

Classification:	Cruiser	Cruiser
Class:	VII	VII
Model:	A	B
Class Commission Date:	2253	2262
Number Proposed:	250	110
Constructed:	63	35
Lost:	4	2
Destroyed:	29	18
Scrapped:	5	6
Training:	-	-
Captured:	16	3
Sold:	6	4
Superstructure:	20	20
Damage Chart:	C	C
Dimensions:		
Length:	184 m	184 m
Width:	134 m	134 m
Height:	55 m	55 m
Displacement:	100978 mt	104715 mt
Cargo Specs		
Total SCU:	160 SCU	150 SCU
Cargo Capacity:	8000 mt	7500 mt
Computer Type:	ZD-5	ZD-6
Landing Capacity:	None	None
Cloaking Device:	-	-
Power to Engage:	-	-
Transporters-		
6-person:	1	1
20-person Combat:	6	6
22-person Emergency:	2	2
cargo:	6	5
Laboratories:	2	2
Brigs:	8	8
Replicators:	4	3
Shuttlecraft:		
Light Shuttle:	2	2
Standard Shuttle:	2	2
Heavy Shuttle:	-	-
Cargo Shuttle:	1	1
Assault Shuttle:	3	3
Fighters:	-	-
Ships Complement:	255	262
Officers:	29	30
Enlisted:	116	121
Troops:	110	110
Passengers:	20	20
ENGINEERING-		
Total Power Available:	40	40
Movement Point Ratio:	4/1	4/1
Warp Engine Type:	KWD-1	KWD-1
Number:	2	2
Power Units:	18	18
Stress Chart:	I/n	I/n
Optimum Speed:	4	4
Max Safe Cruising:	6	6
Emergency Speed:	8	8
Maximum Speed:	8.83	8.51
Impulse Engine Type:	KIC-2	KID-1
Power Units:	4	6
WEAPONS/DEFENSE		
Beam Weapon:	KD-6	KD-8
Firing Arcs:	1 f/p, 1 f, 1 f/s	1 f/p, 1 f, 1 f/s
Firing Chart:	T	U
Maximum Power:	6	7
Damage Modifiers		
+3	-	(1-7)
+2	(1-18)	(8-15)
+1	-	(16-20)
Beam Weapon:	KD-9	KD-9
Firing Arcs:	2a	2a
Firing Chart:	H	H
Maximum Power:	9	9
Damage Modifiers		
+3	(1-7)	(1-7)
+2	(8-15)	(8-15)
+1	(16-20)	(16-20)
Torpedo Type:	None	KP-1
Firing Arcs:	-	1f
Firing Chart:	-	F
Power To Arm:	-	1
Damage:	-	6
Stock:	-	22

Shields-		
Shield Type:	KSG	KSK
Shield Point Ratio:	1/2	1/2
Maximum Shield:	10	13
Combat Efficiency	18.1	23.1
D-	71.6	77.6
WDF-	25.3	29.8

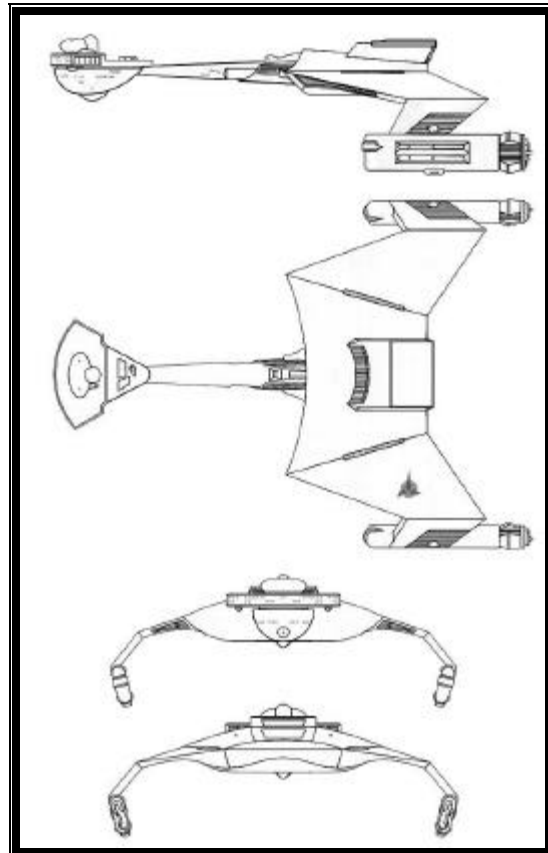
Notes:

Shortly after spies within the Federation learned that the Constitution class was to undergo a massive refit, military planners within the empire began to analyze known victories and defeats along the Neutral zone and within free space. The conclusion became very apparent. Numerical advantage had gained massive victories. Although the D-7 class was in mass production, a smaller, less powerful but easily produced and repaired vessel was requested. The shelved plans for the D-8 were reexamined, and within 3 months, the D-8 was in production.

The D-8 was smaller and much lighter than the older D-7, and when tooling began, production estimates projected an output of 50 per month. By mid 2253, projection numbers had been massively overestimated, and only 63 of the promised 250 were actually in service. Over budget and under promised quota, the D-8s first production run was halted, and reevaluation of the class was ordered.

Unmaneuverable, under gunned, and overpriced, the D-8a proved a dismal failure. By 2261, 16 D-8a's had been captured, relatively in tact, and 29 had been destroyed, most in battles where Imperial forces had numerical superiority. By 2261, knowledge of the refit to the Constitution class of vessel again spurred the empire to reconsider older and cheaper alternatives to cruiser production. In 2262, the first D-8b was launched, incorporating new weapons, shields, and the newly perfected photon torpedo, which had proved very successful in trial runs. The D-8b was commissioned with intent to support the D-7's under production for a second massive assault against the Federation. At a production rate of 10 per year, the D-8 was still no answer to the numerical problem faced by Imperial strategists. None the less, the simple design allowed for quick repair in space, even after massive damage from combat. But by mid 2265, the D-8b's problems could not outweigh the need for more powerful craft. Although there was some talk of continuing the D-8 in a destroyer role, nothing ever came of these plans, and by 2271, all the D-8s had either been destroyed, captured or sold.

The D-8 was produced at the Qo'noS Orbital Factory Base at an inconsistent rate of about 10 per year. Of the 98 produced, 6 are listed as missing, 47 are listed as destroyed, 11 were scrapped, 19 were captured, and 10 were sold (including 8 to the Romulans, 1 to the Orions, and 1 to private interests in the empire).

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