

## SALADIN-CLASS

**Entered Service: 2236.** *Saladin*-class starships were retired from service after 2286.

**Overview:** Officially classified as "light frigates," the *Saladin*-class served as scouts and destroyers in Starfleet. They were used for short-term exploratory missions but also accompanied larger vessels as armed support. *Saladin*-class ships often charted entire sectors, scanning planets at long range to evaluate their resources and potential for life before returning to a nearby Starbase or station. Based on the initial sensor sweeps by *Saladin* ships, dedicated exploratory vessels would be dispatched, such as *Einstein* and *Pioneer*-class starships, allowing those ships to maximize their exploration while minimizing their time spent in deep space. When more *Hermes* and *Constitution*-class vessels entered service the usefulness of the *Saladin*-class as preliminary exploratory vessels began to wane, as *Constitution* ships were able to easily spend years at a time at the fringes of known space and scan at longer distances while the faster *Hermes* vessels were able to reach more distant reaches of space. Instead of scouting, remaining *Saladin* vessels were relegated to mapping systems and cataloguing star systems or moved to escort or patrolling duties. As a defensive ship, the Klingon-Federation War of 2256-57 heavily reduced the numbers of the *Saladin*-class.

**Capabilities:** The *Saladin*-class was designed to be a companion to the *Einstein*-class, and later a less-expensive companion to *Pioneer* and *Constitution*-class vessels, along with its sister design: the *Hermes*. It had 15 decks, spread out over its saucer section and the neck connecting the primary hull to the warp nacelle. The typical crew complement of a *Saladin*-class ship was 150 to 200, but a crew as small as 100 could easily operate the ship. The single nacelle and small reactor meant the class lacked engine power and higher warp velocities, but this limited energy profile made the ship less easily detected by sensor scans, enabling the ship to move undetected. During the 2230s and 2240s, the class was expected to perform scientific missions, and was equipped with expansive laboratory facilities in addition to its detailed long-range sensors. After the 2250s, as the *Constitution*-class took over the exploratory role in Starfleet, many *Saladin*-class starships were given an extensive refit, replacing some of their scientific facilities with photon torpedo launchers and additional shielding, allowing them to better function as maneuverable destroyers. As a large number of *Saladin* vessels had been constructed, many were available for military missions, operating in small patrol groups, often working in tandem with the slightly smaller *Perseus*-class escorts.

### SYSTEMS

COMMS 08

ENGINES 07

STRUCTURE 07

COMPUTERS 08

SENSORS 07

WEAPONS 08

### DEPARTMENTS

COMMAND -

SECURITY +1

SCIENCE +1

CONN +1

ENGINEERING -

MEDICINE -

**SCALE:** 3

#### TALENTS

*Saladin*-class starships have the following Talents:

#### WEAPONRY:

■ Phaser Banks

■ Tractor Beam (Strength 2) ■ Advanced Sensor Suites

