

Star Trek models (inexpensive!)

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Star Trek: Ascendancy is a rather expensive SF board game, and one which I certainly wouldn't buy. I'm more a Dr. Who fan than a Trekkie, as a matter of fact. However, I was wandering around the local Games Emporium the other afternoon, glancing at the hugely expensive Star Trek models, described as suitable for games, but chucking in at around £10-£12 each, when my eye lighted upon a trio of small packs of plastic space ships, scale undetermined.

Remarkable!

The manufacturer, Gale Force Nine (startrek.gf9games.com), have produced what they call Escalation Packs for the Federation, the Klingons and the Romulans. Each contains 15 starships, standard Enterprise types, Klingon Cruisers or Romulan Birds of Prey, exactly the same models as in the game.



There are also five control nodes to which we'll return in a moment. The Romulans shown here, are delightful, hard plastic, a solid green colour, easy to paint. Each is 25mm long and 20mm wide. There's a triangular base, as these are board game pieces, and that means they can't be mounted on flying bases, but as each pack comes at around £5.50, 15 decent starships means a good, relatively

inexpensive fleet for SF games. They are probably the best plastic SF models I've seen in a long while.



The control nodes are triangular, and have a central tower and three lower towers at the extremity of each arm, about 30mm across and 10mm high. I don't know what role they play in the board game, but they could be space bases, missile silos or even cities.

A very useful addition to the wargaming of space. Highly recommended.