**Decker Class Destroyer**

**Production Data**
- Origin: United Federation of Planets
- Class and Type: Decker Class Escort
- Year Launched: 2338
- Refit: 2365

**Hull Data**
- Structure: 25
- Size/Decks: 5/22
- Length/Height/Beam: 295/135/55
- Complement: 368

**Operational Data**
- Atmosphere Capable: No
- Transporters: 2 Standard, 2 Emergency
- Cargo Units: 50
- Shuttlebay: 1a
- Shuttlecraft: 5 Size worth
- Tractor Beams: 1ad, 1fv
- Separation System: No
- Sensor System: Class 3(+3/D)
- Operations System: Class 3(D)
- Life Support: Class 3(D)

**Propulsion Data**
- Impulse System: FIG-2 (.9c)(C)
- Warp System: LF-12 (5/7/9)(D)

**Tactical Data**
- Phaser Arrays Type VIII (x3/C) (as built)
  - Penetration: 4/4/0/0
- Torpedoes Mk 60 DF (x2/C)
  - Penetration: 5/5/5/5

**Miscellaneous Data**
- Maneuver Modifiers: +0C/+2H/+2T
- Traits: Prototype (Warp Reliability)

**Notes:**
As the *Excelsior* Class became the standard explorer in Starfleet, the need for a smaller multipurpose vessel arose. The *Decker* Class (name in honor of Commodore Matthew Decker and his son, Captain Willard Decker) was designed to fill the need for an armed combat vessel to carry out various escort, patrol, and deep space tasks.

The design initially suffered a number of teething pains involving her warp geometry and the final design modifications left the design with an almost organic hull form- a wasp-waist secondary hull and high mounted warp nacelles.

In service, the *Decker* classes long range and high speed often allowed it to arrive at a volatile area at critical moments, and their formidable armament often calmed a dangerous situation without firing a shot.

A refit in the 2250's brought new equipment and armament designs- including the installation of the phaser collimator ring and improved fire control.

Although not built in great numbers, the “Damn Fine Decker” is considered a successful design, and saw extensive service against the Cardassians during their “brush wars” with the Federation before being relegated to second-line service.

As newer and more modern vessels are produced in accordance with the Perimeter Defense Directive, the *Decker* classes are being slowly phased out of service and retired.

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