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Please read this manual thoroughly before using your BandFlex Gym. Retain this manual for future reference.

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**CAUTION:** Before starting any exercise program, it is recommended that you consult your physician.

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### **WARNING**

Before starting any exercise or conditioning program you should consult with your personal physician to see if you require a complete physical exam. This is especially important if you are over the age of 35, have never exercised before, are pregnant or suffer from any illness. Please read and follow the safety instructions included in this manual. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY.

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This guide is for informational purposes only. The information contained herein is based on various published sources and represents training methods, health and nutritional practices.

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#### Important Safety Instructions

**WARNING:** To reduce risk of serious injury, read and follow the Safety Instructions before using your **BAND FLEX GYM**.

**NOTICE:** Attempt all exercises slowly and carefully. Omit any movement that causes pain. Until you become stronger, perform all exercises with small, smooth and precise movements. Work to your own level of ability.

Use the **BAND FLEX GYM** on a level surface.

Wear appropriate clothing when exercising; do not wear loose clothing that could become caught in the **BAND FLEX GYM**. Always make sure your hair is tied back.

Keep small children and pets away from the **BAND FLEX GYM** at all times including while in use, folding, unfolding or assembling the **BAND FLEX GYM**.

The **BAND FLEX GYM** should not be used by persons weighing more than 250 lbs.

Use the **BAND FLEX GYM** only as described in the manual.

The **BAND FLEX GYM** should be used by only one person at a time.

Be careful to maintain your balance while using, mounting, dismounting, folding, unfolding or assembling the **BAND FLEX GYM**. Loss of balance may result in a fall and serious bodily injury.

When folding or unfolding the **BAND FLEX GYM**, keep all children away from the **BAND FLEX GYM** and make sure your hands are clear of any folding or pinch points.



#### Please Read Prior to Starting Any Exercise Program

All exercise carries some element of risk. To reduce risk please consult with your personal physician to see if you require a complete physical exam. This is especially important if you're a male over 40 years of age, a female over 50, have never exercised before, are pregnant, have a chronic illness, a history of high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, prior chest discomfort, under the care of a physician and taking prescription medications, smoke or have problems with your back, joints or muscles.

In no way is this workout guide intended to be used as a substitute for medical counseling. If you are healthy, begin by gradually increasing your activity level. Always use care when exercising and stop at the first sign of pain. See a doctor prior to restarting your exercise program. Even with medical clearance, the risk associated with exercise can never be reduced to zero.

#### Things to Remember

### Always consult with your physician before you begin any exercise program!

Remember these simple rules before starting the **BAND FLEX GYM** exercise program.

- Attempt the exercises marked Intermediate and Advanced with caution.
- Begin by slowly working up to a 20-minute workout, every other day.
- Avoid high-risk moves like quick starts and stops.
- Do not twist inappropriately nor bend incorrectly.
- Add at least 15 minutes of low-impact cardiovascular exercise to your daily regimen like swimming, cycling, bouncing or skiing.
- Keep your hips square, with your shoulders, neck and spine in a straight line.
- Begin with small movements and increase as you get stronger.



#### **Training Tips**

- 1 Always warm up for a minimum of 15 minutes before doing resistance training.
- 2 On your first set of exercises keep the resistance light.
- 3 Stretching is recommended after the warm up or at the end of the workout.
- 4 Repetitions for training effects:

Muscular Endurance - 12 to 25 repetitions with light resistance.

Strength and Endurance - 8 to 12 repetitions

Strength - 1 to 8 repetitions

- 5 A minimum of 2 sets of each exercise is recommended, 2 to 3 sets is most common.
- 6 In addition to the basic exercises covered in this manual, there are also alternate exercises starting on page 18 of this manual. NOTE: The pictures are for illustrating the correct movement of the exercises. The machine pictured may vary from your unit.

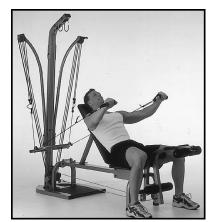
These exercises are for working your muscles in different positions. This allows you to go through a full range of movement. You can get information on these alternate exercises and how to perform them by going to your public library or looking them up online with any search engine.

## **Bench Press**

- 1 Adjust the bench to where the seat back is at an incline.
- 2 Handles should be attached to inner loop.
- 3 Sit down with feet flat on the floor, back flat against the pad.
- 4 Grasp handles at shoulder level, elbows should be aligned directly under wrists.
- 5 Press the handles out at a slight angle directly over your eyes.
- 6 As you extend your arms, exhale with the handles coming slightly together.
- 7 Remember to keep your feet flat, butt down, and back flat against the pad.

