The **Cuirass** Class heavy frigate is one of the first in the next generation of Romulan starships. Inspired largely by the Federation’s *Intrepid* Class (and some say built with stolen Federation technology), the *Cuirass* is designed to reach trouble spots quickly, with enough firepower to resolve most problems.

Although Romulan design philosophy of the last several decades called for larger and more powerful vessels, the *Cuirass* Class is a compact, powerful ship with a relatively small crew. Additionally, her corridors and compartments are wide and far more spacious than is the norm for a Romulan vessel.

Despite their heavy weapons fit, the *Cuirass* class also has a respectable science contingent, securing their classification as multi-purpose starships.

As a Flight IIa modification, the *Talus* has been fitted with an additional bank of plasma torpedoes on an experimental basis.