

AE 23 Nitro - 1959

United States

Type: AE - Ammunition Ship

Max Speed: 20 kt

Commissioned: 1959

Length: 156.3 m

Beam: 22.0 m

Draft: 8.5 m

Crew: 344

Displacement: 15940 t

Displacement Full: 15940 t

Propulsion: 2x Boilers, 2x Steam Turbines



Sensors / EW:

- AN/SPS-10B - Radar, Radar, Surface Search & Navigation, Max range: 74.1 km

Weapons / Loadouts:

- 12.7mm/50 MG Burst [10 rnds] - (Facility/Ship, No Anti-Air Capability) Gun. Surface Max: 1.9 km. Land Max: 1.9 km.

OVERVIEW: The NITRO class AE is a steam-powered Ammunition Ship.

DETAILS: The NITRO class AE are specialized underway replenishment ships built after the Second World War, designed to conduct underway replenishment in support of operating forces by simultaneously providing ammunition from 6 stations (2 starboard and 4 port) and stores, fleet freight, mail, personnel and other items.

Specifications:

Displacement: 10,000 tons (standard), 15,500 tons (full load)

Speed: 18 knts

Engineering: 1 shaft, 2 steam boilers

Range:

Complement: 350

In Commission: 1956-1995

Completed: 5

NOTES: Units in class: SURIBACHI (AE 21); MAUNA KEA (AE 22); NITRO (AE 23); PYRO (AE 24);

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HALEAKALA (AE 25). All ships were modernized in the 1960s with "FAST" high speed transfer equipment, three holds configured for missile stowage and a helicopter platform. The Nitro-class ammunition ships are sometimes considered part of this class.

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