

CONSTITUTION-CLASS

Entered Service: 2257 (Kelvin Timeline). *Constitution*-class starships were retired from service after the 2290s.

Overview: In the early 2230s, test vessels finally managed to break the warp 7 barrier. Following this event, rather than refit the aging *Einstein*-class vessels, Starfleet decided to commission a brand new class of vessel to take full advantage of this next generation of warp engines. This was designated the *Constitution*-class. The class was originally scheduled to launch in the early 2240s with the *U.S.S. Constitution* followed by a new *Enterprise*. This changed in 2233, when an advanced Romulan mining ship, the *Narada*, emerged from a temporal rift and engaged the *U.S.S. Kelvin* (a recently refit *Einstein*-class ship). Hailing from 150 years in the future, the *Narada* effortlessly destroyed the *Kelvin*, but not before the doomed vessel made extensive scans of the Romulan's ship, taken as the *Narada* first emerged from the rift and its defensive shielding was down. Initially unaware of the future origins of the strange Romulan vessel, Starfleet feared it was the first of a new class of Romulan warship. Armed with knowledge extrapolated from scans of the *Narada*'s systems, the *Constitution*-class was redesigned and its launch delayed by over a decade.

Capabilities: The redesigned *Constitution*-class featured much of the same technology and designs as in the unmodified timeline, with the iconic configuration of a saucer section connected to the vessel's secondary engineering hull. There were some modifications, such as the different proportions of the nacelles and the size of the connecting substructure or "neck" between the saucer and the secondary hull. The size of the class was also increased to some degree. The saucer section could also be separated in emergencies, and was capable of using its maneuvering thrusters to land on a planet in the event of the secondary hull's destruction. While still primarily planned as an exploratory vessel, the laboratory and research space in the class was scaled back to afford it heavy armaments: *Constitution* ships had six dual-emitter phaser banks on the saucer section, two torpedo launchers atop the navigational deflector, and additional two rear torpedo launchers.

SYSTEMS

COMMS 07

ENGINES 08

STRUCTURE 08

COMPUTERS 07

SENSORS 08

WEAPONS 08

DEPARTMENTS

COMMAND +1

SECURITY +1

SCIENCE +1

CONN -

ENGINEERING -

MEDICINE -

SCALE: 4

WEAPONRY:

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

TALENTS

Constitution-class starships have the following Talents:

- Improved Hull Integrity
- Improved Damage Control
- Rapid-Fire Torpedo Launchers

