

PTOLEMY-CLASS

Entered Service: 2257. *Ptolemy*-class starships were retired from service after 2304.

Overview: Following the war with the Klingons in 2256, Starfleet engaged in a number of large scale construction projects. While the Starfleet Corp of Engineers prioritized the reconstruction of starbases, there were innumerable colonies and outposts that required supplies. In addition, there were numerous disabled starships floating in deep space, which were potentially salvageable if moved to drydock. Rather than rely on traditional freighters, the *Ptolemy*-class starship was designed and constructed. Designated a "tug", it was an armed military transport designed to deliver cargo for Starfleet and the Federation. The first was built using recovered parts from an uncompleted *Saladin*-class starship, while later ones were built using recovered ships of the similar classes before they started being constructed from scratch.

Capabilities: Almost a full sized starship, a *Ptolemy* had fourteen deck and required a crew of almost two-hundred for full operation (although it could be staffed by half that number for simple missions). Like a *Constitution*-class, the *Ptolemy* had a large saucer-shaped primary hull with a long angular neck. The warp pylons connected directly to the primary hull, the aft of which housed main engineering. In place of a secondary hull, the ship had a semi-cylindrical cowling designed to connect to a cylindrical cargo pod. When hauling pods filled with a standard mass payload, the powerful engines of the tug could pull three cargo pods, with the first connected to the *Ptolemy* and subsequent pods pulled behind creating a train. Pods were designed for their cargo, with common pods being: break bulk, container cargo, dry bulk, and starliner. The latter was designed for transporting personnel, with each pod able to hold three hundred individuals for moderate distances. While not designed for combat operations, the transports were equipped to defend themselves against pirates or supply line raids in the event of another war. Each *Ptolemy* possessed a twin-mounted forward phaser bank and two single aft phaser banks. Always in high demand, *Ptolemy* vessels served for several decades until the class was finally replaced. Because they were continually in service, most *Ptolemy* vessels saw fewer refits than other ships, and near the end of their life they had a reputation for being spartan with nonessential systems continually needing repair.

SYSTEMS

COMMS 07

ENGINES 09

STRUCTURE 08

COMPUTERS 06

SENSORS 06

WEAPONS 05

DEPARTMENTS

COMMAND -

SECURITY -

SCIENCE -

CONN +1

ENGINEERING +2

MEDICINE -

SCALE: 3

TALENTS

Ptolemy-class starships have the following Talents:

WEAPONRY:

Phaser Banks

Tractor Beam (Strength 4)

Improved Hull Integrity

Improved Power Systems

