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# Star Trek 2016 Wall Calendar: Ships Of The Line



## Synopsis

A longtime favorite among hardcore Trekkers and sci-fi fans, Star Trek: Ships of the Line 2016 Wall Calendar is a unique collectors addition celebrating the landmark 50th anniversary and gives aficionados something they cannot get elsewhere - spectacular original illustrations showcasing the franchise's most famous starships and vessels. The characteristic horizontal format maximizes detail in the up-close views of each ship and puts the viewer right in the center of the iconic moments from Star Trek history, but remains a practical addition to any workspace.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I've bought this calendar since its inception and every year I eagerly look forward to it. Anyone who's familiar with SotL knows that it's less of a calendar and more of an annual art showcase. In fact, I don't even hang my copies. I keep them on a bookshelf. 2016 seems to be a mixed bag as far as quality, and I don't mean in the sense that I have an issue with what ships were chosen or which series get represented, I literally mean image quality. About half the images are well done and high resolution. The other half? Well... Some images appear grainy or run through too many filters. For January (a CG image of two Enterprises next to a star) one of the ships has highly visible surface distortions. A couple other images appear to be photos of model kits photoshopped over a background, yet the two don't blend very well or just look out of scale. In fact, the cover itself is a photo of Diamond Select Toys' Enterprise D with a background and the main shuttlebay photoshopped in. Honestly, it LOOKS like exactly what it is: a photo of an 18 inch toy run through Photoshop... and therein lies my problem with this iteration of the calendar. In past years SotL was a

fantastic showcase of high-quality "what if?" images that, in most cases, looked as if they could have been pulled from some unseen or lost Star Trek episode. The quality that went into that sort of suspension of disbelief seems to have fallen this year. I don't mind shots of models, I mean... that's what the "real" Enterprise is after all, but when the finished product looks like someone dropped a toy into Photoshop, made some selections and added the "outer glow" filter, it's bound to show to some degree. I'm aware that I may be viewing it through overly critical eyes and I DO still enjoy it and will continue to purchase these as long as they make them, but here's something to consider: The internet is rife with artists, both physical and 3D modelers alike who have created and displayed some truly stunning Star Trek starship art. When you can join an online forum for free and be treated to some artwork that blows some of the images in this calendar completely out of the water, you've gotta wonder why you should pay for something that just looks "good enough". Whether it's \$2 or \$12, SotL needs to bring its A-game.

This is one reason out of many I love Star Trek. Unlike Sci-Fi shows from the past the creators didn't bother to make their universe realistic as possible. Here we have a Fleet of the most detailed ships ever produced on television. The artwork is so detailed it looks like actual photographs of a real star ship. I love looking at our Navy ships which the consultants for Star Trek used to create one of the most popular ship that has ever been seen on television and the movies. Every section of the Enterprise has been detailed and identified its purpose. I highly recommend this calendar. Take a close look at the design of each vessel.

Like all of the "Ships of the Line" calendars, most of the months are pretty good with a few where I question if someone couldn't have done better. I know I see a lot of Star Trek art out there that I consider better. Overall, I really like these calendars.

Some of the illustrations are a little funky, and any picture of the Enterprise NX blah.

I always look forward to this calendar every year. I know some people do not like some the art work in the calendar, however, these pictures are from different artist who have their own unique view of starships. This calendar is a great buy for the Star Trek fan in your life

This is a calendar so the book descriptions don't work too well. That being said, this is the second one these calendars that I have purchased and I am very happy with it. The artwork is amazing and

imaginative (at least as imaginative as you can be with a licensed product). This would be something that I would highly recommend to any Star Trek Fan.

I have been buying these calendars for over 10 years now.

The pictures look amazing but it should've explained that it was a 2 page spread from left and right rather than having it up and down like a normal calendar. There for you will need two holes for your calendar on your wall from left and right to enjoy this.

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