Primary area being exercised is the chest, secondary - triceps and shoulders.



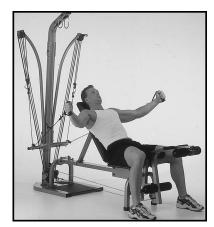


**Chest Fly** 

- 1 Adjust bench to where seat back is at an incline.
- 2 Handles should be attached to inner loop.
- 3 Sit down with feet flat on floor, back flat against the pad.
- 4 Grasp the handles and turn your palms inward.
- 5 Slowly lower the handles keeping your elbows slightly bent.
- 6 Lower the handles to eye level, then return to starting position.
- 7 Remember to maintain a slight bend in your elbows and keep palms turned in.
- 8 Inhale while going down, exhale coming up.

Muscles being used are the chest and shoulders.





## **Shoulder Press**

- 1 Adjust bench to where seat back is lying flat.
- 2 Handles should be adjusted to outer loop.
- 3 Sit down with feet flat, stomach tight, back straight.
- 4 Grasp handles at shoulder level.
- 5 While keeping stomach tight and back straight, press handles straight overhead.
- 6 Your arms should be directly aligned with your ears as you extend upward, bringing handles together.
- 7 Return to starting position with handles just outside your shoulders.
- 8 Exhale upon exertion.

Muscles used, shoulders and triceps.

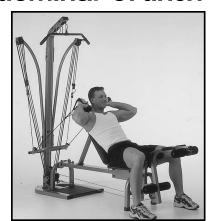




# **Abdominal Crunch**

- 1 Adjust bench to where seat back is at an incline.
- 2 Handles should be adjusted to outer loop.
- 3 Sit down with feet flat, grasp handles at shoulders with palms facing forward.
- 4 Slowly flex your trunk forward until your elbows touch your thighs, keeping hands at the shoulder.
- 5 Return to start position maintaining constant tension on your abs.
- 6 Exhale upon exertion.

Muscles used, abdominals.

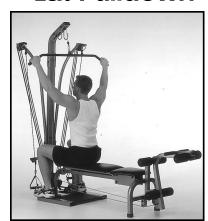




# Lat Pulldown

- 1 Attach long handle to upper cable latch.
- 2 Adjust seat back to the flat position.
- 3 Sit down facing the back of the machine.
- 4 The front of your chest should be directly under the bar.
- 5 Grasp the bar with a wide grip.
- 6 Lean back slightly, pull the bar down to the top of the chest, keeping your back straight.
- 7 Return to start position in a slow controlled manner.

Muscles being used, mid back.



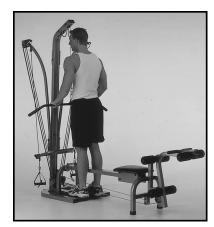


# **Tricep Pushdown**

- 1 Attach chain and handle to upper cable latch.
- 2 Stand erect and grasp handle at shoulder width.
- 3 While keeping elbows at your side, push the bar straight down to your thighs.
- 4 Keep your stomach tight and a slight body tilt forward.
- 5 Return to the starting position under control.
- 6 Do not let elbows come away from your side.

Muscles used, triceps.



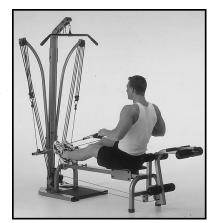


# **Aerobic Rowing**

- 1 Remove flat bench seat back.
- 2 Adjust handles to inner loop.
- 3 Sit on small gliding seat. (Pull seat knob 1/4 turn for glide.)
- 4 Face the machine, grasp handles, place feet on front bar, sit up straight.
- 5 Begin with knees bent, arms fully extended.
- 6 As you extend your legs pull handles in to your side.
- 7 Repeat motion continuously maintaining erect posture.

Muscles used, legs and back.

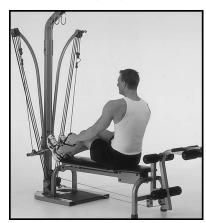


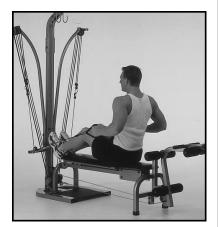


# **Seated Row**

- 1 Adjust seat back to flat.
- 2 Adjust handles to inner loop.
- 3 Sit up straight maintaining erect posture.
- 4 Grasp handles and pull to your side keeping palms down or in.
- 5 Return to starting position fully extending arms but keeping back straight.

