

Republic Reliant Troopship

The Reliant-class troopship once served as one of the largest naval vessels in the Republic Fleet. Only slightly shorter than the famed Victory Star Destroyer which saw its debut during the Clone Wars, the Reliant troopship featured many of the same design aspects including a command tower almost identical to that which would later appear on the Victory. While not wedge-shaped like the Victory, the Reliant is box-shaped with the bow of the vessel being rounded off in a similar fashion to that of the older Dreadnaught heavy cruisers.

Despite its size, the Reliant is very lightly armed with only a trio of double turbolaser cannons serving as defense. Its main purpose isn't ship-to-ship combat but the safe and efficient transport of thousands of troops, vehicles and supplies from place to place.

The Reliant was a fairly uncommon vessel in the Republic Fleet as they were expensive to both manufacture and maintain. However, those few hundred which were constructed and deployed across the galaxy proved to be useful. They were only deployed to major space-to-surface combat scenarios and usually in large groups. Planetary invasions would require anywhere from a handful of Reliants to several dozen Reliants, not to mention adequate escorts for them.

The vessel itself features a series of large hangar bays along the ventral side with a pair of tractor beam projectors for pulling in disabled or damaged starships. The bays are fully loaded with four dozen various dropships, shuttles and landing barges with the ground vehicles stored on the deck above with powerful lifts to lower them to the hangar deck for quick loading.

One of the most notable operations in which Reliants saw a great deal of action was the invasion of a small, yet well defended, planet known as Ceti VI during the height of the Clone Wars. Thinking that the planet's defenses had been completely decimated via orbital bombardment and pinpoint starfighter strikes the Reliants were moved into standard orbit, positioning themselves to launch their full complement of dropships and landing barges to the surface.

Unfortunately for the Republic, Ceti had much in the way of hidden surface-to-space weaponry and had been waiting for the troopships to get into position before using them. All but seven of the thirty Reliants were either destroyed

or damaged beyond repair. Thousands upon thousands of Republic troops were killed and the fleet was forced to withdraw or face even heavier casualties.

However, during the later parts of the Clone Wars after the introduction of the Victory Star Destroyer, Rendili StarDrives began producing a fleet carrier version of the Reliant.

Model: Rendili StarDrive's Reliant Troopship

Type: Heavy troopship

Scale: Capital

Length: 878 meters

Skill: Capital ship piloting: Reliant troopship

Crew: 156, gunners: 8, skeleton: 25/+15

Crew Skill: Astrogration 4D, capital ship gunnery 4D, capital ship
piloting 4D+2, capital ship shields 4D, sensors 3D+2

Passengers: 12,650 (troops)

Cargo Capacity: 10,000 metric tons (fully loaded), 50,000 (unloaded)

Consumables: 2 years

Cost: Not available for sale

Hyperdrive Multiplier: x2

Hyperdrive Backup: x12

Nav Computer: Yes

Maneuverability: 0D

Space: 4

Hull: 5D

Shields: 2D

Sensors:

Passive: 30/0D

Scan: 50/1D

Search: 100/2D

Focus: 4/3D

Weapons:

3 Double Turbolaser Cannons

Fire Arc: 1 dorsal turret, 1 right turret, 1 left turret

Crew: 2

Skill: Capital ship gunnery

Fire Control: 3D

Space Range: 3-15/35/75

Atmosphere Range: 6-30/70/150 km

Damage: 4D

2 Tractor Beam Projectors

Fire Arc: Ventral

Crew: 1

Skill: Capital ship gunnery

Fire Control: 3D

Space Range: 1-5/15/30

Atmosphere Range: 2-10/30/60 km

Damage: 3D

Ground/Air Complement:

30 medium or heavy repulsortanks

50 assault speeders or light repulsortanks

80 speeder bikes or 40 AT-PTs

Starship Complement:

12 Terra dropship/shuttles

12 Kappa-class shuttles

24 landing barges

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