<i>Decker</i> Class Destroyer	
Production Data	
Origin United Federation of Planets	
Class and Type: Decker Class Escort	
Year Launched 2338	
Refit: 2365	
Hull Data	
Structure 25	
Size/Decks 5/22	
Length/Height/Beam 295/135/55	
Complement 368	
Operational Data	
Atmosphere Capable: No	
Transporters 2 Standard, 2 Emergency	
Cargo Units: 50	
Shuttlebay: 1a	
Shuttlecraft: 5 Size worth	
Tractor Beams: 1ad, 1fv	
Separation System: No	
Sensor System: Class 3(+3/D)	
Operations System: Class 3(D)	
Life Support: Class 3(D)	
Propulsion Data	
Impulse System FIG-2 (.9c)(C)	Warp System LF-12 (5/7/9)(D)
Tactical Data	
<u>Phaser Arrays Type VIII (x3/C) (as built</u>) Phaser Arrays Type X (x3/C) (2365 Refit)
Penetration 4/4/4/0/0	Penetration 5/5/4/0/0
Torpedoes Mk 60 DF (x2/C)	Deflector Shield CIDSS-4 (BB)
Penetration 5/5/5/5/5	Protection/Threshold 16/3
Miscellaneous Data	
Maneuver Modifiers +0C/+2H/+2T	Traits Prototype (Warp Reliability)

Notes:

As the *Excelsior* Class became the standard explorer in Starfleet, the need for a smaller multipurpose vessel arose. The *Decker* Class (name in honor of Commodore Matthew Decker and his son, Captain Willard Decker) was designed to fill the need for an armed combat vessel to carry out various escort, patrol, and deep space tasks.

The design initially suffered a number of teething pains involving her warp geometry and the final design modifications left the design with an almost organic hull form- a wasp-waist secondary hull and high mounted warp nacelles.

In service, the *Decker* classes long range and high speed often allowed it to arrive at a volatile area at critical moments, and their formidable armament often calmed a dangerous situation without firing a shot.

A refit in the 2250's brought new equipment and armament designs- including the installation of the phaser collimator ring and improved fire control.

Although not built in great numbers, the "Damn Fine Decker" is considered a successful design, and saw extensive service against the Cardassians during their "brush wars" with the Federation before being relegated to second-line service.

As newer and more modern vessels are produced in accordance with the Perimeter Defense Directive, the *Decker* classes are being slowly phased out of service and retired.

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