Muscles used, mid back.



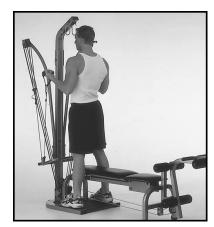


**Standing Bicep Curl** 

- 1 Assume a standing position in front of the back of the machine.
- 2 Adjust handles to inner loop.
- 3 Grasp the handles with palms facing forward.
- 4 Slowly flex your elbow bringing your wrist toward your shoulder.
- 5 Do not let your elbows come forward. Maintain erect posture keeping stomach tight.
- 6 Return to start position with a slow controlled manner.

Muscles used, biceps.



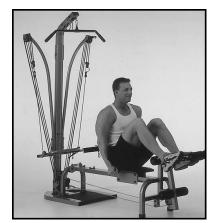


# Leg Curl

- 1 Remove long seat back from machine.
- 2 Adjust gliding seat by turning knob 1/4 turn.
- 3 Sit facing the front of machine with the back of your ankles over the top pad.
- 4 Wrap the waist strap around your waist attaching to inner loop.
- 5 By using the back of your ankles, pull your body toward your feet.
- 6 Return in a slow controlled manner, maintaining erect posture.

Muscles used, hamstrings.



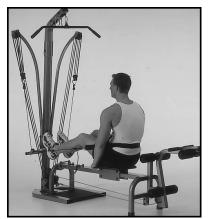


# **Leg Press**

- 1 Remove the long flat bench.
- 2 Adjust gliding seat by turning knob 1/4 turn.
- 3 Sit on seat facing back of the machine.
- 4 Wrap the waist strap around your waist using inner loop.
- 5 Place your feet on the bar in front of you.
- 6 Fully straighten your legs while maintaining a straight back.
- 7 Return to the start position under control.

Muscles used, thighs, ham - strings and hips.



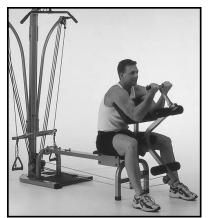


# **Preacher Curl**

- 1 Attach preacher bench and adjust height.
- 2 While sitting on bench place arms over the preacher bench and grasp handle as shown.
- 3 Slowly curl arms upward.
- 4 Return to starting position.
- 5 Exhale while raising arms.

Muscles used, biceps and fore -





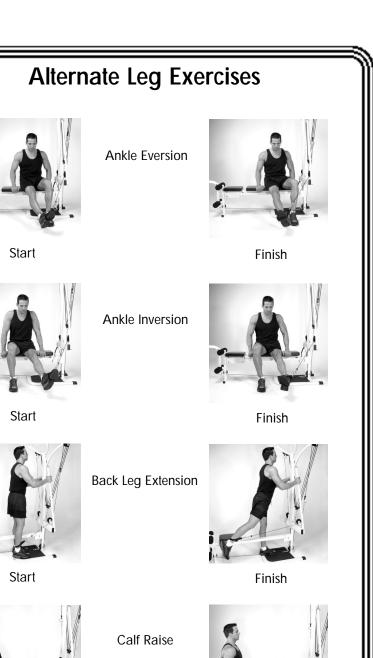
# **Leg Extension**

- 1 Adjust bench to where the seat back is at an incline.
- 2 Sit down on bench and place thighs on top of the foam pads resting on the back of the knee.
- 3 Place feet underneath the lower foam pads.
- 4 Hold onto the sides of the bench seat.
- 5 Raise legs as high as it is comfortable.
- 6 Return slowly to starting position.
- 7 Exhale upon raising legs.

