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Project 941 (Akula) - Typhoon Class

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	Northern Fleet	Pacific Fleet	Total
In service	6	0	6
Inactive	0	0	0
Dismantled	0	0	0
Number			6

All of the Typhoon class submarines belong to the Northern Fleet.

Technical Data

Length:	175 m	Displacement:	24 500/33 800
Beam:	22.8 m	Hull:	Low magnetic steel
Draught:	11.5 m	Crew:	170
Speed:	27 knots	Maximum Depth:	400 m

Compartments: 19

Reactor

Two pressurised water reactors, model OK-650, with VV type reactor cores generating 190 MWt with a shaft power of 2x50 000 hp.

Nuclear Weapons

20 ballistic missiles, type RSM-52 (SS-N-20).

Naval Architect

SKR-18 (Rubin) S N Kovalev

СНД 10 (АКУЛА), ССН-24/26.

Construction Yard

The Typhoon class submarines were built in Severodvinsk in the period from March 1977 until September 1989. A seventh vessel was begun but never finished. [233]

Base

All six of the Typhoon class submarines are based at Nerpichya in Zapadnaya Litsa. [234]

Commentary

In 1992, one of the Typhoon submarines was severely damaged during the test firing of a missile. [235] It was eventually repaired and put into operation again. As a consequence of considerable dissatisfaction with the Typhoon concept, all submarines of this class have now been modernised with new SS-N-24/26 type missiles. [236]

Individual Submarines

TK-208.

Laid down on March 3, 1977. Launched on September 23, 1980, and commissioned on December 12, 1981.

TK-202.

Laid down on October 1, 1980. Launched on April 26, 1982, and commissioned on December 28, 1995.

TK-12.

Laid down on April 27, 1982. Launched on December 17, 1983, and commissioned on December 27, 1984.

TK-13.

Laid down on January 5, 1984. Launched on February 21, 1985, and commissioned on December 29, 1985

TK-17.

Laid down on 24 February 1985. Launched in August of 1996, and commissioned on November 6, 1987.

TK-20.

Laid down on 6 January 1987. Launched in June 1988 and commissioned in September 1989.

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