Starships D6 / Kuat Drive Yards Ardent-class



Name: Kuat Drive Yards Ardent-class fast frigate
Manufacturer: Kuat Drive Yards
Model: Ardent-class fast frigate
Type: Frigate / Capital ship
Cost: Not available for sale
Length: ~400 meters
Skill: Capital Ship Piloting: frigate
Crew: 1,400, skeleton 100/+20
Passengers/Troops: 200
Crew Skill: Capital Ship Piloting 5D+1, Capital Ship Gunnery 4D+2, Capital Ship Shields 4D+1
Consumables: 1 Year
Cargo Capacity: 5,000 Tons
Hyperdrive Multiplier: X1
Hyperdrive Backup: X12
Nav Computer: Yes
Space: 6
Maneuverability: 1D
Hull: 5D+2
Shields: 2D+1
Sensors:
- Passive: 50/1D
- Scan: 150/3D
- Search: 300/4D
- Focus: 6/4D+2

Complement:
- Nune-class Imperial shuttles
- Predator-class fighter (12)

Weapons:
- Heavy turbolaser batteries (5)
  - Scale: Capital
  - Fire Arc: 2 Front/Left, 2 Front/Right, 1 Back
  - Fire Control: 4D
  - Space: 3-25/45/85
  - Atmosphere Range: 6-50/90/170 km
  - Damage: 6D
- Medium turbolaser batteries (3)
  - Scale: Capital
  - Fire Arc: 1 Front/Left, 1 Front/Right, 1 Back
  - Fire Control: 4D
  - Space: 3-15/35/75
  - Atmosphere Range: 6-30/70/150 km
  - Damage: 5D
- Point-defense cannon batteries (5)

Scale: Capital
Fire Arc: 2 Front/Left, 2 Front/Right, 1 Back
Fire Control: 3D
Space: 1-5/15/25
Atmosphere Range: 100-500/1.5/2.5km
Damage: 6D

Tractor beam batteries (2)
Scale: Capital
Fire Arc: 1 Front, 1 Back
Fire Control: 4D
Space: 1-5/15/30
Atmosphere Range: 2-10/30/60km
Damage: 5D

Description: The Ardent-class fast frigate was a Kuat Drive Yards warship used by the Fel Empire and Darth Krayt's Galactic Empire.

Characteristics

The Ardent-class frigate was about one-fourth the length of the Pellaeon-class Star Destroyers. They were designed for rapid responses and sacrificed both shielding and armor to increase their speed and weaponry.

The class had a raised bridge section and three ion drives. They carried Nune-class Imperial shuttles. In overall appearance, the arrowhead-shaped vessels were reminiscent of the century-old Acclamator-class.

The frigate's weapons emplacements were reminiscent of past designs, with turbolaser batteries flanking the raised section on each side.

Usage

The fast frigates were used as quick-strike vehicles. A common Imperial tactic was to send several Ardent-class frigates into enemy picket lines to exploit weaknesses and open gaps for other warships. They depended on their impressive shields to allow them to survive. Despite them, they still suffered more damage than most ships in the fleet due to their aggressive tactics.

History

The Ardent-class was built several years before the Sith–Imperial War. They were used for spearheading military actions and many officers gained fame commanding such vessels.

An Ardent-class frigate carried Captain Mingo Bovark of Roan Fel's loyalists to the Wheel in 137 ABY, for a meeting with Admiral Gar Stazi of the Galactic Alliance Core Fleet.

At least nine Ardent-class frigates were part of the Outer Rim Third Fleet. Two of these were the Ironstar and the Verpine.

The Ardent-class frigate Steadfast, part of the Coruscant Third Fleet loyal to Darth Krayt's Galactic Empire, was present at the Battle of Ralltiir during the Second Imperial Civil War. Commanded by Captain Vaclen Tor, the frigate would be the only Sith survivor of the battle. However, the ship was taken by the Galactic Alliance Remnant and then given to the Empire-in-exile as a gift to Emperor Roan Fel.

The First Coruscant Task Force, under the command of Admiral Krion Grail, was composed by five Ardent-class frigates. The Marauder was its flagship. The Galactic Alliance Remnant also employed some captured Ardents during the war. These vessels were painted with the Alliance symbol on their dorsal hulls.

Known vessels

Ironstar
Verpine
Steadfast
Marauder

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