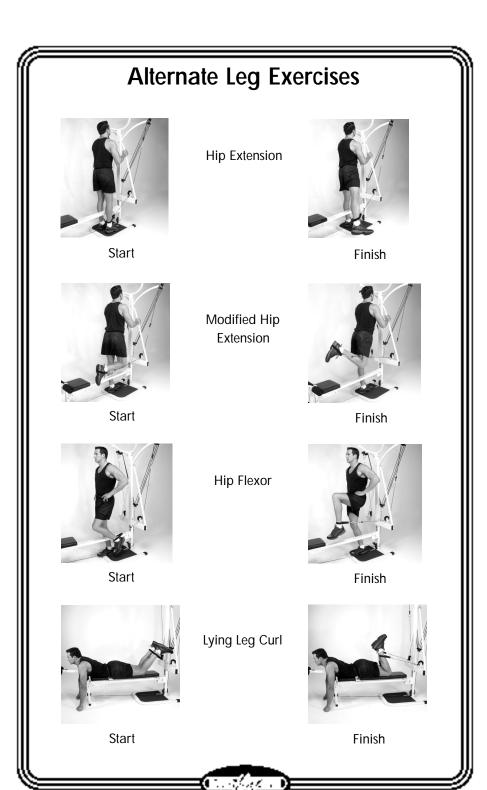
Muscles used, quadriceps.







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### **Alternate Leg Exercises**



Lying Leg Extension



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Standing Leg Abductor



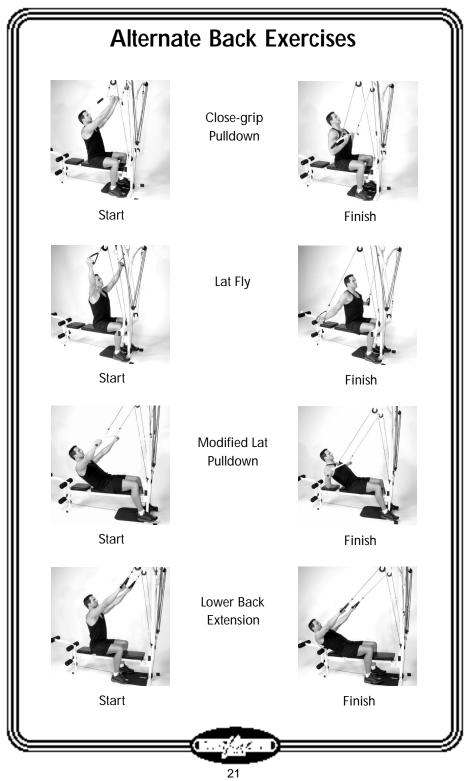
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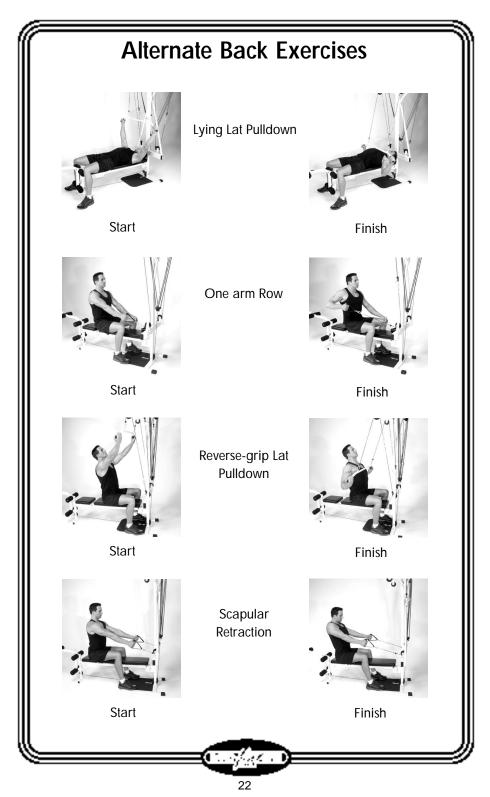


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#### **Alternate Back Exercises**



Stiff-arm Pulldown



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#### **Alternate Chest Exercises**



