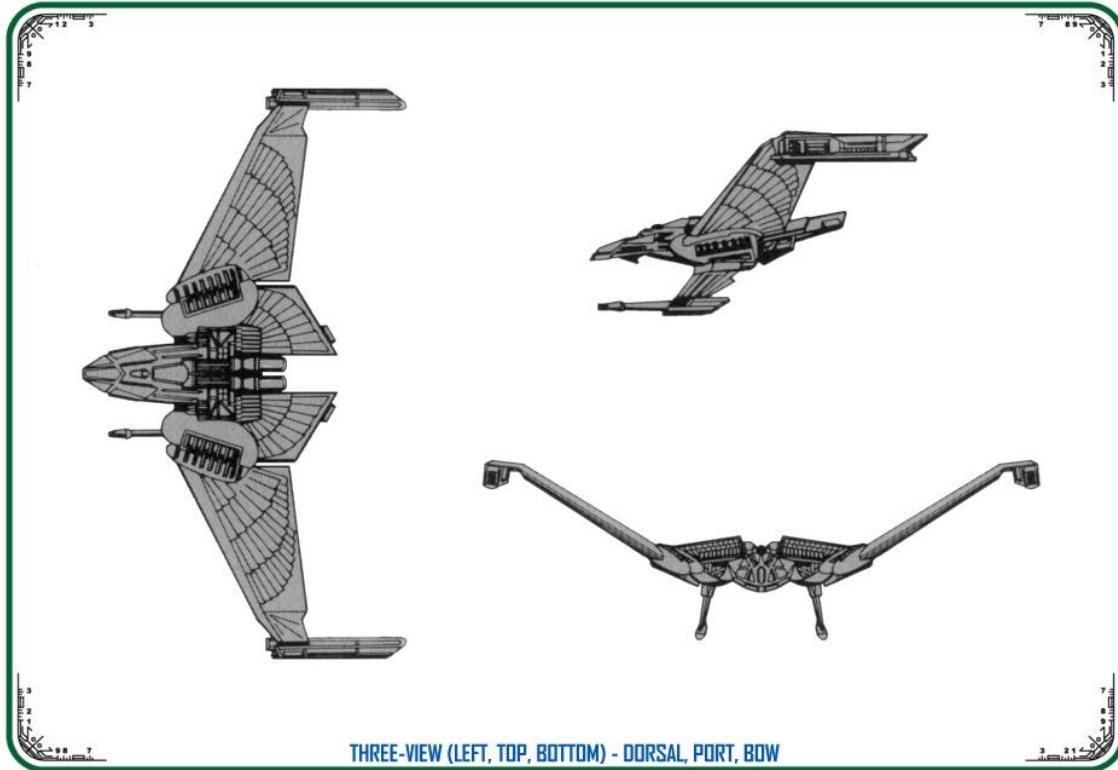


V-30 “WINGED DEFENDER”-CLASS HEAVY CRUISER

Entered Service: 2274



Dimensions

Length: 187 meters

Beam: 293 meters (tactical mode)

Draft: 94 meters

Overview: First commissioned in 2274, the V-30 “Winged Defender” class was the Romulan Star Empire’s most powerful warship at the time. The V-30 was never deployed alone, usually flying in formation with support vessels on patrols along the borders of the Romulan Empire. Between 2274 and the advent of the Z-1 “Nova”-class battleship in 2285, V-30 cruisers were the flagships of the Romulan fleet and were deployed as a deterrent to potential incursions into Romulan space. Though the V-30 had never engaged Federation forces during its first few decades of service, it was suspected that the V-30 would have been an even match with a *Constitution*-class refit starship. Unconfirmed reports claimed that the V-30 was involved in a number of engagements with comparable Klingon vessels and was victorious in every encounter. The V-30 was named for the *vas’deletham* (“winged defender”) bird which is native to Remus, an animal that is vicious and deadly in the protection of its nest. The “Winged Defender”-class cruiser served the Romulan Star Empire until the 2330s when they were placed in mothballs and retired.

Capabilities: A variable wing configuration starship like the Klingon *B’rel* and *K’vort*-class birds-of-prey, the V-30 had a cruising mode and a tactical mode. It carried a crew of 350, was equipped with a shuttlebay just large enough for 2 shuttlecraft, and had a cruising speed of Warp 7 (OCU) and a maximum speed of Warp 9 (OCU). Like many Romulan ships, the V-30 was equipped with a cloaking device. The V-30 was armed with 8 disruptor banks, but were placed in an unusual arrangement (4 forward, 1 port, 1 starboard, 1 port-aft, and 1 starboard-aft). In addition, this vessel was also armed with a plasma torpedo launcher. With the combination of its cloaking device and forward weaponry,

this vessel could sneak up on an enemy while cloaked and then uncloak and release a devastating barrage of firepower.

Traits: Romulan heavy cruiser

Systems

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

Departments

CMO	--	SEC	+2	SCI	--
CONN	+1	ENG	--	MED	--

Scale: 4

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

Ra'kholh-class Variant

Entered Service 2374

When the Dominion War erupted between the Federation-Klingon Alliance and the Dominion at the end of 2373, the Romulan Star Empire was content to let their interstellar rivals attack each other while they remained neutral. However, all that changed with the Dominion's assassination of Romulan Senator Vreenak in 2374. Now that the Romulan Empire was at war, new warships were needed to supplement the *D'deridex*-class Warbirds for wartime duty. A crash program to prepare mothballed starships for combat duty was initiated and the V-30 "*Winged Defender*" cruisers, along with the V-7 "*Whitewind*" cruisers, the V-33 "*Thunderbird*" cruisers, and the Z-1 "*Nova*" battleships, were chosen to be refitted. The *IRW Ra'kholh* was the first V-30 cruiser to be refitted for service in the Dominion War. (The word "ra'kholh" means "avenger" in the Romulan language.) The Empire upgraded the engines and other systems of the *Ra'kholh* to 24th century standards. In particular, the *Ra'kholh*'s weapons were upgraded by adding four photon torpedo launchers (2 fore and 2 aft) as well as two additional plasma torpedo launchers (for a total of 2 fore and 1 aft). With its upgraded warp engines, the *Ra'kholh* could cruise at Warp 7 (MCU) and had an emergency speed of Warp 9 (MCU), allowing it to keep pace with most starships of the 24th century. The redesign of the *Ra'kholh*-class starship prompted Starfleet to redesignate this V-30 variant as the V-30a. Several dozen *Ra'kholh*-class starships came online in late 2374 and are expected to serve the Empire well in the war against the Dominion.

Changes: Add the Long Serving Trait. Increase Engines, Sensors, Structure, and Weapons by +2 each, increase Comms and Computers by +1 each. Add Photon Torpedoes to the ship's weaponry.

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Attacks

- Disruptor Banks
- Plasma Torpedoes
- Tractor Beam (Strength 3)

Talents

V-30 "*Winged Defender*"-class starships have the following Talents:

- Cloaking Device
- Rugged Design