

NATO general warship classifications

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NATO general warship classifications (sorted on code)

AD	Destroyer tender
AE	Ammunition ship
AEFS	Fleet replenishment ship
AFDB, AFDL, AFDM	Floating dry dock
AFS	Combat stores ship
AG, AGI	Research ship
AGDS	Deep submergence support ship
AGEH	Hydrofoil research ship
AGF	Miscellaneous command ship
AGM	Missile range instrumentation ship
AGOR	Oceanographic research ship
AGOS	Ocean surveillance ship
AGP	Patrol craft tender
AGS	Surveying ship
AGSS	Auxiliary research submarine
AH	Hospital ship
AK	Cargo ship
AKR	Vehicle cargo ship
ALS	Auxiliary lighter
AO, AOFL, AOFS	Tanker / oiler
AOE	Fast combat support ship
AOG	Gasoline tanker
AOR	Replenishment oiler
AOT	Transport oiler
AP	Transport
APA	Amphibious transport ship
APB, APL	Barracks ship
AR, ARL	Repair ship
ARC	Cable repairing ship
ARD, ARDM	Repair dry dock
ARS	Salvage ship
AS	Submarine tender
ASR	Submarine rescue ship
ATA	Auxiliary ocean tug
ATC	Mine-armoured troop carrier
ATF	Fleet ocean tug
ATS	Salvage ship
AVM	Guided missile ship
AVT	Auxiliary aircraft landing training ship
BB	Battleship
CA	Gun cruiser
CG, CGN	Guided missile cruiser
CGH	Helicopter cruiser
CL, CLT	Cruiser
CV, CVA, CVL, CVN	Attack aircraft carrier
CVH	Helicopter carrier
CVS	AWACS aircraft carrier
DD	Destroyer
DDG	Guided missile destroyer
DSRV	Deep submergence rescue vehicle
DSV	Deep submergence vehicle
FF	Frigate
FFG	Guided missile frigate
FFL, FFLG	Corvette
HSB	Harbour security boat
HSS	Helicopter support ship
HWEC, WMEC	Endurance cutter
IX	Unclassed miscellaneous
LCAC, LCM, LCPL	Landing craft
LCC	Amphibious command ship
LCU, LCVP	Landing craft
LHA, LHB, LHC, LHD	Amphibious assault ship
LKA	Amphibious cargo ship

NATO general warship classifications (sorted on type of vessel)

YCV	Aircraft transportation lighter
AE	Ammunition ship
LPH	Amphibious assault ship
LHA, LHB, LHC, LHD	Amphibious assault ship
LKA	Amphibious cargo ship
LCC	Amphibious command ship
LPD	Amphibious transport dock
APA	Amphibious transport ship
CV, CVA, CVL, CVN	Attack aircraft carrier
SSN	Attack submarine
AVT	Auxiliary aircraft landing training ship
ALS	Auxiliary lighter
ATA	Auxiliary ocean tug
AGSS	Auxiliary research submarine
SSAG	Auxiliary submarine
CVS	AWACS aircraft carrier
SSBN	Ballistic missile submarine
APB, APL	Barracks ship
BB	Battleship
WLB, WLI, WLM, WLR	Buoy tender
ARC	Cable repairing ship
YCF	Car float
AK	Cargo ship
AFS	Combat stores ship
WLIC	Construction tender
FFL, FFLG	Corvette
YF, YFN, YFNB	Covered lighter
CL, CLT	Cruiser
DSRV	Deep submergence rescue vehicle
AGDS	Deep submergence support ship
DSV	Deep submergence vehicle
DD	Destroyer
AD	Destroyer tender
YDT	Diving tender
LSD	Dock landing ship
YM	Dredge
YFND	Dry dock companion ship
HWEC, WMEC	Endurance cutter
AOE	Fast combat support ship
YFB	Ferry boat / Launch
ATF	Fleet ocean tug
AEFS	Fleet replenishment ship
YD	Floating crane
AFDB, AFDL, AFDM	Floating dry dock
YRDH, YRDM	Floating dry dock workshop
YPD	Floating pile driver
YFP	Floating power barge
YR	Floating workshop
FF	Frigate
YO, YON	Fuel oil barge
YG, UGN	Garbage lighter
YOG, YOGN	Gasoline barge
AOG	Gasoline tanker
YNG	Gate craft
CG, CGN	Guided missile cruiser
DDG	Guided missile destroyer
FFG	Guided missile frigate
AVM	Guided missile ship
CA	Gun cruiser
HSB	Harbour security boat
WYTL	Harbour tug
YTB, YTL, YTM	Harbour tug
YFU	Harbour utility

