

SOYUZ-CLASS

Entered Service: 2265 Soyuz-class starships were retired from service after 2295.

Overview: Following the success of the *Perseus*-class border patrol vessel during the previous twenty years, the Starfleet Corp of Engineers began working on a replacement. As threats to peace were seen to be growing more dangerous, it was decided to increase the size of the patrol vessel closer to that of a *Constitution*-class or the earlier *Mayflower* patrol craft, a potential counter the recently refit Klingon D7 cruisers. The *Soyuz*-class was based on the *Ranger*-class, attempting to correct several inefficiencies in that design, and planned as a swift moving cutter that could serve in role of border guard and patrol vessel, replacing the aging *Perseus* escorts. During the late 2260s, Federation worlds at the edge of its territory continued to be the victims of raids by mercenaries and criminals, with several suspected (but unproven) Klingon assaults on isolated colonies. However, the creation of the *Soyuz*-class was poorly timed: following the Treaty of Organia, continued peace with the Tholian Assembly, and limited aggression from the Romulans, fewer patrol vessels than expected were required along the Federation's borders. The death knell with the signing of the first of the *Khitomer Accords*, after which the class proved less flexible than either the *Constellation* or *Miranda*-classes: less capable of serving alternate roles in the fleet. The class was retired after a few short decades rather than putting the ships through lengthy and costly refits.

Capabilities: The design of the *Soyuz*-class was a modification of the *Ranger*-class, foregoing the secondary hull and roll-bar in favour of an extended primary hull. Main engineering was housed in the large wedge-shaped subsection, moved closer to the warp engines for increased efficiency. The enlarged tail section at the aft also featured dual shuttlebays. The large saucer section was divided into 15 decks. The ship was designed to accommodate a varying number of crew: it could be operated with as few as 130 officers, but there was room for as many as 400. Its defenses included 6 type-VII phaser banks, 4 torpedo launchers, and an additional 4 turret-mounted phaser cannons located on the aft dorsal section. Mounted on the ventral side of the primary hull were two short pylons connected to the warp nacelles, and above each nacelle was an outboard sensor pod for clearer targeting. The *Soyuz*-class was one of the first ships to make use of angular nacelles rather than the traditional cylinders, a style of nacelles that would later see use in refits of both the *Miranda* and *Constitution*-class. The new nacelles were designed to more efficiently generate warp fields, but were a late addition to the ship, and the design's EPS system was not properly altered to accommodate the changes. As a result of this oversight, the *Soyuz* could barely exceed warp 6. While the *Soyuz* was a minor disappointment, the hard lessons of its design flaws directly led to the vastly more successful *Miranda* and *Constellation*-class vessels.

SYSTEMS

COMMS 07

ENGINES 06

STRUCTURE 09

COMPUTERS 07

SENSORS 09

WEAPONS 10

DEPARTMENTS

COMMAND +1

SECURITY +2

SCIENCE -

CONN -

ENGINEERING -

MEDICINE -

SCALE: 4

WEAPONRY:

- Phaser Banks
- Phaser Cannons
- Tractor Beam (Strength 3)

TALENTS

Soyuz-class starships have the following Talents:

- Extensive Shuttlebays
- Improved Shield Recharge
- Redundant Systems

