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Amphibious Ships and Landing Craft Data Book



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Dock Landing Ship *USS Anchorage (LSD-36) Class*



USS Mount Vernon (LSD-39) Pictured

Mission

The assigned mission of the LSD-36 is to transport and launch loaded amphibious craft and vehicles with their crews and embarked personnel in amphibious assaults by landing craft and amphibious vehicles. It can render limited docking repair service to small ships and craft.

General Comments

Major spaces for carrying vehicles and/or cargo or conducting helicopter operations are the helicopter platform, the super deck, the mezzanine deck, and the well deck. The mezzanine deck, super deck, and helicopter platform are constructed so they can be removed and stored ashore should assigned operations dictate. Mezzanine decks are frequently removed, but super decks and helicopter platforms are rarely removed. Vehicles may be loaded via landing craft into the well deck or lifted aboard by crane to the super deck for transit via ramps to other decks for stowage. Vehicles stowed in the well deck should be at least 50 feet forward of any landing craft to minimize potential salt water immersion during ballasting operations.

General Information

Length (overall)	562 feet
Beam	84 feet
Displacement (light load)	8,200 tons
Displacement (full load)	13,680 tons
Draft (full load)	20 feet
Main engines	2
Boilers	2
Shafts	2
Shaft horsepower	24,000
Speed	22 knots
Range at 12 knots	14,800 nautical miles
Bow thruster	No
Staff accommodations	No
Crew accommodations	426
Ship's chaplain	No

