

HIROHITO'S WAR - CARRIERS SUMMARY

JAPANESE FLEET CARRIERS*	CLASS	LAI D DOWN	COMMISSION	ARMAMENT	LENGTH/ BEAM/DISPLACEMENT	DECK/ELEVATORS	CREW	ENGINES	MAX. SPEED	SERVICE HISTORY	COMMANDERS
Kaga	Tosa/battleship hull	19.7.1920	30.11.1929	90 aircraft	812 feet/106 feet/ 38,200 Long Tons	Teak Plank/3	1708	4 Shaft Kampon geared turbines, 8 Boilers, 95,000 kW	15 knots	Pearl Harbor, Rabaul, Darwin, Dutch East Indies, Indian Ocean, Sunk at Battle of Midway: 4.12.1942	
Akagi	Akagi	6.12.1920	25.3.1927	66+25 reserve	855,000 feet/102 feet/ 36,500 Long Tons	Teak Plank/3	1630	4 Shaft, 4 Kampon geared steam turbines,	31.5 knots	Pearl Harbor, Rabaul, Darwin, Dutch East Indies, Indian Ocean, Sunk at Battle of Midway: 4.12.1942	
Soryu	Soryu	20.11.1934	23.12.1935	63+9	746 feet/69 feet/	Teak Plank/3	1,100	4 Shafts, 8 Kampon water-tube boilers, 4 geared turbines	34 knots	Pearl Harbor, Wake,Ambon, Darwin, Java, Palau, Borneo, Ceylon, Sunk at Battle of Midway: 4.12.1942	
Hiryu	Soryu/Hiryu	8.7.1936	5.7.1939	64+9	746 feet/ 73 feet/ 17,300 Long Tons	Teak Plank/3	1,100	4 Shafts, 8 Kampon water-tube boilers, 4 geared turbines	34 knots	Pearl Harbor, Wake,Ambon, Darwin, Java, Palau, Borneo, Ceylon, Sunk at Battle of Midway: 4.12.1942	
Shokaku	Shokaku	12.12.1937	8.8.1941	72+12	844 feet/85 feet/	Teak Plank/3	1,660	4 Shafts, 8 Kampon geared steam turbines, 8 boilers	34.2 knots	Pearl Harbor, Indian Ocean, Coral Sea, Battles of East Solomons, Santa Cruz Islands, Philippines Sea - Sunk at this Battle: 19.6.1944	
Zuikaku	Shokaku	25.5.1938	25.9.1941	72+12	844 feet/85 feet/	Teak Plank/3	1,660	4 Shafts, 8 Kampon geared steam turbines, 8 boilers	34.2 knots	Pearl Harbor, Indian Ocean, Coral Sea, Battles of East Solomons, Santa Cruz Islands, Philippines Sea, Cape Engano - Sunk at this Battle: 25.10.1944	
Taiyo	Converted Yamato Class	6.1.1940	2.9.1941		591 feet/ 73/ 17,800 Long Tons	Teak Plank/2	747	2 Shafts, 2 Kampon geared steam, 4 Kampon water tube boilers	21 knots	Sunk at the Battle of the Philippine Sea: 19.6.1944	
Junyo	Converted liner	20.3.1939	26.6.1941	53 aircraft	719 feet/87 feet/ 23,770 Long Tons	Teak Plank/2	1,224	2 Shafts, 2 geared steam turbine sets, 6 Kampon water tube boilers	25.5 knots	Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands, Naval Battle of Guadalcanal, Battle of the Philippine Sea, Survived war and was scrapped in 1946	
Hiyo	Converted liner	30.11.1939	31.7.1942	53 aircraft	721/feet/ 87 feet/ 24,150 Long Tons	Teak Plank/2	1,224	2 Shafts, 2 geared steam turbine sets, 6 Kampon water tube boilers	25.5 knots	Battle of the Philippines Sea: Sunk by torpedo strike from USS Belleau Wood 20.6.1944	
BRITISH FLEET CARRIERS**											
HMS Indomitable	Illustrious	10.11.1937	10.10.1941	45-55	754 feet/ 95.5 feet/ 23,000 Long Tons	Steel Plates/2	1,392	3 Shafts, Parson geared steam turbines, 6 boilers	30.5 knots	Strikes on Sumatra 1944, Battle of Okinawa, Liberation of Hong Kong	
HMS Victorious	Illustrious	4.5.1937	14.5.1941	36-54	673 feet/ 95.5 feet/ 23,000 Long Tons	Steel Plates/2	1,392	3 Shafts, 3 Parsons geared turbines, 6 Admiralty 3-drum Boilers	30.5 knots	Nicobar Islands, Sumatra, Battle of Okinawa, bombardment of Japan	
HMS Indefatigable	Implacable	3.11.1939	8.12.1943	81 aircraft	766 feet/ 96 feet/ 32,100 Long Tons	Steel Plates/2	2,300	4 Shafts, 4 geared turbines,	32.5 knots	Battle of Okinawa, bombardment of Tokyo	