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Close-grip Press



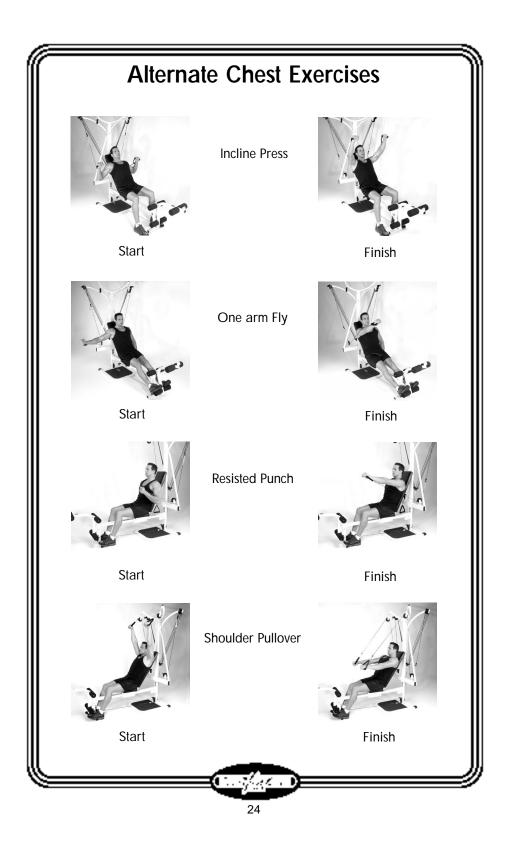
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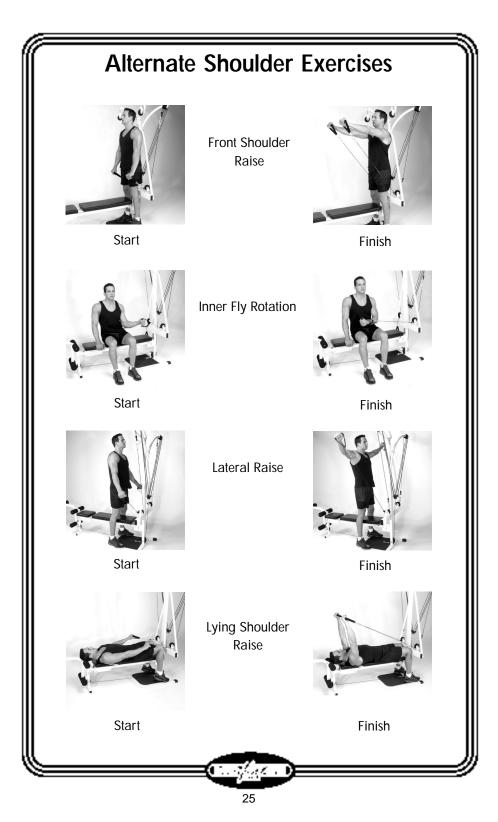


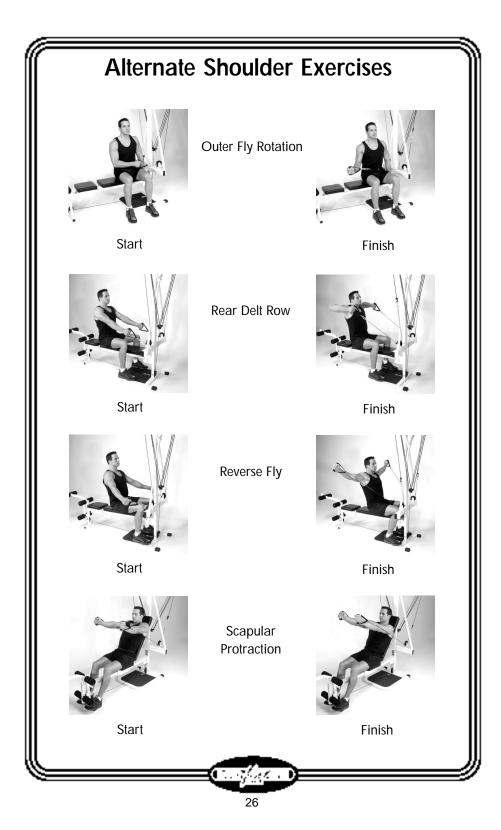
**Decline Press** 



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### **Alternate Shoulder Exercises**



