

SAN ANTONIO CLASS FRIGATE

Troop / Vehicle Transport – Commissioned, 2368

FEDERATION



HULL DATA

Structure	40
Size / Decks	7 / 21
Length / Height / Beam	501 / 93 / 327
Compliment	400 (up to 1000 troops)

PROPULSION DATA

Impulse System	FIG-5 (.92c / D)
Warp System	LF-35 (6 / 9.2 / 9.8) (D)

OPERATIONAL DATA

Atmosphere Capable	YES
Transporters	4 standard, 4 emergency
Cargo Units	50
Shuttlebay	2a, 1 hangar deck
Shuttlecraft	14 size worth (+20 / hangar deck)
Tractor Beams	1ad, 1fd
Separation System	NONE
Cloaking Device	NONE
Sensor System	Class-3 (+3 / D)
Operations System	Class-2 (C)
Life Support	Class-3 (D)

TACTICAL DATA

Phaser Arrays	Type-X (x3 / D)
Penetration	4 / 3 / 3 / 0 / 0
Torpedoes	Mk80 (x4 / D)
Penetration	4 / 4 / 4 / 4 / 4
Deflector Shield	FSQ-7 (CC)
Protection / Threshold	17 / 4

MISCELLANEOUS DATA

Maneuver Modifiers	+1 C, +2 H, +2 T
Traits	None

STAR TREK ROLE PLAYING GAME

MISSIONS

The San Antonio class "Frigate" is an atmospheric-capable starship that embarks, transports, and lands elements of a landing force for expeditionary missions. Several different, space-faring cultures currently operate this kind of ship, including the Klingons, Romulans, and prior to the Dominion War, the Cardassians. The ships are generally designed to transport troops into a war zone onto a planet's surface, primarily using landing craft, although invariably they also have the capability to land and disembark their personnel directly.

San Antonio class ships can carry a compliment of troops, up to 1000 strong; as well as a hangar deck carrying up to 2 squadrons of fighters (24 in total), or the equivalent size and payload in runabouts, other shuttle-type craft (such as the Delta Flyer class), as well as vehicles designed for use on a planet's surface, on land, or in the water.

FEATURES

The most striking feature of the San Antonio class is the huge hangar-deck that occupies the equivalent of 3 decks worth of space in the upper section of the vessel's primary hull. This hangar deck is capable of housing, and launching up to two dozen starfighters, and is also a fully functional transport and maintenance deck for moving vehicles such as shuttlecraft and runabouts into a combat-zone, or into a search-and-rescue mission area.

Similar in design to the Akira class; the San Antonio class is designed on a wider spaceframe, with longer nacelles attached to the main hull by two sets of extending pylons. The more forward pylons, which are attached very close to the saucer section of the ship has been debated as a possible design flaw by placing the warp-nacelles too close to a heavily occupied section of the vessel.

However, since the San Antonio class has been in service this design has not proven to cause any problems with ship's function, nor the safety or well-being of the people serving aboard San Antonio class ships. Designed for atmospheric flight; the San Antonio class is a very maneuverable ship, especially in space. And most flight control officers serving aboard a San Antonio find it easy to control the ship, even in tight evasive maneuvers, do to the trim body design.

BACKGROUND

Development of the San Antonio class began during the Federation / Cardassian war, but the design was shelved when the Galaxy class came across the drawing board. And eventually the original San Antonio class designs were paired down into the sleeker, and more powerful Akira class. The San Antonio class was put into production about the same time as the Akira class, and more ships were actually ordered of this design than of the Akira.

It was presumed that if a Romulan, or possibly a Borg invasion were to take place there would be a need for a ship capable of moving troops and weapons into position quickly, and in bulk. Thus the San Antonio featured the same warp and impulse engine designs as the Akira, but to make room for troops and vehicles several of the San Antonio's systems were scaled back – weapons were given the standard specs, while sensors, operations, and life support were all scaled back. Shielding remained consistent with the Akira design specifications. Bulk cargo-space was drastically reduced.

The first San Antonio class ship was commissioned in 2368. And the ship has seen service in the Dominion War (especially during the liberation of Betazed), and continues to be a valued part of Starfleet's more military compliment of starships that include the Akira, Defiant, and Saber classes.

SHIPS IN SERVICE

NAME	REGISTRY	NOTES
San Antonio	NCC-62539	Class ship. Destroyed, in 2378, in a skirmish with the Borg
New Berlin	NCC-62931	In service, on assignment along the Klingon / Federation border
Mesa Verde	NCC-62566	Participated in the Liberation of Betazed. Heavily damaged.
ShiKar	NCC-62887	Commanded by Captain Torvek. Named for the Capitol City on Vulcan.
Khitomer	NCC-63132	Named for the Klingon world, site of the Khitomer massacre (2346).
Manhattan	NCC-62854	Destroyed in 2375, during the Dominion War, in battle with Breen forces.
San Diego	NCC-63381	Active duty. Assigned as an emergency rescue and evac transport for the Bajoran sector.
Anchorage	NCC-63516	Destroyed, 2386, by a Gelshmorian raider, while protecting a Tellarite colony.
Dallas	NCC-63104	Commanded by Captain Richard Albright. Active duty, out of Starbase 234.
La Barre	NCC-63559	Named for the birthplace of <i>Captain Jean-Luc Picard</i> . Commanded by Captain Tedric Faldo.
Davenport	NCC-63577	Active duty, on search-and-rescue duty, with a home-base at Starbase Earhart.