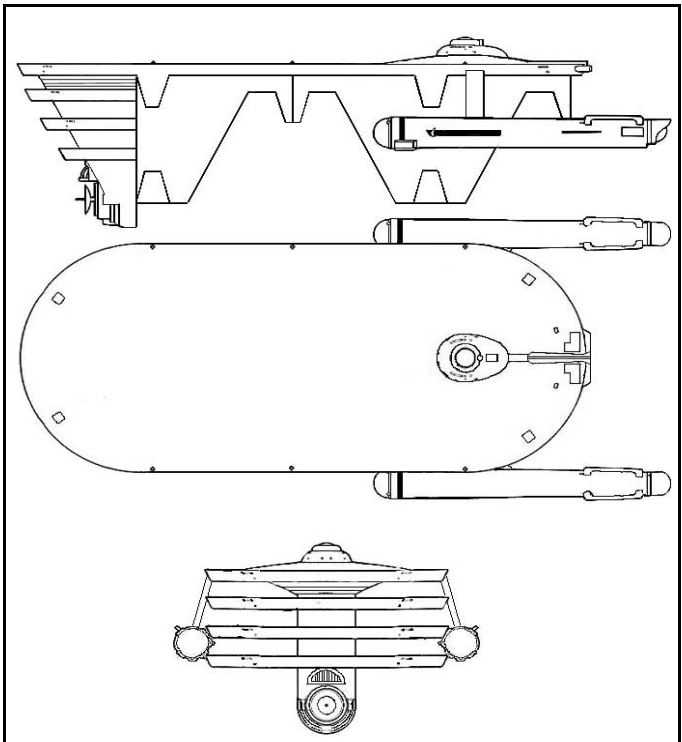


# HEAVY TRANSPORT

FITZGERALD CLASS IX

FEDERATION VESSEL

<b>Classification:</b>	Heavy Transport	
<b>Class:</b>	IX	
<b>Model:</b>	Mk I	
<b>Class Commission Date:</b>	2252	
<b>Number Proposed:</b>	270	
<b>Constructed:</b>	249	
<b>Lost:</b>	28	
<b>Destroyed:</b>	17	
<b>Scrapped:</b>	23	
<b>Training:</b>	3	
<b>Captured:</b>	14	
<b>Sold:</b>	164	
<b>Superstructure:</b>	17	
<b>Damage Chart:</b>	C	
<b>Dimensions:</b>		
Length:	310m	
Width:	141m	
Height:	80m	
<b>Displacement:</b>	133070 mt	
<b>Cargo Specs</b>	Unloaded	Loaded
Total SCU:	74 SCU	5000 SCU
Cargo Capacity:	3720 mt	250,000 mt
<b>Computer Type:</b>	M-2	
<b>Landing Capacity:</b>	none	
<b>Cloaking Device:</b>	none	
Power to Engage:		
<b>Transporters-</b>		
6-person:	2	
20-person Combat:	none	
22-person Emergency:	2	
cargo:	5	
<b>Laboratories:</b>	none	
<b>Brigs:</b>	11	
<b>Replicators:</b>	2	
<b>Shuttlecraft-</b>		
Light Shuttle:	2	
Standard Shuttle:	2	
Heavy Shuttle:	none	
Cargo Shuttle:	7	
Medical Shuttle:	none	
Survey Shuttle:	none	
<b>Ships Complement:</b>	212	
Officers:	42	
Enlisted:	169	
Troops:		
Passengers:	16	
<b>ENGINEERING-</b>		
<b>Total Power Available:</b>	51	
<b>Movement Point Ratio:</b>	3/1	5/1
<b>Warp Engine Type:</b>	FWD-1	
Number:	2	
Power Units:	24	
Stress Chart:	L/G	
Optimum Speed:	5	3
Max Safe Cruising:	7	4
Emergency Speed:	8.47	4.07
Maximum Speed:	9.12	4.38
<b>Impulse Engine Type:</b>	FIC-2	
Power Units:	3	
<b>WEAPONS/DEFENSE</b>		
<b>Beam Weapon:</b>	FL-5	
Firing Arcs:	2 f/p, 2f/s	
Firing Chart:	H	
Maximum Power:	2	
Damage Modifiers		
+3	none	
+2	1-4	
+1	5-7	
<b>Shields-</b>		
Shield Type:	FSF	
Shield Point Ratio:	1/2	
Maximum Shield:	9	
<b>Combat Efficiency</b>	2.8	
D-	63.3	
WDF-	4.4	



**Notes:**

The Fitzgerald Class was commissioned during the "The Great Awakening" of Federation expansion. The unique design stems from a compatibility issue with an Orion cargo carrier design. Orion traders adopted a standard, narrow, interlocking bulk carrier for use at all its trading outposts. For years, Federation freight haulers would have to use makeshift means to unload their cargo. Although these stations would be refitted to accommodate standard Federation cargo carriers, the sheer number of these outposts required Federation designers to come up with a ship design to handle the Orion design during the interim.

After its introduction in 2252, the Fitzgerald Class soon became one of the most common ships on the Klingon frontier and the Triangle. Its simple design and inexpensive cost made it very popular with freight carriers.

Once the outposts were converted with Federation cargo docking collars, the Fitzgerald Class ships were converted to serve in other capacities. Though the design of the carriers was unusual, they were easily refitted to accommodate a variety of needs. For many years, the Fitzgerald Class served as bulk freighters, passenger liners, and troop transports. The scientific community used the ship as a mobile research laboratory for various deep space missions. As a special note, the USS Alta Garfield continues to serve as an observatory for scientists on Memory Alpha. Also notably, the private sector continues to use the Fitzgerald Class as a colonial transport.

The Fitzgerald Class was never meant to present the latest in Federation technology. When Starfleet upgraded their ships with better shielding, computer systems, and phasers, it was decided to not to refit the Fitzgerald Class because of its planned short service life. Ships in the private sector may have different specifications than the ones shown here.

Production of the Fitzgerald Class ended on 2263. Starfleet decommissioned the class on stardate 2270, and sold the remaining ships to private concerns.

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