

GRIFFIN-CLASS CRUISER

Heavy Explorer, Commissioned: 2370

ROMULAN



HULL DATA

STRUCTURE: 40 (5 Points Ablative Armour)

SIZE/DECKS: 8/ DECKS

LENGTH/HEIGHT/BEAM: 640/473.6/120

COMPLIMENT: 450

OPERATIONAL DATA

ATMOSPHERE CAPABLE: No

TRANSPORTERS: 4 Standard, 4 Emergency, 4 Cargo

CARGO UNITS: 80

SHUTTLEBAY: 2 Aft V 4

SHUTTLECRAFT: 16 Size worth

TRACTOR BEAMS: 1 ad, 1 a, 1 f0. 2

SEPARATION SYSTEM: No

CLOAKING DEVICE: Class 5 Cloak 14

SENSOR SYSTEM: Class 4 (+4/+3/+2/+1/0 E) 4

OPERATION SYSTEM: Class 3 (D) 11

LIFE SUPPORT: Class 3 (D) 11

PROPULSION DATA

IMPULSE SYSTEM: Class 5 (.95C) (E) 8

WARP SYSTEM: TYPE 5C6 (5/8/9.6 D) 8

TACTICAL DATA

PHASER ARRAYS: RPF5-5x3 24

PENETRATION: 6/5/5/0/0 C

TORPEDOES: RPT-5 (C) 8

PENETRATION: 5/5/5/5/5

DEFLECTOR SHIELD: CIDSS-4 13

PROTECTION/THRESHOLD: 16/3

MISCELLANEOUS DATA

MANEUVER MODIFIERS: Command +1, Helm +2, Tactical +2

TRAITS: :

Design Notes: Source Star Trek: Armada
107 Space used in the construction

MISSION

The *Griffin* was born as a result of the Praetorian Edict of 2348, known outside the Empire as the infamous Expansion Directive. The Griffin was designed to support patrol, reconnaissance, and military operations along the Romulan frontier, while pushing back the frontiers of the Empire.

The *Griffin-class* cruiser was first fielded in 2367, and with the renewed contact with the United Federation of Planets, the *Griffin's* were rapidly re-assigned to probe Starfleet's defenses. Designed for long-range, long-duration reconnaissance and strike missions, the Griffin has performed well across a variety of mission profiles. Starfleet Intelligence suspects that the border has been breached on several occasions, and that at times suspected *Griffin's* were operating several light-years inside Federation space. The *Griffin's* have become favorite tools of the Tal Shiar to covertly transport operatives to and from assignments in Federation space. No Griffin's had been confirmed on the Federation side of the border, but the Starfleet has been involved in several extended pursuits in what they suspected was a *Griffin-class* vessel. The *U.S.S. Vanguard* spent three days pursuing the *Carmart Tru* until the starship passed across the Romulan Neutral Zone.

In addition to the excellent cloak characteristics, the *Griffin* carries a considerable armament. The starships have this capability made the Griffin an excellent explorer. The design, along with extensive laboratory and alone, or in small squadrons, the Griffin-class is a rapid response vessel, capable of meeting any crisis that faces the empire.



Romulan-Griffin, T'Polk on deep-space maneuvers, 2372

FEATURES

Like all Romulan warships, the *Griffin* was built around maximizing its cloaking and stealth features, while maximizing its subspace performance. The *Griffin* incorporates a smooth flowing spaceframe with the command module attached by two thin booms which are themselves blended into the fuselage of the large engineering and "wing" sections of the starship.

The *Griffin's* impulse drives are shielded and ducted through the large surface area and the exhausted is diverted over a wider area, defusing the exhaust particles over a wider area of space. The impulse faring is also composed of materials which absorb the high-energy particles associated with the impulse engines further increasing the stealth characteristics of the *Griffin* even further.

The *Griffin-class* is one of the most maneuverable vessels in the Romulan fleet, and often surprises its opponents when engaged in combat. Utilizing its mobility in conjunction with the cloaking device, makes the Griffin a formidable opponent in battle. The *Griffin-class* also utilizes the new Romulan Singularity torpedo. The Singularity torpedo was developed in response to Starfleet's quantum torpedo. Originally deployed on the *Vereleus-class* dreadnoughts in 2373, the Type G-II singularity torpedoes, and were deployed on other classes as production allowed. All current production of the Griffin incorporate the new singularity torpedo as a standard design element.

SHIPS IN SERVICE

Name	Registry	Notes
Griffin	I.R.C. 7100A	Prototype, participated in assault on Cardassian Prime.
S'vrusk	I.R.C. 7108	Lost to a Borg Cube in the Diodor Sector, 2367
Tris'an	I.R.C. 7109	Assigned to Praetorian Fleet.
Unem	I.R.C. 7111	Deep space exploration beyond the Empty Frontier.
Vartaras	I.R.C. 7193	Led assault against Dominion convoy in the Kalandra System.



ment, with earlier vessels being retrofitted as facilities and equipment becomes available.

The laboratory facilities aboard the *Griffin* are some of the best in the fleet. Modular laboratory facilities allow for a wide variety of missions to be undertaken, ranging from stellar cartography, to planetary survey operations.

BACKGROUND

The *Griffin* was deployed shortly before the outbreak of hostilities, and struck deep into Cardassian territory, disrupting supply lines and command centers along the Romulan neutral zone. The Cardassian/Dominion Alliance was taken completely by surprise in several systems, and the *Griffin*-class proved very effective at pursuing and routing Dominion attack squadrons.

Griffin-class vessels have become very common supporting Romulan colonial efforts, with a single *Griffin* serving as the arm of the Empire along remote patrol routes. *Griffin-class* vessels are also becoming familiar sites around Romulan Star Outposts and colonies, providing needed support and defense for regional sectors.

