

STPSP: TALOS

Introduction

STPSP: Talos is part seven of the *Star Trek Planetary Systems Project* (STPSP). This is an attempt to accurately simulate the major planetary systems in the *Star Trek* universe (with some conjecture, mostly in the form of some ideas of mine). A fan of the series almost since birth, I wanted to recreate the planetary systems so that it would be possible to create scenarios in them. The Talos system is home to five planets and four moons. The planetary arrangement is based on a chart seen in the book *The Star Trek Star Charts* and in the *Original Series* episode "The Cage". (Interestingly, Spock states in the episode that the system contains eleven planets, although the chart suggests otherwise.) Please note that the *TOS Enterprise* (Trekkie's version) and *USS Horizon* (KirkUnit's version) add-ons are required for some of the scenarios. As for this add-on, I promise that you won't be disappointed. Enjoy!

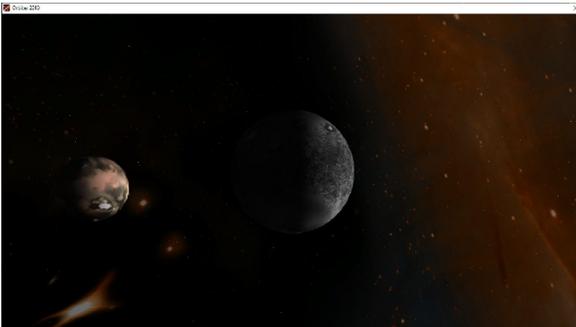
The System



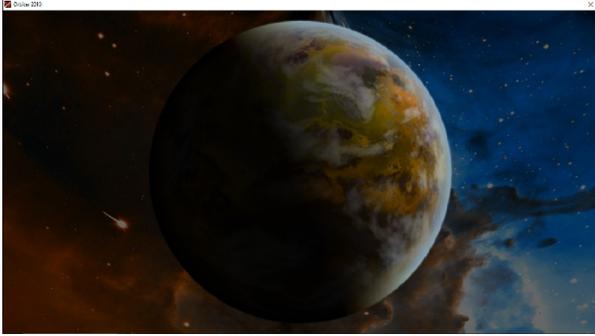
System viewed from 7.8 AUs

Primary Star: Talos Prime (Class M0IV)

First Planet: Talos I (Class-B, one moon)



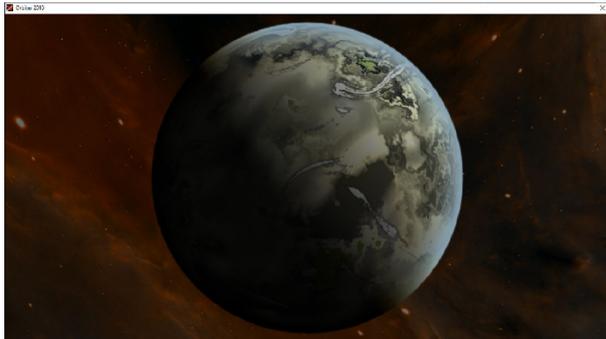
Second Planet: Talos II (Class-H)



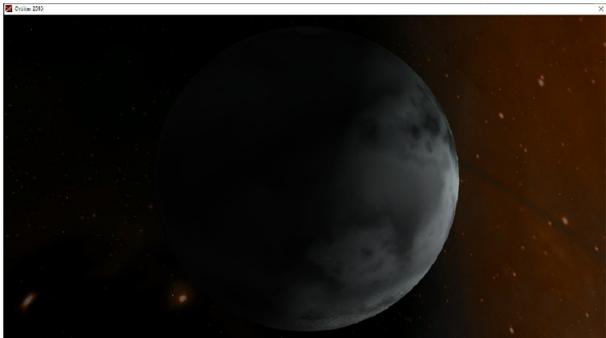
Third Planet: Talos III (Class-L, one moon)



Fourth Planet: Talos IV (Class-M, two moons)



Fifth Planet: Talos V (Class-D)



The Talosians

The Talosians are a humanoid species characterized by large crania and bald heads. Additionally, they are telepathic and possess the ability to project illusions based on a person's thoughts, memories, experiences, and even desires. We actually don't know much about the Talosians. We know is that their homeworld, Talos IV, is barely capable of

sustaining life, due to the fact that the Talosians nearly wiped themselves out in nuclear war thousands of years ago. As a consequence, they concentrated instead on developing their telepathic abilities. However, they realized too late that it was a trap, because they were unable to pursue any other activities. They even became unable to repair machines left behind by their ancestors. In 2236, the Federation starship *SS Columbia* crash-landed on the planet's surface with only a single survivor, a human female named Vina. Vina was seriously injured in the crash, but was discovered by the Talosians and restored back to health. However, because the Talosians were unfamiliar with her species, they had no guide for putting Vina back together. Eighteen years later, the Talosians attempted to bait the *USS Enterprise* in an attempt to use its captain, Christopher Pike, as a mate for Vina. However, Captain Pike resisted, and the Talosians decided that contact between themselves and humanity was unsafe, reasoning that humanity would eventually learn their power of illusion and destroy themselves as well. This led to the implementation of General Order 7, which prohibited all contact with Talos IV on the pain of death. Despite this, Captain Pike eventually was forced to return to Talos IV, due to an accident that left him completely paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair.