

Nightmare Class V Cruiser



Construction Data

<i>Model Numbers</i>	Mk I	Mk II
<i>Date Entering Service</i>	2277 (2/18)	2279 (2/20)
<i>Number Constructed</i>	5	13

Hull Data

<i>Superstructure Points</i>	16	17
<i>Damage Chart</i>	C	C
<i>Size</i>		
Length	221 m	221 m
Width	156 m	156 m
Height	62 m	62 m
Weight	46,040 mt	41,750 mt

Cargo

Cargo Units	400 SCU	400 SCU
Cargo Capacity	20,000 mt	20,000 mt
Landing Capability	None	None

Equipment Data

<i>Control Computer Type</i>	Mark III	Mark IV
<i>Transporters</i>		
standard 6-person	3	3
emergency 18-person cargo	1	1
	3	3

Other Data

<i>Crew</i>	300	325
<i>Passengers</i>	20	20
<i>Shuttlecraft</i>	4	4

Engines and Power Data

<i>Total Power Units Available</i>	26	37
<i>Movement Point Ratio</i>	2/1	2/1
<i>Warp Engine Type</i>	OWD-1	OWD-2
Number	2	2
Power Units Available	12	17
Stress Charts	K/M	G/F
Maximum Safe Cruising Speed	Warp 6	Warp 6
Emergency Speed	Warp 8	Warp 8
<i>Impulse Engine Type</i>	OIB-2	OIB-3
Power Units Available	2	3

Weapons and Firing Data

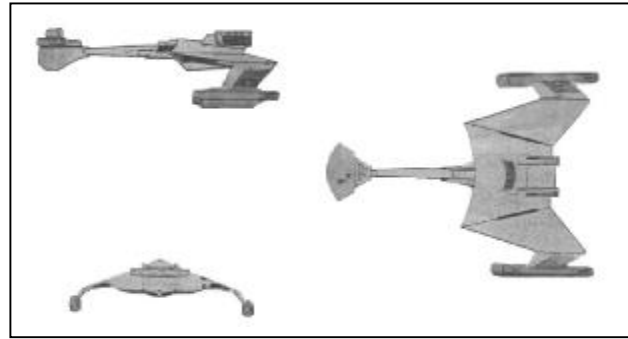
<i>Beam Weapon Type</i>	OD-3	OD-3
Number	6 in 3 banks of 2	6 in 3 banks of 2
Firing Arcs	2f, 2t/p, 2t/s	2f, 2t/p, 2t/s
Firing Charts	R	R
Maximum Power	6	6
Damage Modifiers		
+1	(1-16)	(1-16)
<i>Beam Weapon Type</i>	OD-2	OD-2
Number	2 in 1 bank	2 in 1 bank
Firing Arcs	2a	2a
Firing Charts	J	J
Maximum Power	3	3
Damage Modifiers		
+2	(1-5)	(1-5)
+1	(6-10)	(6-10)

Shields Data

<i>Deflector Shield Type</i>	OSF	OSI
Shield Point Ratio	1/3	1/3
Maximum Shield Power	5	8

Combat Efficiency

<i>D--</i>	85.9	115.8
<i>WDF--</i>	18.0	28.4
<i>CE--</i>	15.5	32.9



Notes:

Major Sphere of Operation: Orion Neutrality Zone
Data Reliability Rating: B
Major Data Source: Orion Sector Intelligence

After the Babel Incident of 2267 (2/0902) in which Orion terrorists attempted to disrupt the talks over Coridan, the Orion Colonies suffered what was termed the "Great Crash". Orion trade interests were severely weakened and three Orion corporations indicted in the conspiracy went bankrupt. Since the majority of the leaders in Orion central government had private industrial enterprises of their own, the very core of the Orion government was shaken. It was a real fear that the very bonds of Orion government were beginning to dissolve.

Three years later, Refner Gyron became president of the Botchok Planetary Congress. Addressing the issue of the internal turmoil caused by the Babel Incident, President Gyron embarked on a program to strengthen the BPC in internal and external Orion affairs. He also addressed the need for adequate defense of the government in case of threats inside or outside Orion borders. Gyron created a commission to address the Orion Space Navy's needs and how to fulfill those needs as quickly as possible.

The commission's recommendation was that the Orion Space Navy be restructured and its naval number increased. The commission recommended that warships be purchased from outside powers to immediately increase the strength of the Orion Space Navy. The Federation, of course, had strict limitations on exportation of military goods, especially warships. Negotiations with the Romulans seemed unfeasible and hopelessly problematic. The commission, therefore, suggested the Klingon Imperial Navy.

Negotiations with the Klingons were completed in five short months. The Klingons agreed to sell the Orions 18 *D-7Cs* in exchange for hard currency and more favorable trading terms. In addition, the Klingons made the Orions agree that the *D-7s* would not be operated along their common border. The *D-7Cs* were delivered to the Orions stripped of their engines, control computers, and weapons in 2272 (2/1805).

The Orions immediately began placing their hardware on the Klingon hulls, following plans that had been drawn up during the negotiations. In late 2272 (2/1812), the first Orion-modified *D-7C* launched and began trial runs. The Orion *D-7C* was renamed the *Nightmare* class after an overheard remark during trials that seeing an Orion owned and operated *D-7* would be a "nightmare" to any domestic enemies of the Orion government.

The *Nightmare* class was considerably lighter and more maneuverable than its Klingon counterpart. However, it lacked the power and offensive punch of the *D-7C*. The Mk II was developed a little over a year and a half later. It delivered more power and offensive capabilities than the Mk I. The rest of the 18 *D-7Cs* were converted to the Mk II.

The *Nightmare* class is used primarily as a defensive ship, used to protect Orion governmental interests. Due to the sensitivity of its design, the Orion Space Navy does not operate the *Nightmare* near Federation space, in hopes of avoiding an "incident" before one gets a chance to be started. Although not a favorite of Orion crews due to its Klingon design, the ship receives respect and gave the Orion Space Navy a much needed shot in the arm when it needed it the most.

Of the five *Nightmare* Mk Is commissioned, 1 is listed as destroyed after an action against Orion political terrorists. The remaining 4 Mk Is and 13 Mk IIs remain in service to this day.

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