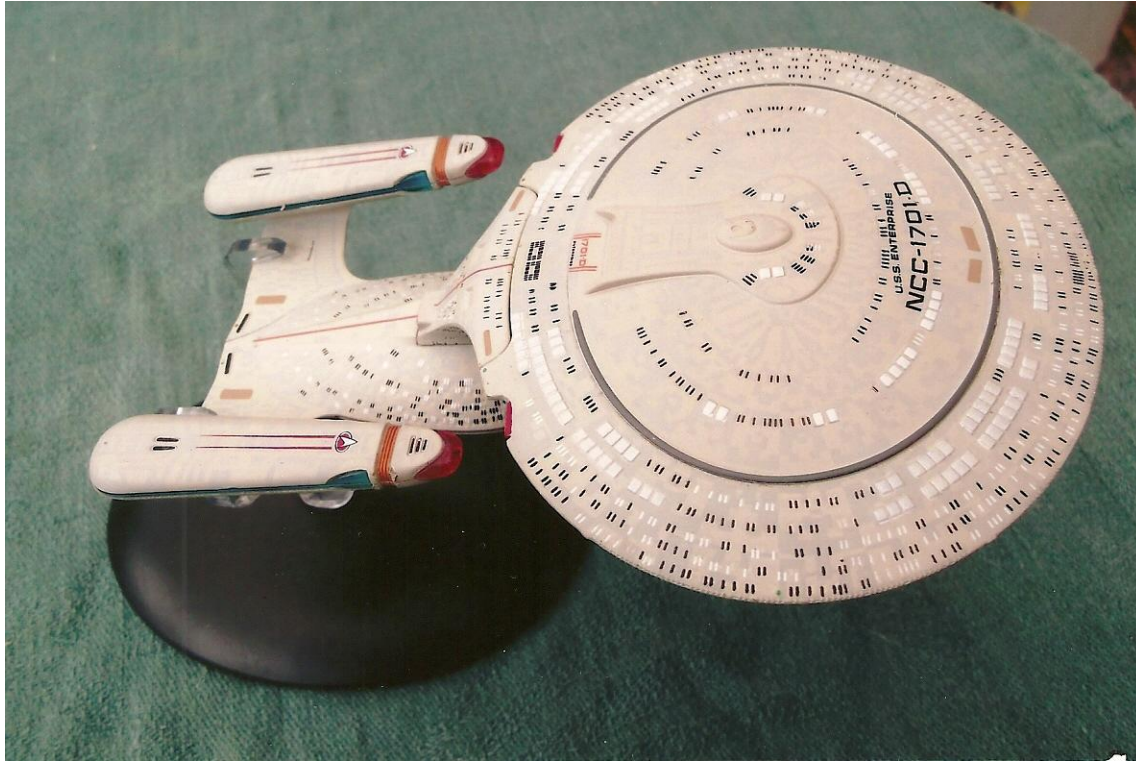


A 'Star Trek' fleet?

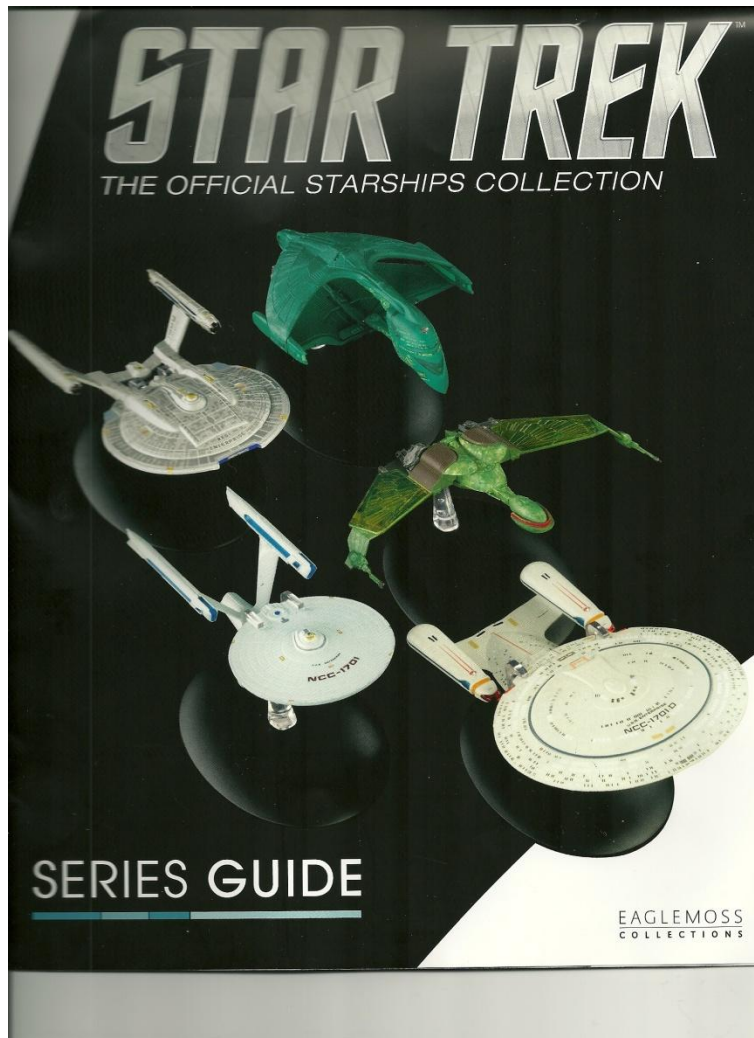
Review by Rob Morgan

I haven't encountered this company -- EagleMoss Collections -- before, and this small but extremely attractive, not to mention completely finished and ready to fight for space, starship, came as a bit of a surprise.



From time to time, companies like DelPrado issue overpriced single figures, Napoleonic, medieval and that sort of thing, with a booklet and intended for collectors. These tend to be dirt cheap for issue 1, more expensive for issue 2, and frankly unbelievable for the ensuing models. This case might well prove different. I'm no expert on Kirk, Spock and their ships, but this model was worth buying. Priced at £1.99 for a 6" long overall, and 4.5" across the ellipse model, beautifully painted and marked, cast metal and hard resin, and with a decent stand, clear plastic arms, black satin base, well worth the money for this version of *USS Enterprise*, and, yes, there's an accompanying booklet that is more suitable for the avid "Trekkie." Unfortunately, this was the last copy on sale, as the rest had obviously been snapped up by collectors, dealers and other odd fans. I couldn't get another anywhere, which is a pity.

A second model is another *Enterprise*, the version from the original film, but that's on sale at £5.99. Much more expensive and a much smaller model too, but equally well painted, modelled and mounted. If my guess is correct, the third model, the Klingon Bird-of-Prey will be around £7.99 and the rest of the series will stay at about that price mark. So, fine, it's a bargain, but only as a one-off? Well, no. The guide to the range says that there will be Romulan, and Dominion and Borg (how would you wargame with a Borg ship?) vessels to follow, around 20 in all. Where the Federation's concerned with two starships on offer at under £8, and a large number to follow, this may be the perfect opportunity for the science fiction wargamer to create a very decent scale fleet of warships for under 50 pounds or so. The range, apparently, will include "every major Federation vessel," including *USS Defiant* and the *Akira Class*.



As a fleet option, this range seems to offer a far better deal than most manufacturers around, though, of course, precise scale comparisons might be a little more complex, given the tendency to standardise in some cases, the "enemy" vessels being a case in point.

I don't suppose they'll make a 'Tribble'?