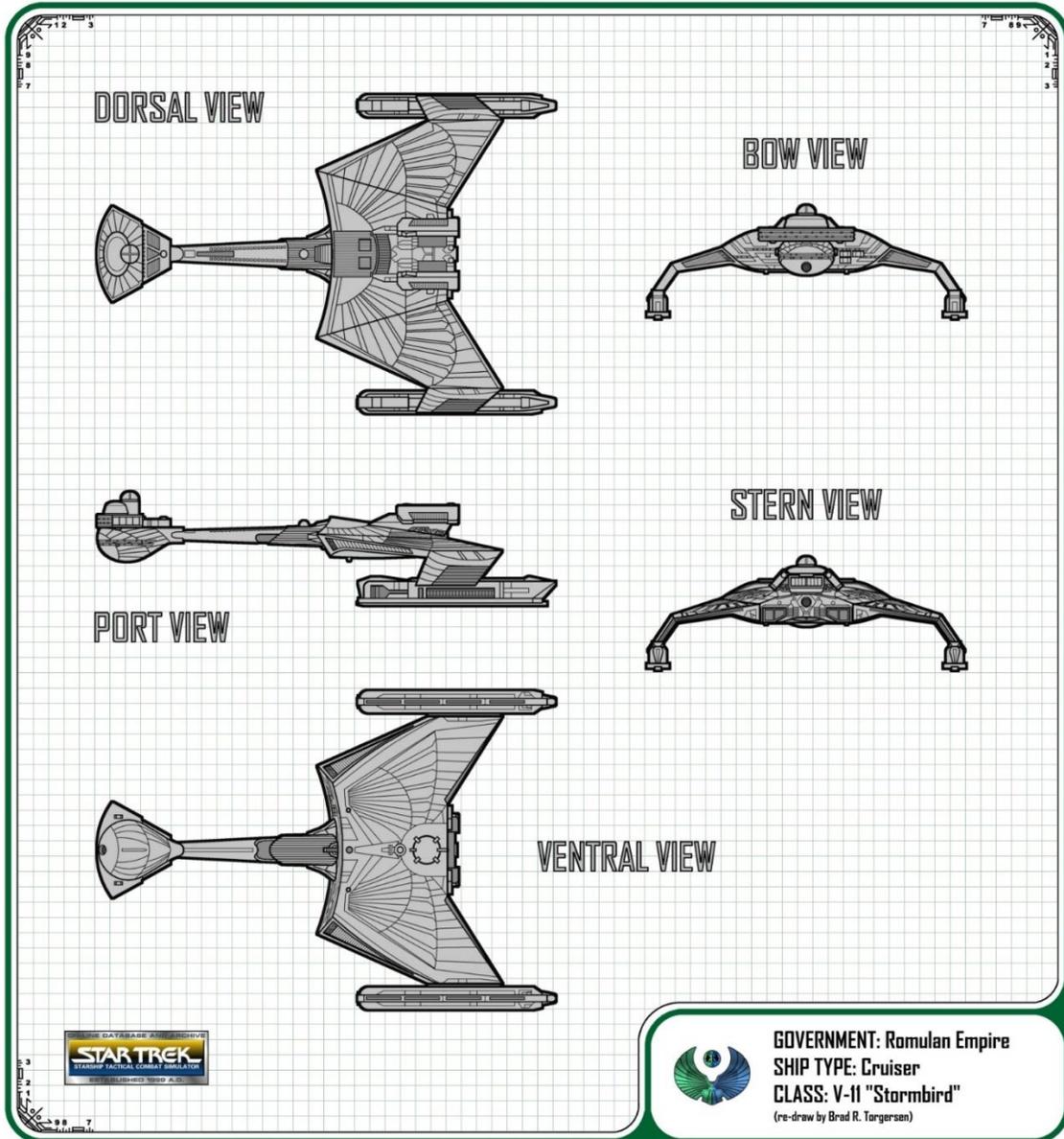


# V-11 "STORMBIRD"-CLASS CRUISER

Entered Service: 2268



## Dimensions

Length: 228 meters

Beam: 159.2 meters

Draft: 52.6 meters

**Overview:** With the reemergence of the Romulan Star Empire into galactic politics after the incursion into the Federation Neutral Zone in 2266, the Romulans determined that between the Klingons and the Federation, it was the Federation that was the greater threat to the Star Empire. Seeking to undermine their mutual enemy, the Romulans and the Klingons entered into secret negotiations to find any advantage against the Federation. As a result of these negotiations, the Romulans and the Klingons agreed to a technological exchange in 2268. The Klingons agreed to

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provide several dozen of their D-7 cruisers to the Romulans in return for several Romulan plasma torpedo weapons and cloaking devices. These vessels joined the Romulan Star Navy as the “*Stormbird*” class, known to the Federation as the V-11. The class is named for the *vas’kalabam* (bird of storms), a small, flying predator of Remus. These nocturnal avians are often seen gliding on the rising winds before a storm and it is said they are capable of traveling hundreds of miles in the vanguard of a storm.