LPD	Amphibious transport dock	CVH	Helicopter carrier
LPH	Amphibious assault ship	CGH	Helicopter cruiser
LSD	Dock landing ship	HSS	Helicopter support ship
LSI, LSL	Landing ship	AH	Hospital ship
LSSC, MSSC	Seal support craft	AGEH	Hydrofoil research ship
LST	Tank landing ship	WAGB	Icebreaker
LSV	Logistic support vessel	WTGB	Icebreaking tug
LWT, ALWT	Warping tug	LCAC, LCM, LCPL	Landing craft
MCM	Mine countermeasure ship	LCU, LCVP	Landing craft
MH, MHC	Minehunter	LSI, LSL	Landing ship
ML	Minelayer	TCD	Landing ship dock
MSB, MSD, MSO	Minesweeper	LSV	Logistic support vessel
NR	Submersible research vessel	MCM	Mine countermeasure ship
PBR	River patrol boat	ATC	Mine-armoured troop carrier
PC, PCF, PCC	Patrol craft	MH, MHC	Minehunter
PHM	Patrol combatant missile	ML	Minelayer
SDV	Swimmer delivery vehicle	MSB, MSD, MSO	Minesweeper
SSAG	Auxiliary submarine	YAG	Miscellaneous auxiliary
SSBN	Ballistic missile submarine	AGF	Miscellaneous command ship
SSN	Attack submarine	AGM	Missile range instrumentation ship
SWCL, SWCM	Special warfare craft	AGOS	Ocean surveillance ship
TCD	Landing ship dock	AGOR	Oceanographic research ship
WAGB	Icebreaker	YOS	Oil storage barge
WIX	Training cutter	YC	Open lighter
WLB, WLI, WLM, WLR	Buoy tender	PHM	Patrol combatant missile
WLIC	Construction tender	YP, WPB, PBC	Patrol craft
WSES	Surface effect craft	PC, PCF, PCC	Patrol craft
WTGB	Icebreaking tug	AGP	Patrol craft tender
WYTL	Harbour tug	YRR	Radiological repair barge
YAG	Miscellaneous auxiliary	YFRT	Range tender
YC	Open lighter	YFR, YFRN	Refrigerated covered lighter
YCF	Car float	ARD, ARDM	Repair dry dock
YCV	Aircraft transportation lighter	AR, ARL	Repair ship
YD	Floating crane	YRB, YRBM	Repair, berthing & messing barge
YDT	Diving tender	AOR	Replenishment oiler
YF, YFN, YFNB	Covered lighter	AG, AGI	Research ship
YFB	Ferry boat / Launch	PBR	River patrol boat
YFD	Yard floating dry dock	YRST	Salvage craft tender
YFND	Dry dock companion ship	YHCL, YMCL	Salvage lift craft
YFNX	Special purpose lighter	ATS	Salvage ship
YFP	Floating power barge	ARS	Salvage ship
YFR, YFRN	Refrigerated covered lighter	LSSC, MSSC	Seal support craft
YFRT	Range tender	YSD	Seaplane wrecking derrick
YFU	Harbour utility	YSR	Sludge removal barge
YG, UGN	Garbage lighter	YFNX	Special purpose lighter
YHCL, YMCL	Salvage lift craft	SWCL, SWCM	Special warfare craft
YM	Dredge	ASR	Submarine rescue ship
YNG	Gate craft	AS	Submarine tender
YO, YON	Fuel oil barge	NR	Submersible research vessel
YOG, YOGN	Gasoline barge	WSES	Surface effect craft
YOS	Oil storage barge	AGS	Surveying ship
YP, WPB, PBC	Patrol craft	SDV	Swimmer delivery vehicle
YPD	Floating pile driver	LST	Tank landing ship
YR	Floating workshop	AO, AOFL, AOFS	Tanker / oiler
YRB, YRBM	Repair, berthing & messing barge	WIX	Training cutter
YRDH, YRDM	Floating dry dock workshop	AP	Transport
YRR	Radiological repair barge	AOT	Transport oiler
YRST	Salvage craft tender	IX	Unclassed miscellaneous
YSD	Seaplane wrecking derrick	AKR	Vehicle cargo ship
YSR	Sludge removal barge	LWT, ALWT	Warping tug
YTB, YTL, YTM	Harbour tug	YW, YWN	Water barge
YW, YWN	Water barge	YFD	Yard floating dry dock