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*Known Sphere Of Operation:* Orion and Klingon space, The Triangle

*Data Reliability:* A

*Major Data Source:* All models are commercially available

The *Eicha* freighter is occasionally seen on the spacelanes in and near Orion space and within the Triangle. Not particularly numerous, they tend to be found more frequently in the Triangle than elsewhere.

The cargo capacity of these vessels is quite impressive considering their relatively small size. Ancient and unique concepts of starship design enable the Orions to squeeze more space out of what seems like less space. Ton for ton, it is one of the most efficient freighter designs in space.

When fully loaded, an *Eicha* is capable of sustained operation at Warp 5 and can even "sprint" for short periods of time at Warp 6 without undue strain. In emergencies, its top speed is a healthy Warp 7. These speeds are unusually high for a freighter, and are one of this design's top selling points.

The Mk.I is armed with the type OD-3 Orion disruptor, and for that reason is not allowed within the Federation because it violates the regulations concerning armed merchant vessels. The Orions have in response designed and

built the Mk.II, identical in all respects to the Mk.I but for the total absence of any armament. The Mk.II is perfectly legal within the UFP but since it is impossible to tell it from the armed Mk.I, it hasn't really made Star Fleet's job any easier. The mere existence of the Mk.II, on the other hand, has caused an increase of sales of the Mk.I to traders who regularly cross from the Federation to the Triangle, where they must fend off pirates. In typical Orion fashion, uncertainty about whether a particular *Eicha* is armed or not intimidates overzealous Star Fleet commanders and pirates alike. Orion buyers in particular like that.

An especially nice feature of the *Eicha* is the trinary transducer shield generator, a highly efficient deflector system usually found only on warships or much larger vessels of the major spacefaring powers.

Four *Eicha* Mk.IIs are owned and operated by Chis Cheks Limited between their main facility on Rhea and their subsidiaries on Moscowitz and Pippin. For more detailed information on these freighters, including specifications, standard modifications, performance records and a free buyer's prospectus, contact:

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