

**GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS****Frigate:** Santa Maria class**Length:** 138,8 m**Beam:** 14,3 m**Displacement:** 3,610 t**Draft:** 8.6 m**Speed :** 30 kts**Powerplant:** 2 × General Electric
LM2500-30 gas turbines**OVERVIEW**

ESPS Navarra (F85) is the fifth of the six Spanish-built Santa Maria-class frigates, based on the American Oliver Hazard Perry-class design, of the Spanish Navy. Laid down on 15 April 1991, and launched on 23 October 1992, Navarra was commissioned in service on 27 May 1994. The ship features a series of improvements to her previous sisters, with a new Meroka mod 2B CIWS, and upgraded fire control systems with Mk.92 mod6 CORT (Coherent Receiver Transmitter) and SPS-49(v)5 radar instead of previous (v)4.

All of these Spanish frigates have the length of the later Oliver Hazard Perry frigates, and have a wider beam than the US Navy design, and therefore able to carry more top weight. Fin stabilizers are fitted.

At the beginning, they were meant to be for anti-submarine purposes but they ended up being a perfect multi-purpose ship that have been sent to many missions like EUNAVFOR Somalia in the African Horn on 2014.

The crew of this frigate has a total of 200 men and women, including the flight crew belonging to the Spanish Flying Naval Unit and the security force team from the Spanish Naval Infantry.

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