

EINSTEIN-CLASS

Entered Service: 2195. *Einstein*-class starships were retired from service after 2250.

Overview: By 2196, Starfleet decided to retire the aging *Daedalus*-class rather than refit them a fourth time. The Federation Council decided to construct a new class of exploration focused starship, among the first starships jointly designed by member species. The first of these was the *Einstein*-class, crewed with Starfleet's best and brightest. In addition to the prototype *U.S.S. Einstein*, noteworthy vessels included the *U.S.S. Kelvin* and the *U.S.S. Gates*. The class was designed strictly for exploration, eschewing the secondary combat role of the *Daedalus*-class. For thirty years *Einstein* vessels expanded known space and ventured into the final frontier.

Capabilities: This class returned to saucer-shaped primary hull of the *NX*-class, but only possessed a single warp nacelle. There was a large secondary hull that contained the engineering section, along with a shuttlebay at the aft and navigational deflector at the front. The saucer section was positioned between the secondary hull and warp nacelle. Even with only a single nacelle, the Tellarite-designed reactor and warp coils pushed the limits of warp 5 vessels, while the Vulcan sensor arrays made the class excellent research vessel for its entire operational lifespan. The *Einstein*-class was designed to withstand potential hazards, favouring the survival of the crew. EPS conduits ran through the saucer section first before passing to the nacelle, to ensure the saucer received power before the warp engines, to maintain life support functions in the event of catastrophic damage. Similarly, the class was one of the first to feature expansive lifepods, capable of evacuating the entire crew and any passengers, up to a total of 800 people. The tactical systems of class were minimal, barely matching the firepower of a refit *Daedalus*-class vessel despite being over three times the size. It was equipped with a pair of phase cannons and retractable plasma-charged artillery turrets, in addition to its Andorian designed deflector shielding. As Starfleet was focusing on exploration rather than military engagement, the class purposely omitted torpedo launchers, which were deemed weapons of war and not befitting a vessel of peace and exploration. Early in the 2230s, this class was refit to incorporate phaser banks and photon torpedo launchers with the goal of field testing this new technology in the field.

SYSTEMS

COMMS 07

ENGINES 07

STRUCTURE 07

COMPUTERS 06

SENSORS 08

WEAPONS 06

DEPARTMENTS

COMMAND +1

SECURITY -

SCIENCE +1

CONN -

ENGINEERING +1

MEDICINE -

SCALE: 3

WEAPONRY:

Phase Cannons

Tractor Beam (Strength 2)

TALENTS

Einstein-class starships have the following Talents:

Advanced Sensor Suite

Advanced Shields

Improved Warp Drive