HMS Illustrious	Illustrious	27.4.1937	25.5.1940	36 aircraft	740 feet/ 96 feet/ 23,000 Long Tons	Steel Plates/2	1,299	3 Shafts, 3 geared steam turbines,	30 knots	Sumatra raids, Battle of Okinawa	
HMS Formidable	Illustrious	17.6.1937	24.11.1940	36-54	740 feet/ 96 feet/ 23,000 Long tons	Steel Plates/2	1,299	3 Shafts, 3 geared steam turbines,	30 knots	Ceylon, Battle of Okinawa, bombardment of Japan	
AMERICAN FLEET CARRIERS											
USS Enterprise CV-6	Yorktown	16.7.1934	12.5.1938	90 aircraft	824 feet/ 109 feet/ 21,000 Long Tons	Teak Plank/3	2,217	4 Shafts, 4 Parsons geared steam turbines, 9 Babcock & Wilcox boilers	32.5 knots	Doolittle Raid, Battle of Midway, Battles of the Eastern Solomons, Santa Cruz Islands, Naval Battle of Guadalcanal, the Philippines Sea, Leyte Gulf, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Palau, Hollandia,	
USS Hornet CV-8	Yorktown	25.9.1939	20.10.1941	72 aircraft	824 feet/ 109 feet/ 21,000 Long Tons	Teak Plank/3	2,217	4 Shafts, 4 Parsons geared steam turbines, 9 Babcock & Wilcox boilers	32.5 knots	Doolittle Raid, Battle of Midway, Battle of Santa Cruz Island - sunk 27.10.1942	
USS Lexington CV-2	Lexington	8.1.1921	14.12.1937	78 aircraft	888 feet/ 107 feet/ 36,000 Long Tons	Teak Plank/2	2,791	4 Shafts, 4 sets turbo electric drive, 16 water tube boilers	33 knots	Lae-Salamaua Raid, Battle of the Coral Sea - sunk 8.5.1942	
USS Saratoga CV-3	Lexington	25.9.1920	16.11.1927	78 aircraft	888 feet/ 107 feet/ 36,000 Long Tons	Teak Plank/2	2,791	4 Shafts, 4 sets turbo electric drive, 16 water tube boilers	33 knots	Battle of the Eastern Solomons, Treasury Islands, Gilbert Islands, Eniwetok, Java, Iwo Jima,	
USS Wasp CV-7	Wasp	1.4.1936	25.4.1940	100 aircraft	741 feet/ 109 feet/ 14,700 Long Tons	Teak Plank/2+1	2,167	2 Shafts, 2xParsons steam turbines, 6 boilers	29.5 knots	Guadaicanal, Sunk by torpedoes from I-19: 15.9.1942	
USS Yorktown CV-5	Yorktown	21.5.1934	30.9.1937	90 aircraft	824 feet/ 109 feet/ 21,000 Long Tons	Teak Plant/3	2,217	4 Shafts, 4 Parson geared steam turbines, 9 Babcock & Wilcox boilers	32.5 knots	Marshalls-Gilberts Raids, Battle of the Coral Sea, Battle of Midway: 7.6.1942	
USS Essex CV-9	Essex	28.4.1941	31.7.1942	90-100	872 feet/ 147 feet/ 27,100 Tons	Teak/2+1 side	2,600	4 Shafts, 4 Westinghouse steam turbines, 8 boilers 565psi	33 knots	Gilbert Island, Tarawa Atoll, Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, Palau, Mindanao, Formosa, Battle of Leyte Gulf, Mindoro, Lingayen Gulf, Iwo Jima	
See list of 26 Essex Carriers											
USS Independence	Independence	1.5.1941	14.1.1943		623 feet/ 109 feet/ 10,600 Tons	Teak Plank	1,569	4 Shafts, General Electric Turbines, 4 boilers 100,000 shp	31 knots	Gilberts, Tarawa Atoll, Eniwetok, Palau, Battle of Sibuyan Sea, Battle of Okinawa	
See list of 9 Independence Carriers											
USS Gambier Bay	Casablanca	10.7.1943	28.12.1943	28	512 feet/ 65 feet/ 7,800 Tons	Teak Plank	860	2 Shafts, 2x5 cylinder Skinner Uniflow steam engines	19 knots	Battle of Saipan, Battle of Samar (part of Battle of Leyte Gulf) - Sunk 25.10.1944	
One of 50 in class***											
* See List of other Japanese Carriers including light carriers and escorts											
** In total UK had 6 Fleet Carriers, 15 Light Carriers, 40 escort carriers											
*** of 122 US escort carriers											
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