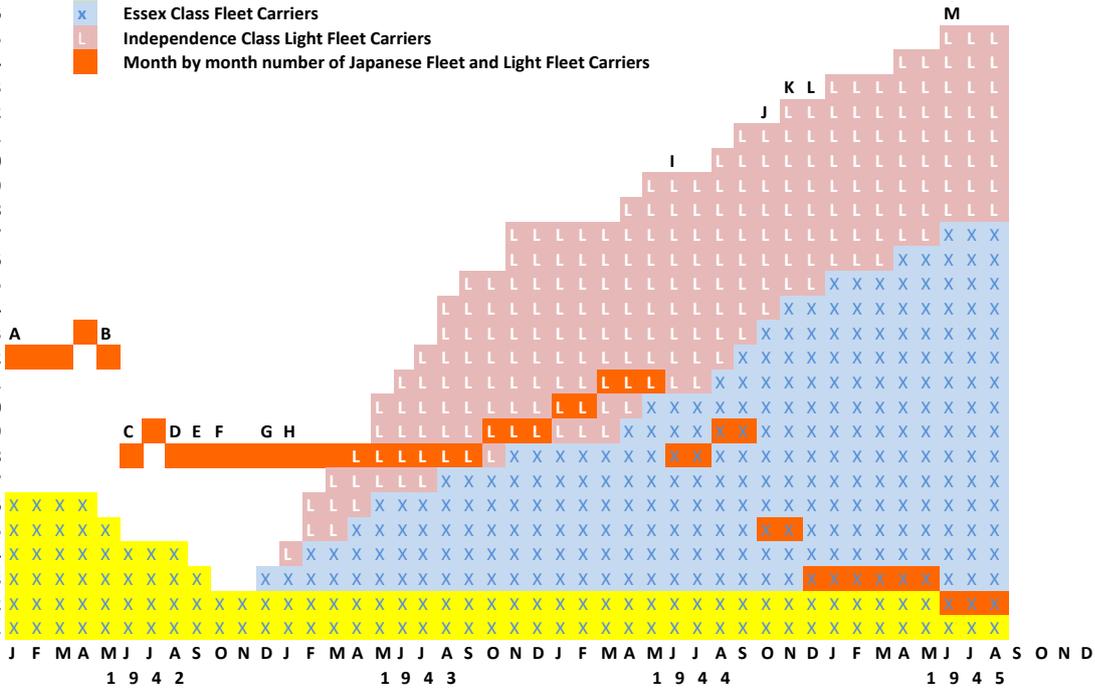


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Availability of US and Japanese Fleet Carriers Month by Month in the Pacific War: 1942 - 1945

Chart: 29.3

- x Original US Fleet Carriers at start of Pacific War
- x Essex Class Fleet Carriers
- L Independence Class Light Fleet Carriers
- Month by month number of Japanese Fleet and Light Fleet Carriers



- A US fleet carriers, USS Enterprise, USS Yorktown, USS Hornet, USS Wasp, USS Saratoga, USS Lexington
- B Battle of the Coral Sea 4.5.1942 USS Lexington sunk Light carrier Shoho sunk
- C Battle of Midway 7.6.1942 USS Yorktown sunk Japanese fleet carriers Kaga, Akagi, Soryu and Hiryu sunk
- D Battle of the East Solomons 24.8.1942 Light carrier Ryujo sunk
- E USS Wasp sunk by torpedoes from I-19 : 15.9.1942
- F USS Hornet sunk at the Battle of Santa Cruz Islands: 27.10.1942
- G USS Essex launched - the first of 19 on order. Could carry 100 planes and had three elevators
- H USS Independence launched - first light carrier based on cruiser hulls which had been built at Roosevelt's command
- I Battle of the Philippine Sea (the Great Marianas Turkey Shoot): Carriers Taiho, Shokaku and Hiyo sunk 19.6.1944
- J Battle of Leyte Gulf: Light carrier USS Princeton sunk: fleet carrier Zuikaku and light carriers Chiyoda, Zuiho and Chitose sunk 25.10.1944
- K World's largest carrier, Shinano, sunk in the Inland Sea
- L Junyo damaged beyond repair by USS Sea Devil, USS Plaice and USS Redfish 9.12.1944 Unryu sunk by USS Redfish 19.12.1944
- M Amagi sunk at anchor at Kure 28.6.1945
- V 12 Japanese fleet and light fleet carriers