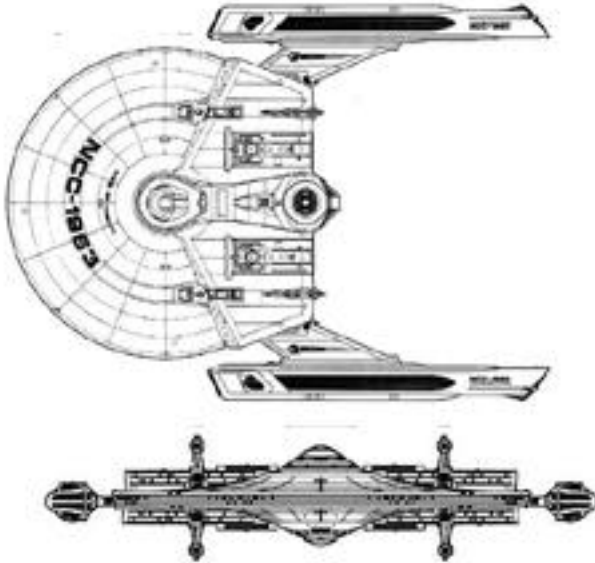


CHEKOV CLASS HEAVY FRIGATE

Modified Miranda Class Heavy Frigate



Chekov Class Production Roster

USS Chekov	USS Sulu
USS Mutara Nebula	USS Terrell
USS Ceti Alpha V	USS Reliant
USS Khitomer	USS Genesis
USS Donatu V	USS Uhura
USS Star of Russia	

Following his appointment as Commander in Chief of starfleet in the early 2300s, Admiral Pavel Chekov immediately sought Federation funding for an expanded line of dedicated weapons platform ships to bolster Starfleet positions along the Neutral Zone. Increased tensions between Klingon and Romulan forces, which would ultimately lead to the war

between the empires in the 2340s, was taking a devastating toll on both Starfleet and civilian vessels operating near their unstable borders. The Federation Council opposed this plan, as diplomats argued the development of new warship designs would be interpreted as an act of aggression by the Empires. In the end, a compromise was reached; Admiral Chekov was given the go ahead to develop a new sub variant of an existing class to accomplish his goal.

A Miranda Class Heavy Frigate was chosen for the base design of the new starship, code-named 'Damocles'. The 'Damocles' design team bolstered the weapons system of other several different Miranda class refits, adding a second pair of dedicated heavy phaser banks to the rear of the vessel. By far their most innovative alteration to the Miranda design was to move the nacelles to a position lateral to the saucer section, making them a harder target in frontal assaults. In addition, the change made the 'Damocles' vessel appear, at least from a distance, to be a Romulan starship rather than a Federation starship, which gave the ship an slight stealth advantage in conflicts along the Romulan Neutral Zone.

The 'Damocles' prototype was completed at the Yalbo shipyards in 2310. Officially named the Chekov class, in honor of its principal supporter, the vessel saw limited success in its Neutral Zone protection. Unfortunately, the Miranda class vessel was imply outclassed by newer Klingon and Romulan starship classes, and the class suffered tremendous losses at the outbreak of the Klingon-Romulan war. With the destruction of the Enterprise-C at Narendra III, the Federation Council finally approved more spending towards offensive weaponry, and the Chekov Class was officially retired. However, lessons learned by engineers in the construction of this design helped to pave the way for the Defiant class of the 2380s.

USS Chekov	Every human being on this earth is born with a tragedy, and it isn't original sin. He's born with the tragedy that he has to grow up. That he has to leave the nest, the security, and go out to do battle. He has to lose everything that is lovely and fight for a new loveliness of his own making, and it's a tragedy. A lot of people don't have the courage to do it. <i>-Helen Hayes, in Roy Newquist, Showcase, 1966</i>
USS Mutara Nebula	Pick battles big enough to matter, small enough to win. <i>-Jonathan Kozol</i>
USS Ceti Alpha V	Carry the battle to them. Don't let them bring it to you. Put them on the defensive. And don't ever apologize for anything. <i>-Harry S Truman</i>
USS Khitomer	He lives not long who battles with the immortals, nor do his children prattle about his knees when he has come back from battle and the dread fray. <i>-Homer</i>
USS Donatu V	We shall not fail or falter; we shall not weaken or tire. Neither the sudden shock of battle nor the long-drawn trials of vigilance and exertion will wear us down. Give us the tools and we will finish the job. <i>-Sir Winston Churchill</i>
USS Sulu	To fight and conquer in all your battles is not supreme excellence; supreme excellence consists in breaking the enemy's resistance without fighting. <i>-Sun-Tzu</i>
USS Terrell	Military power wins battles, but spiritual power wins wars. <i>-General George Catlett Marshall</i>
USS Reliant	It may not be that the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong - but that is the way to bet. <i>-Damon Runyon</i>
USS Genesis	If we had less statesmanship we could get along with fewer battleships. <i>-Mark Twain</i>
USS Uhura	Virtue is a state of war, and to live in it we have always to combat with ourselves. <i>-Jean-Jacques Rousseau</i>
USS Star of Russia	I exhort you also to take part in the great combat, which is the combat of life, and greater than every other earthly combat. <i>-Plato</i>