

## V-24 (Great Bird) Class Cruiser



### Construction Data

Model Numbers	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3
Date Entering Service	2281(2/2212)	2291(2/2705)	2291 (2/2708)
Number Constructed	18	8	6

### Hull Data

Superstructure Points	26	27	27
Damage Chart	C	C	C
Size			
Length	164 m	164 m	164 m
Width	242 m	242 m	242 m
Height	31 m	31 m	31 m
Weight	153,603 mt	156,558 mt	156,158 mt

### Cargo

Cargo Units	100 SCU	100 SCU	100 SCU
Cargo Capacity	5,000 mt	5,000 mt	5,000 mt
Landing Capability	None	None	None

### Equipment Data

Control Computer Type	R6M	R6M-1	R6M-1
Transporters			
standard 6-person	3	3	3
emergency 22-person	2	2	2
cargo	1	1	1

### Other Data

Crew	240	244	244
Shuttlecraft	2	2	2

### Engines and Power Data

Total Power Units Available	60	64	64
Movement Point Ratio	4/1	4/1	4/1
Warp Engine Type	RWF-2	RWF-3	RWF-3
Number	2	2	2
Power Units Available	20	22	22
Stress Charts	G/M	G/N	G/N
Maximum Safe Cruising Speed	Warp 7	Warp 7	Warp 7
Emergency Speed	Warp 8	Warp 9	Warp 9
Impulse Engine Type	RIE-3	RIE-3	RIE-3
Power Units Available	20	20	20

### Weapons and Firing Data

Beam Weapon Type	RB-9	RB-9	RB-9
Number	6 in 3 banks	6 in 3 banks	6 in 3 banks
Firing Arcs	2f/p, 2f/s, 2a	2f/p, 2f/s, 2a	2f/p, 2f/s, 2a
Firing Chart	W	W	W
Maximum Power	6	6	6
Damage Modifiers			
+3	(1-8)	(1-8)	(1-8)
+2	(9-16)	(9-16)	(9-16)
+1	(17-20)	(17-20)	(17-20)

### Missile Weapon Type

Number	4	2	1
Firing Arcs	2f, 2a	2f	f
Firing Chart	Q	R	T
Power To Arm	1	1	8
Damage	10	15	See Chart

### Missile Weapon Type

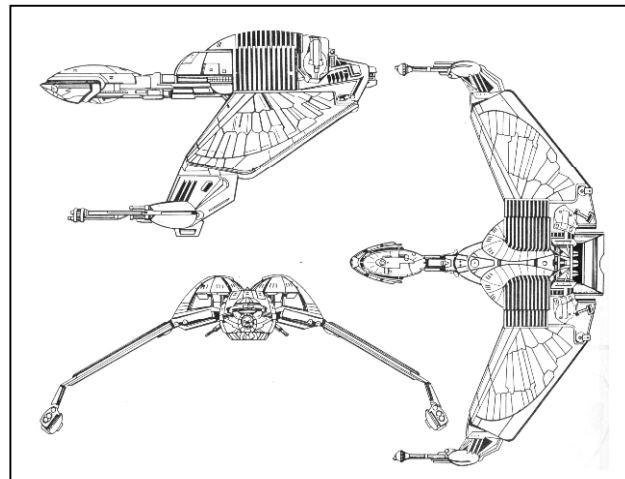
Number		RP-3	RP-3
Firing Arcs		2a	2a
Firing Chart		Q	Q
Power To Arm		1	1
Damage		10	10

### Shields Data

Deflector Shield Type	RSO	RSP	RSP
Shield Point Ratio	1/3	1/3	1/3
Maximum Shield Power	15	18	18

### Combat Efficiency

D--	118.2	130.1	130.1
WDF--	90.5	101.1	101.1
CE--	106.9	131.5	131.5



### Notes:

Known Sphere of Influence: Triangle and Klingon Borders

Data Reliability: E

Major Data Source: Triangle Sector Intelligence

One of the greatest blows to Romulan national honor occurred when the Klingons began operating the *D-32* class cruiser and *L-42* class frigate along their border areas, less than two years after signing the third technological exchange treaty in 2277 (2/1801). By the end of 2280 (2/21), it was evident that Romulan commanders serving along the Klingon border were becoming increasingly fearful about facing these clone vessels. It was then that the Romulan High Command decided to give the Klingons a taste of their own medicine. By 2281 (2/2212), four cruiser-sized V-24s were deployed along the Klingon border.

The V-24 employs the variable wing design seen on the V-30 cruiser and S-11 scout on which it is based. Since the ship is too large for planetary landings, the wings only operate in the horizontal position while cruising and in the swept-down position for combat, thus freeing much space aboard for extra cargo area. In accordance with Romulan doctrine and unlike the L-42, the command pod and boom section are not detachable from the hull.

The V-24 is not as dependent on resupply as its Klingon "brother"; nevertheless, the crews aboard these ships live under the most Spartan conditions in the Empire. These crewmembers feel that it is necessary to sacrifice even marginal comforts in their quest to rid the Road to the Stars of the *klivam d'vanal*, or "great Klingon scourge" as the L-42, D-32 and K-22 are called.

Each V-24 has a specific mission, which it must perform with assistance from other units or bases: to hunt down and destroy clone vessels whenever and wherever they approach Star Empire space. Starfleet Command received unconfirmed reports in mid 2/23 from Triangle Sector Intelligence concerning battles taking place between L-42 frigates and V-24 cruisers along the southernmost fringes of the Triangle. The outcome of these reports could not be confirmed due to the nature of the Romulan vessels themselves. It is quite likely, however, that the new Romulan vessel possessed the firepower necessary to perform just such a mission.

The Type 2 version of this vessel was designed to counter the upgrades the Klingons made to the L-42 in 2289 (2/25), which were themselves upgrades to counter the V-24 Type 1. In a blow to Romulan pride, the new L-42C and D models are actually more maneuverable than the V-24. The Type 2 has more power, a better photon torpedo system and a better shield system than the Type 1 to give Romulan commanders more staying power with their Klingon counterparts. The Type 3 version mounts the RPL-3 plasma torpedo instead of the RP-5 torpedo system. It is rumored that this version is more popular with Romulan commanders because it is outfitted with the traditional Romulan plasma weapon.

It is reported that these ships have been recently painted an overall metallic black with dark metallic highlights of various hues on the raised wing plates, although this cannot be confirmed.

The V-24 is named for the Romulan *d'vas*, which is a direct translation of the Klingon *z'gavasta*, or "great bird."

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