

ANTARES-TYPE

Entered Service: 2232. Never formally retired. Fell out of use in Starfleet, with most being scrapped or scuttled by the 2300s.

Overview: A small multi-purpose civilian starship, *Antares*-type ships served as cargo freighters, science vessels, survey ships, and transports. While planned for civilian use, the model was co-designed by the Starfleet Corp of Engineers who required freighters for constructing space stations and military outposts. The design of the ship purposely looked different from other Starfleet vessels: the radically different profile was to ensure it was not mistaken for a military vessel. While the *Antares* did not resemble a Starfleet design, its internal systems were adapted from military technology, giving the vessels surprisingly swift engines and a powerful main computer. This class was never officially retired and—unlike military vessels—new models of *Antares* freighter would be released every two or three decades, with a continually evolving and changing appearance.

Capabilities: The primary hull of the *Antares* was a flat rectangular structure with two docking struts emerging from the aft. An optional hexagonal-shaped habitant section could be built into the front of the ship, which housed both the bridge and quarters for ten to twenty crew; this section was optional, and could be omitted, with the ship entirely operated by computer. This was typically only done for routine freight missions in the heart of Federation space. The earliest models of the *Antares* connected to cargo pods via the rear docking struts, but this proved awkward as the crew could not easily leave the ship until the pods were dropped off. By the 2250s, the pods were replaced with large rectangular cargo module that bisected the primary hull, jutting above and below the vessel. This secondary cargo hull was detachable, allowing a ship to quickly drop off a full cargo hold and pick up a replacement. This was only used for cargo, and *Antares* ships designed as transports converted the secondary section into extra living quarters with secondary life support. As industrial cargo transporters became more common on space stations, later models omitted the detachable holds in favour of dedicated cargo holds extending from the habitat section. Military *Antares* were upgraded regularly, while civilian owned vessels only received refits when they could be afforded, often lagging a couple decades behind. By the late 23rd Century, *Antares* ships had been surpluses by the military and transferred to private ownership, becoming a mainstay of civilians captains.

SYSTEMS

COMMS 06

ENGINES 09

STRUCTURE 08

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SENSORS 06

WEAPONS 04

DEPARTMENTS

COMMAND —

SECURITY —

SCIENCE —

CONN +1

ENGINEERING +1

MEDICINE +1

SCALE: 3

TALENTS

Antares starships have the following Talents:

WEAPONRY:

■ Phaser Banks

■ Tractor Beam (Strength 2) ■ Improved Warp Drive

