

Siva Class IV Destroyer/Scout



Construction Data

Model Numbers	Mk I
Date Entering Service	2243
Number Constructed	10

Hull Data

Superstructure Points	11
Damage Chart	C

Size

Length	190 m
Width	85 m
Height	47 m
Weight	39,885 mt

Cargo

Cargo Units	40 SCU
Cargo Capacity	2,000 mt
Landing Capability	None

Equipment Data

Control Computer Type	M-1
Transporters	
standard 6-person	2
emergency 22-person	1
cargo	1

Other Data

Crew	86
Passengers	10
Shuttlecraft	1

Engines and Power Data

Total Power Units Available	10
Movement Point Ratio	1/1
Warp Engine Type	FWB-1
Number	1
Power Units Available	9
Stress Charts	M/O
Maximum Safe Cruising Speed	Warp 6
Emergency Speed	Warp 7
Impulse Engine Type	FIC-1
Power Units Available	1

Weapons and Firing Data

Beam Weapon Type	FL-3
Number	1
Firing Arcs	a
Firing Charts	G
Maximum Power	2
Damage Modifiers	
+1	(1-4)
Missile Weapon Type	FAC-1
Number	3
Firing Arcs	2f, 1a
Firing Chart	F
Power To Arm	3
Damage	8

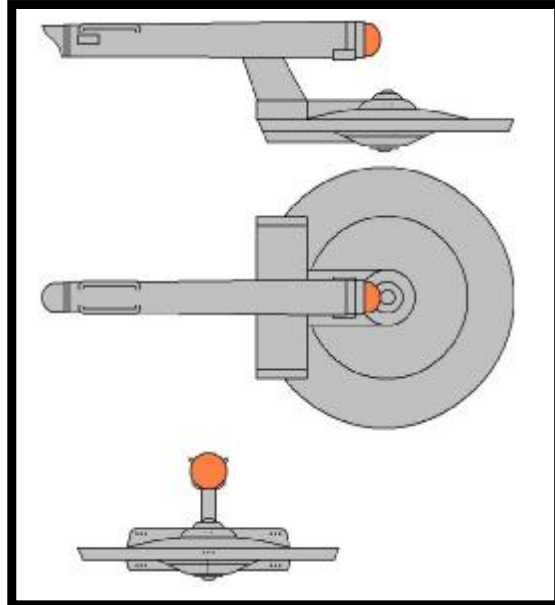
Shields Data

Deflector Shield Type	FSA
Shield Point Ratio	1/1
Maximum Shield Power	9

Combat Efficiency

D--	43.2
WDF--	6.7
CE--	2.9

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Notes:

The *Siva* class destroyer mounted the best in Federation technology for its size at the time it was built. First commissioned in 2243, it mounted the M-1 computer, FWB-1 warp engine, FIC-1 impulse engine and FSA shield generator. A controversial military design due to its accelerator cannon arrangement, the *Siva* was unique in that it possessed only one laser cannon mounted aft purely for defensive purposes.

The *Siva* was assigned to Military Operations as a light missile destroyer to be used offensively with fleet support. The ships were designed to work together in groups of three. In these squadrons, they were to attack an enemy vessel while it was engaged in combat with a larger friendly vessel.

Until the Four Years War, the *Siva* class did not see any combat action. However, at the outbreak of the war, *Sivas* were some of the first vessels deployed in combat. Starfleet was conscious of the limited combat mission the *Siva* could perform and did not dispatch *Sivas* alone. Starfleet deployed them as designed when suitable capital vessels could be mustered (which proved quite a chore in the early days of the war).

As the war stabilized and the urgency of ship allocation lessened, the *Siva* class came into its own. Working mainly with *Coventry* class frigates and *Heston* class cruisers, a squadron of *Sivas* would be assigned to a single larger vessel. After a space battle had occurred in which a Klingon task force had been splintered or largely destroyed, a single *Heston* or *Coventry* would engage any lone, surviving Klingon capital ships. Staying well away from the larger Starfleet vessel so as not to be detected, the *Sivas* would lie in wait until the capital vessels engaged in combat. The *Sivas* would fly in a perpendicular path to the enemy vessel, avoiding any hostile forward weapons. The *Sivas* would fire their forward accelerator cannons at optimum range and then fly-by their target. Then, they would release their aft cannons and keep on going until out of range of the enemy vessel. Here they would turn around and line up for another attack. It took great skill and power management to perform the maneuver safely and effectively.

Usually captained by young Lieutenant Commanders, these ships and their crews were especially noted for their "*e'sprit de corp*". This was especially the case with the *Siva* crews, since the entire complement of ten vessels were always assigned to the same fleet. Since their combat duties were limited by their design, they often served as scouts, pairing up with one another for safety.

It was no secret that the *Siva* was severely under-powered. Due to the limitations of its design and the technology of the era, no additional models of the ship were constructed and no other builds took place. The power limitations also left *Sivas* vulnerable, especially to Klingon gunboats and escorts that protected capital ships. Of the ten *Siva* class destroyers built, four were destroyed in the Four Years War. Two were damaged beyond repair and scrapped. The surviving four were assigned to Starfleet Training Command after the war where they served until being scrapped in 2269. One vessel, the *USS William Howe*, NCC 3216, participated in the evacuation of the Alerian homeworld in 2268 (2/1203).

The class is named after a powerful deity from one of Terra's major religions.

