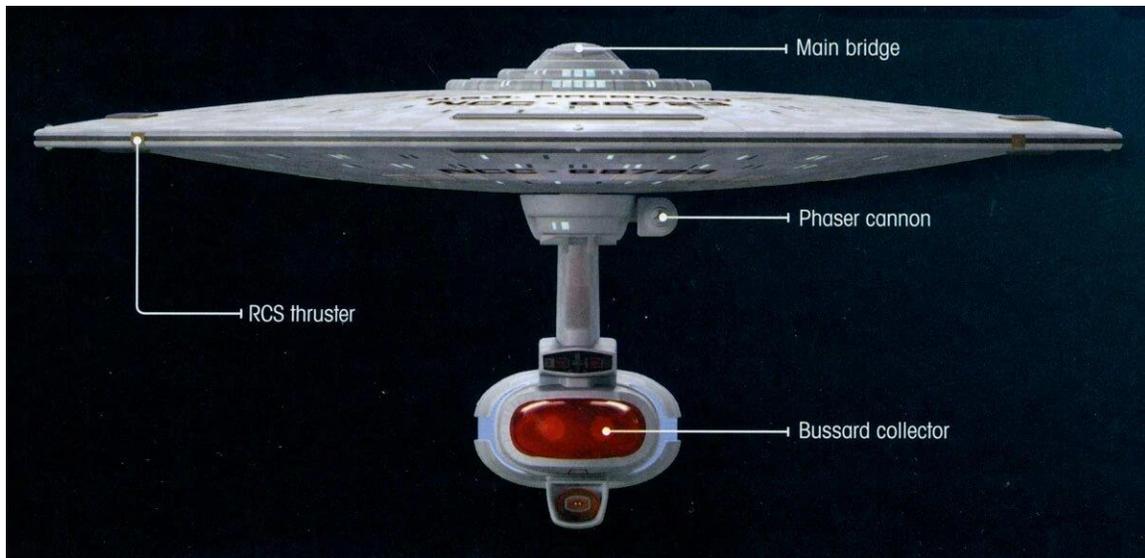


FREEDOM-CLASS LIGHT FRIGATE

Entered Service: 2351



Dimensions

Length: 430 meters

Beam: 231 meters

Draft: 100 meters

Overview: In Starfleet history, there have actually been two starship classes that have been designated as the *Freedom* class. The first *Freedom* class was commissioned by Starfleet in the mid-22nd century before the formation of the United Federation of Planets. It was a vessel of this class, the *USS Franklin* (NX-326), to have the distinction of being the first Earth vessel to achieve Warp Four. The second *Freedom* class was commissioned by Starfleet in 2351. Unlike most Starfleet vessels but similar to the *Einstein*, *Hermes* and *Saladin* classes of the 23rd century, this new *Freedom* class was designed with only a single warp nacelle. This nacelle was of a new design that had already been tested on the *Niagara* class and would later be mounted on the *Challenger*, *Galaxy* and *Nebula* classes.

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Starfleet classified the new *Freedom* class as a light frigate that was originally designed for short-range exploration and planetary surveys, but was also capable of patrolling Federation borders and escorting supply convoys. A *Freedom*-class vessel, the *USS Firebrand* (NCC-68723), was part of the fleet that fought the Borg at Wolf 359 in 2367. Like many of the starships that fought at the Battle of Wolf 359, the *Firebrand* was lost with all hands.

Capabilities: The *Freedom* class carried a crew of 370 officers and crewmen. It had a cruising speed of Warp 7.5 (MCU) as well as a maximum speed of Warp 9.2 (MCU). The *Freedom* class was armed with several noncontiguous phaser arrays as well as a phaser cannon ventrally mounted on the saucer section and two forward-firing torpedo launchers mounted just above the warp nacelle. The shuttlebay was located on the dorsal side of the saucer section just behind the main bridge. As the *Freedom* class did not have a secondary hull, its engineering section was located at the rear of the saucer and in the neck section. One unique feature of the *Freedom* class was the smaller-than-usual navigational deflector located underneath the warp nacelle.

Systems

Comms	9	Engines	10	Structure	9
Computers	9	Sensors	10	Weapons	10

Departments

cmd	--	SEC	+1	SCI	+1
conn	--	ENG	+1	MED	--

Scale: 5

Attacks

- Phaser Arrays
- Phaser Cannon
- Photon Torpedoes
- Tractor Beam (Strength 4)

Talents

Freedom-class starships have the following Talents:

- High Resolution Sensors
- Improved Damage Control
- Rugged Design
- Secondary Reactors

Author's Note: According to *Star Trek Shipyards: Starfleet Ships 2294-The Future* published by Eaglemoss/Hero Collector as well as the Eaglemoss/Hero Collector jpeg file of the Federation starships (found [here](#) at the middle right of the page, just to the top left above DS9), the *Freedom* class has a canon length of 430 meters. According to [my Scale system](#), the *Freedom* class is clearly Scale 5.