

## PALLADA-CLASS

**Entered Service: 2246.** *Pallada*-class starships were retired from service after 2280.

**Overview:** Planned at the same time as its sister class, the *Constitution*, the *Pallada*-class was designed as scientific research vessels, built to investigate astronomical phenomena and research all manner of anomalies. While this class was designed following the *Constitution* and its construction begun slightly afterwards, problems with substructure and larger reactor of the *Constitution* class delayed its launch allowing the *U.S.S. Pallada* leave spacedock first. *Pallada*-class ships were designed to work in conjunction with exploratory vessels, conducting far more detailed investigations of new discoveries and spatial phenomena. Following the Federation-Klingon War of the 2250s, the reduced number of ships meant many *Pallada* vessels ended up exploring their own share of systems.

**Capabilities:** Large and well-equipped, *Pallada* vessels could remain in the field for several years, functioning as a mobile research laboratory. Mirroring the design of the *Constitution*-class, the *Pallada* featured a primary saucer section and cylindrical secondary hull with the warp nacelles positioned a distance away from the ship. The warp engines of the *Pallada* were also angled lower, lying parallel to the secondary hull, giving the ship a distinct profile. The secondary hull of the *Pallada* was significantly smaller than that of the *Constitution*, reducing its cargo space, shuttle bay, and the size of its warp reactor. While the ship was slower and less powerful than its exploratory counterpart, it matched *Constitution* starships in terms of sensor resolution and computing power. It also matched the *Constitution* in terms of armaments, having seven dual emitter phaser banks and 2 forward facing torpedo launchers, and had a comparable crew of around 400. The *Pallada*-class continued to see use throughout the 2260s and 2270s, receiving a number of refits to its scientific facilities and additional armaments, such as a rear facing torpedo launcher. The launch of the *Crossfield*-class in the 2250s also allowed *Pallada* vessels to focus on discoveries of a pure scientific nature, leaving experimentation and applied science for *Crossfield* ships. In the late 2270s, the *Constitution*, *Saladin*, and *Federation*-class were heavily refit. Starfleet considered upgrading the *Pallada* as well, but opted to slowly phase out the class in favour of the newer *Miranda* and *Oberth*-classes.

### SYSTEMS

COMMS 08 ENGINES 07 STRUCTURE 08

COMPUTERS 07 SENSORS 08 WEAPONS 07

### DEPARTMENTS

COMMAND - SECURITY - SCIENCE +2

CONN - ENGINEERING - MEDICINE +1

SCALE: 4

WEAPONRY:

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

TALENTS

*Pallada*-class starships have the following Talents:

- Advanced Sensor Suites
- Advanced Research Facilities

