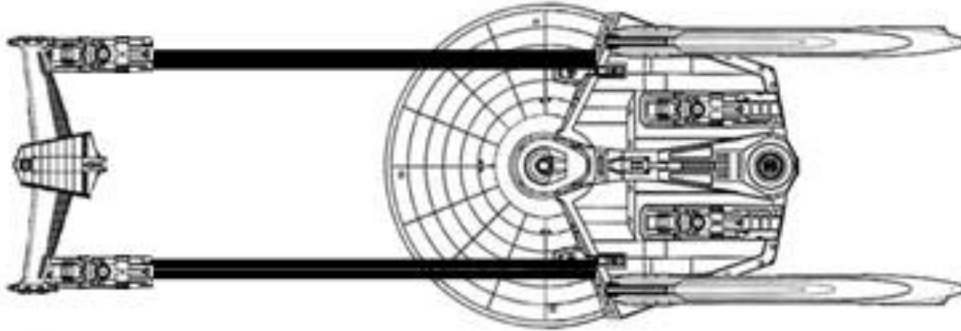




TEMERITY CLASS MINESWEEPER

*Modified Miranda Class
Cruiser*

Temerity Class Production Schedule



USS Temerity
USS Tripwire
USS Echelon
USS Mallard
USS Jackal
USS Lariat
USS Ticonderoga
USS Sornak
USS Badger
USS Wolverine



Although minefield warfare has a limited scope in interstellar combat, it does have uses in interplanetary theatrea and combat zones with limited mobility, particularly in blockades and interdictions. Starfleet did not see the need to have a dedicated Minesweeper vessel until the advent of the Dominion War. The mining of the Bajoran wormhole by the Federation was not the only case of mine usage; the Cardassian Union diligently used mines to protect their worlds from advancing Federation fleets. The Temerity class was one of those ships that arise out of necessity rather than forethought.

Basically, the Temerity Class supplements a Miranda class Heavy Frigate with an extensive and elaborate sensor platform, nearly twice as sensitive as those used on the same era's Sovereign Class Galaxy Explorers. These sensor suites are extended forward from the primary hull by two connecting arms that secure to the upper hull of the saucer. Admittedly, these bars are the weakest structural points on the Temerity class vessel, and often times the vessel will lose the sensor suite in heavy combat with enemy vessels. However, its distance from the primary hull allows the Temerity class vessel to sense smaller mines, including cloaked mines or gravimetric mines, that much sooner and therefore avoid destruction by that mine. To avoid damage incurred by enemy attack, Temerity class vessels often run silent when working alone or are part of massive fleets or wings of vessels that serve to act as the vessel's wingman.

The crew of Temerity class vessels are often tight-knit individuals who recognize that their job is one of the dangerous in Starfleet. The crews of these starships often refer to their ship by the unofficial name given to them by their branch of the fleet. These names are listed in the following dedication plaque list.

Unofficial Callsigns

USS Temerity	"Chutzpah"
USS Tripwire	"Butterfingers"
USS Echelon	"Bouncing Betty"
USS Mallard	"Sitting Duck"
USS Jackal	"Widowmaker"
USS Lariat	"Lotta' Gall"
USS Ticonderoga	"Oilslick"
USS Sornak	"Green Mile"
USS Badger	"Ironsides"
USS Wolverine	"Bigclaw"

USS Temerity "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams."
-Henry David Thoreau

USS Tripwire "Every day sends to their graves obscure men whose timidity prevented them from making a first effort." -Sydney Smith

USS Echelon "One death is a tragedy. A million deaths is a statistic."
-Josef Stalin

USS Mallard "Once the game is over, the king and the pawn go back in the same box."
-Italian Proverb

USS Jackal "Hope is the denial of reality." -Margaret Weis, Dragons of Winter Night

USS Lariat "What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal." -Albert Pine

USS Ticonderoga "A man who won't die for something is not fit to live."
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

USS Sornak "It's the constant and determined effort that breaks down resistance, sweeps away all obstacles." -Claude M. Bristol

USS Badger "The harder you work, the luckier you get." -McAlexander

USS Wolverine "You can kill a man but you can't kill an idea." -Medgar Evers