

TEMPEST-CLASS

Entered Service: 2406

Overview: In the final years of the 24th Century, the Starfleet Corp of Engineers began the "XXV Initiative", designed to create the next generation of starship for the forthcoming century. The flagship of this wave of new design was the planned *Odyssey-class*, but a number of different starships were designed to complement that design. While Starfleet retained its commitment to exploration and pure science, the continued tensions with the Klingon and Romulan empires and numerous wars of the 24th Century were painful reminder that Starfleet could not afford to leave itself undefended. Among the required designs was a border patrol ship designed for light combat operations. Building off the successes of the *Defiant-class* was the *Tempest-class* escort, which was able to fight as part of a squadron or operate independently.

Capabilities: Despite being significantly larger than the *Saber* and *Defiant* classes, the *Tempest-class* was still equipped with an oversized reactor powerful enough for a *Sovereign-class* starship. This formidable power plant enabled the *Tempest* to maintain its inertial dampeners under extreme stress, allowing swift and agile maneuvers despite its large size. Like many 25th Century designs, the *Tempest* featured painted black accents along its exterior contrasting with the lighter white hull plating. The design has a rounded primary hull in the traditional Starfleet saucer design with a cylindrical subsection running down it's center, and atop the secondary hull are two triangular subsections. It has a subtle main deflector recessed into where the hulls meet. This deflector is small but tied directly to the warp reactor, providing it ample power. While not an official warship, the *Tempest* was built to handle combat, with extra hull armour and weaponry. Forward-mounted dual phaser cannons were standard on the vessel, supplementing it's powerful phaser arrays, torpedo launchers, and aft phaser turret. Despite its larger size, the *Tempest* retained a small operational crew, being staffed by 120 crew-members. Instead of accommodating more crew, the increased scale allowed larger cabins and slightly more amenities, including a larger mess-hall and single holosuite. This permitted the ship to engage in longer missions that had not been possible with the more spartan facilities on a *Defiant* or *Saber*, such as long-range reconnaissance or extended patrols of the Federation's ever-expanding border. Like other 25th Century designs, the ship was designed to be modular, and the saucer and pylons could detach from the engineering section, allowing the ship to quickly change is configuration and mission profile. However, the ship was not able to separate into self-sufficient sections, and alternating components required a stop at a starbase.

SYSTEMS

COMMS 09 ENGINES 12 STRUCTURE 10

COMPUTERS 10 SENSORS 08 WEAPONS 12

DEPARTMENTS

COMMAND - SECURITY +2 SCIENCE -

CONN +1 ENGINEERING - MEDICINE -

SCALE: 4

TALENTS

Tempest-class starships have the following Talents:

WEAPONRY:

- Phaser Arrays
- Phaser Cannons
- Quantum Torpedoes
- Tractor Beam (Strength 3)
- Ablative Armour
- Quantum Torpedoes
- Secondary Reactors

