



V-30 WINGED DEFENDER

LAUNCH YEAR: 2273 (best estimate).

PRIMARY SHIPYARDS: Jaralek'Vanar, Remus; others are possible but unconfirmed at this time.

OVERVIEW: While more militaristic than the Federation, the Romulan Star Empire was less so than the Klingons, and they placed much greater emphasis on scientific studies than did the Klingons. While the Federation was preparing to refit their *Constitution*-class cruisers, the Empire was also designing a new generation of starships to further their own ends.

The *Winged Defender*-class was intended as a dedicated warship when it was introduced in the Imperial Senate. The Praetor himself ordered it redesigned partway through construction as a direct response to the *Constitution* refit, in order to demonstrate the Empire's ability to deploy a multi-role vessel that was comparable to anything the Federation would be able to field in the foreseeable future. The resulting starship would win the hearts and minds of a generation of Romulans, every bit as much as its Starfleet counterpart won over the Federation.

The V-30 was the peak product of a design philosophy that would become overshadowed in years to come by more martial factions coming to power in the Senate. In spite of that change in political ideals, the ship would remain in production

for more than three decades, and remained in service until just before the battle at Narendra III in the Earth year 2344.

CAPABILITIES: On paper, the Praetor's decision to alter the *Winged Defender's* design mid-construction should have been nothing less than catastrophic

However, it yielded a design that met nearly every expectation anybody involved with its design and construction had. While the redesign did reduce its military effectiveness, it was still every bit the equal of Starfleet's refitted *Constitution*-class or the Klingon Empire's *K't'inga*. Its powerful impulse drive, combined with its cloaking device and plasma torpedo system, made facing them a daunting proposition.

It was also aesthetically pleasing both inside and out. The ship's bold avian design made it a striking centerpiece to any task group it was assigned to. Its operational capabilities made it attractive to the diplomatic corps as a courier for high ranking ambassadors and envoys. Over the years of its service, more than one admiral also chose ships of this class as their flagships.

REFITS AND VARIANTS: The only known variant of this class replaces the somewhat touchy plasma torpedoes with more dependable, though less devastating, photon torpedoes both fore and aft.

SUGGESTED MISSION PROFILES: Battlecruiser, Flagship, Multi-role Explorer, Strategic and Diplomatic Operations.

NAMING CONVENTIONS: Unknown at this time.

SPACEFRAME

TRAIT: Romulan Starship

SYSTEMS

COMMS 07

ENGINES 08

STRUCTURE 08

COMPUTERS 07

SENSORS 08

WEAPONS 09

DEPARTMENTS

COMMAND +1

SECURITY +1

SCIENCE —

CONN +1

ENGINEERING —

MEDICINE —

SCALE: 4

WEAPONS:

- Disruptor Banks
- Plasma Torpedoes
- Tractor Beam (Strength 3)

TALENTS:

- Cloaking Device
- Improved Impulse Drive

