



DECK 3

NOTES

In deleted dialogue from THE BALANCE OF TERROR Hanson said, "You see it, ENTERPRISE? Starship design. Warn Earth ... Espionage, stolen our designs ... traitors."

This explains why the Romulan Bird of Prey was similar in size and shape to the Primary Hull of the Federation's Constitution-Class ships.

DECK 1

The top deck contains the Cloaking Device. With all those sensors surround the hull at this level, it makes sense to place the Cloaking Device here. Surrounding it are computers and auxiliary equipment.

Aft of the Cloaking Device are some science stations. These are not here to suggest that the Romulans undertake scientific missions, but rather, these are important for maneuvering the ship through space while cloaked.

The turbo-elevator is at the rear with stairs on either side. There are ladders, but they only start on Deck 2. The turbo-elevator system is not as extensive as the system on Federation ships.

Nuclear Warheads are placed throughout the ship at key locations to ensure critical systems are destroyed rather than allowing them to fall into enemy hands after the self-destruct command is given.

Environmental Lockers are located throughout the ship. They contain space suits, breathing apparatus, special equipment, etc.

The top of the tail is shown as well as the blue formation light. That formation light is barely visible in one photo.

DECK 2

The Romulan Deflector System is decentralized and scattered around the top / front of Deck 2 and also across the front of Deck 4 and Deck 5.

Emergency Batteries are in 3 locations, one of which is at the front of Deck 2. Aft of the Batteries are the ship's computers. To either side are the Air Conditioning Units, Standard Gases, and the Ventilation System.

The Bridge (as we saw it in BALANCE OF TERROR) is in the center of this deck. It is surrounded by secondary information-gathering stations. If anything needs to be reported to the captain, those operators will enter the Bridge.

Around the Bridge are the Senior Officers' Quarters. The Commanding Officer's Quarters are behind the Bridge. The walls are thicker because they contain consoles and displays so as to allow the Commanding Officer to always be up-to-date on the ship's status.

The ring corridor has 3 ladders which lead all the way down to Deck 5. One corridor leads aft.

A Briefing Room is located to port and an Arboretum is to starboard. I include an Arboretum because it functions as a passive air cleaning system, and can also function as a food source. Also, I read a novel about life on a Romulan Bird Of Prey. It discussed how one of the senior officers would organize his thoughts by tending to the plants. It was a nice touch so I want to propagate that idea.

Water pumps and associated equipment are on each side of the stairs and the turbo-elevator. They are ahead of the main (and only) Water Tank. The Water Tank occupies the rear part of this deck and the deck below.

At the extreme aft end of the Water Tank are cutouts for the Hangar Bay Doors. They allow access to the Flight Deck which is on Deck 4.

The tail has a triangular cross-section. At this level it is thick enough to contain some of the Atmosphere Control System for the Hangar Bay.

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The Plasma Weapon occupies at least 1/5 of the volume of the ship. The forward section of this deck contains the top of the Plasma Chamber, the particle accelerators, plasma additives, condensers, and monitoring stations.

The majority of this deck contains Crew Quarters. Most of the crew members share their room with one other person. Their rooms are in rings around a Gymnasium which is located in the center. The 3 ring corridors and the 3 radial corridors provide quick access to any part of the ship. The 3 ladders in the innermost ring continue from Deck 2 (above) down to Deck 5.

Along the port and starboard rims are Cargo Holds. Aft of the Crew Quarters is the Messroom, the Kitchen and the Food Storage Holds.

To port of the Messroom is the Ship's Laundry. The Laundry also functions as the clothing reclamation and fabrication station. Further to port is the Security Office and Brig.

At the extreme aft is a continuation of the Water Tank from above. Embedded in the Water Tank is the Hangar Bay but there is no access from here.

There is also a Flight Control Station within the tail, but it can only be accessed from the Flight Deck on Deck 4, below. The tail is thick enough to contain this station, and it also contains the Atmosphere Control System for the Hangar Bay.

Note that on Deck 3 there is a thin lip around the hull at ceiling level. This is shown to the left with the labels:

1. "Maximum Headroom" (pink dashed line)
2. "Stepped Change in Ceiling Height" (two black lines)
3. "Maximum Extent of Ceiling" (solid pink line)

These are also shown on Page 13 with red numbers inside white circles.