When Starfleet Intelligence learned of the technology exchange between the Romulans and the Klingons, they were confused to say the least. One Starfleet Intelligence officer with an interest in 20th century automobiles described the exchange as “the interstellar equivalent of Rolls-Royce buying car parts from Ford.” Klingon ships had a reputation for being built by the lowest bidder, so Starfleet Intelligence was confused about what the Romulans hoped to gain by giving away their valuable cloaking devices in exchange for substandard ships.

Then Starfleet Intelligence got wind that the Klingon scientist K’tinga discovered the cloaking devices the Romulans had traded to the Klingon Empire were faulty and executed the Romulan ambassador to Qo’noS in retaliation, thus ending the brief Klingon-Romulan alliance. For their part, the Romulans suspected that the Klingons were renegeing in the technology exchange by giving them substandard ships, so they decided to retaliate by deliberately giving the Klingons faulty cloaking devices that would be incompatible with their starships. Unfortunately for the Romulans, they weren’t expecting the Klingons to find out about their duplicity so quickly.

Although 172 of these ships entered Romulan service, they were not well-liked by their commanders or crews, many of whom considered them to be enemy vessels. Despite the ambivalence of many Romulan soldiers towards the V-11, the flag officers of the Romulan Star Navy still regarded these ships highly enough to assign them to patrol the Romulan side of the Neutral Zone and equip them with state-of-the-art cloaking devices. It was in 2268, soon after the V-11’s initial deployment and during what Federation historians now call the “Enterprise Incident,” that two V-11 “*Stormbird*”-class starships and a V-8 “*Bird-of-Prey*”-class vessel surrounded the *USS Enterprise* when it unlawfully entered the Neutral Zone on Captain James T. Kirk’s orders. This turned out to be a ploy by Starfleet Intelligence to successfully capture a Romulan cloaking device for analysis and restore strategic stability between the Federation and the Romulan Star Empire.

Though the V-11 functioned adequately in its cruiser role, many officers of the Romulan Star Navy insisted on the construction of “authentic Romulan vessels” to replace the V-11. Eventually, the Romulan Praetor and the Continuing Committee decided to increase production of more modern vessels and retired the V-11 sometime in the early 2310s.

**Capabilities:** The 100 vessels in the initial shipment were stripped of their weapons and shields, but the Klingon engines were retained to form the Mark I. The Mark I was outfitted with a forward-firing Romulan plasma torpedo weapon as well as Romulan shields. With its original Klingon engines, the Mark I had a cruising speed of Warp 6 (OCU) and had an emergency speed of Warp 8 (OCU). The 72 vessels in the second shipment were delivered without engines, shields, or weapons; these were designated as the Mark II and outfitted with Romulan photon torpedo launchers (1 fore and 1 aft) instead of the Romulan plasma torpedo and further modified with Romulan engines and shielding. With its new Romulan engines, the Mark II could cruise at Warp 7 (OCU) and had an emergency speed of Warp 9 (OCU). Both types were additionally armed with two Romulan disruptor banks (1 forward-starboard and 1 forward-port) and also had cloaking devices mounted on them. Like its Klingon D-7 counterpart, the V-11 was crewed by 350 officers and crew and could carry a troop complement of 220 marines.

**Traits:** Romulan cruiser

## Systems

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

## Departments

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conn	+1	ENG	--	MED	--

Scale: 4

**Special Rules:** Cloaking Device (see STA Corebook, p259)

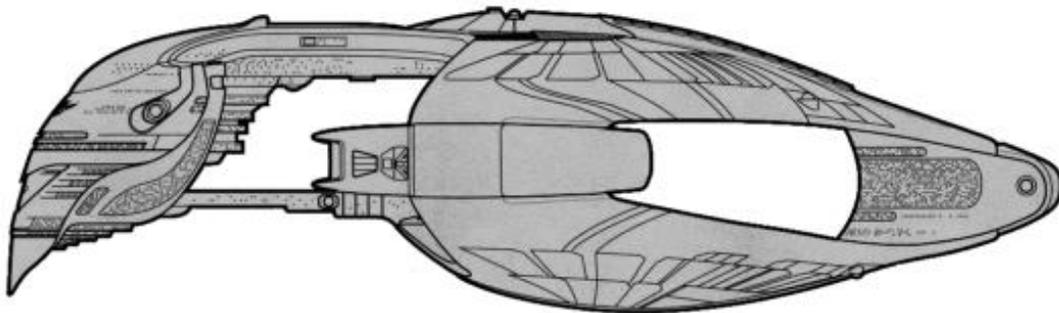
## Attacks

- Disruptor Banks
- Plasma Torpedoes (*Mk I only*)
- Photon Torpedoes (*Mk II only*)
- Tractor Beam (Strength 3)

## Talents

V-11 "*Stormbird*"-class starships have the following Talents:

- Cloaking Device
- Rugged Design



Top to bottom: D'Daridex super-cruiser,  
Starfleet Excelsior, Romulan Z-1 "Nova",  
Starfleet Constitution (refit), V-11 "Stormbird"

# V-11 "Stormbird" size comparison

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