

GEMINI-CLASS

Entered Service: 2262. *Gemini*-class starships were retired from service after 2281.

Overview: One of the first new designs from the Corp of Engineers following Starfleet's losses in the Klingon war of 2255-56. Travel and communication were always an issue in the growing Federation: even at high warp, journeying from one edge of the Federation to the other could take months. The need for improved communication became higher priority following the war with the Klingons, as many subspace relays were destroyed. The *Gemini*-class heavy cruiser was created to test the possibility of a multiple nacelle design, with the hopes it would either permit faster or extended warp travel. The intent of the class was for it to serve as a specialty courier or emergency relief vessel, able to rapidly respond to disasters anywhere in the Federation, while also transporting sensitive communications between planets outside the range of subspace relays.

Capabilities: A rare sight among 23rd Century Federation ships, the *Gemini* possessed four nacelles. The design features a large primary saucer section bisected by the large deflector dish and a large rectangular subsection, which houses the engineering section and the vessel's large warp reactor. Attached to the subsection by angular pylons are the warp nacelles. The saucer section is divided into 12 decks, including the raised engineering subsection. A *Gemini*-starship is typically crewed by 250 people, but was designed to house far more in the event of an evacuation or refugee effort. Unfortunately, the warp reactors of the mid-23rd Century proved insufficient for the power requirements needed to maintain dual warp fields and sustain warp flight for an extended period. Ironically, the four nacelle design of the *Gemini* resulted in an overall slower vessel, limiting the cruiser's speed and usefulness. For those reasons, only a handful of *Gemini*-class starships were ever constructed, and the class never saw wide service. The design features minor armaments, with only 6 phaser banks spread out evenly across the hull and two torpedo launchers, fewer armaments than the older *Constitution*-class. Ironically, while the *Gemini* was intended as a ship of mercy, its powerful warp reactor made it formidable in battle: the reactor's sustained power was limited but was capable of channelling intense surges of warp power to its deflector shield and phasers. To the Klingons, the vessel was the feared "*Gemini* Battlecruiser", and they witnessed its potency during the short Federation-Klingon war of 2267. During that conflict, *Gemini* were involved in skirmishes on Donatu, Omega Leon is, and 38 Lyncis. While the class was never an unqualified success, the design served as the basis for the venerable *Constellation*-class cruiser, which managed to resolve most of the design problems.

SYSTEMS

COMMS 08

ENGINES 06

STRUCTURE 08

COMPUTERS 07

SENSORS 08

WEAPONS 08

DEPARTMENTS

COMMAND +1

SECURITY -

SCIENCE -

CONN +1

ENGINEERING +1

MEDICINE -

SCALE: 4

WEAPONRY:

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

TALENTS

Gemini-class starships have the following Talents:

- Backup EPS Conduits
- Improved Impulse Drive
- Improved Power Systems