**Shoulder Extension** 



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Shoulder Shrug



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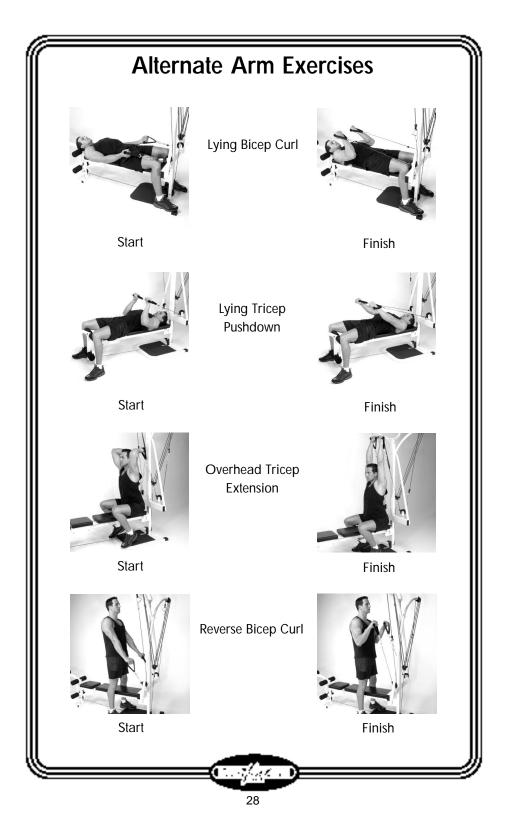
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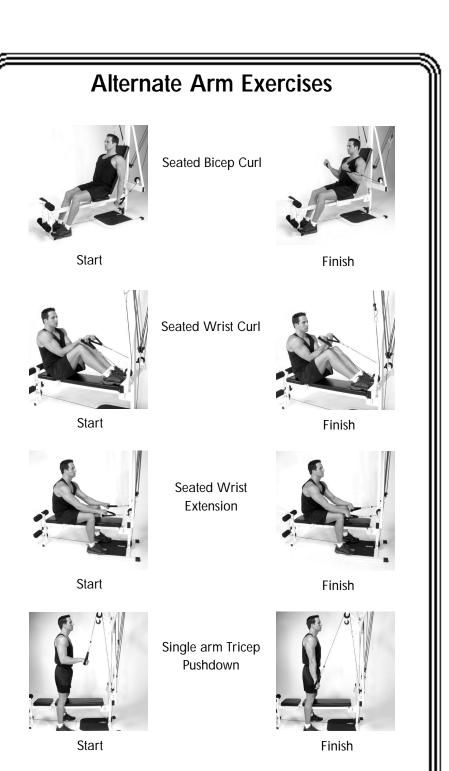


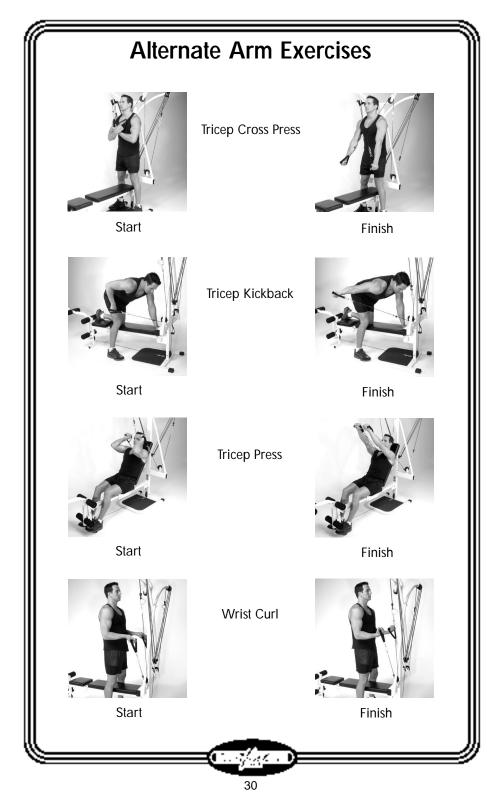
**Concentration Curl** 



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#### **Alternate Arm Exercises**



Wrist Extension



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#### **Alternate Ab Exercises**



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Abdominal Crunch



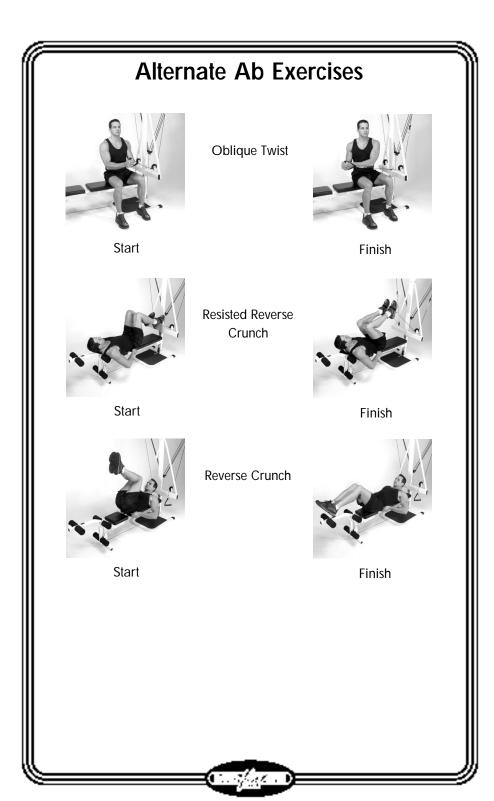
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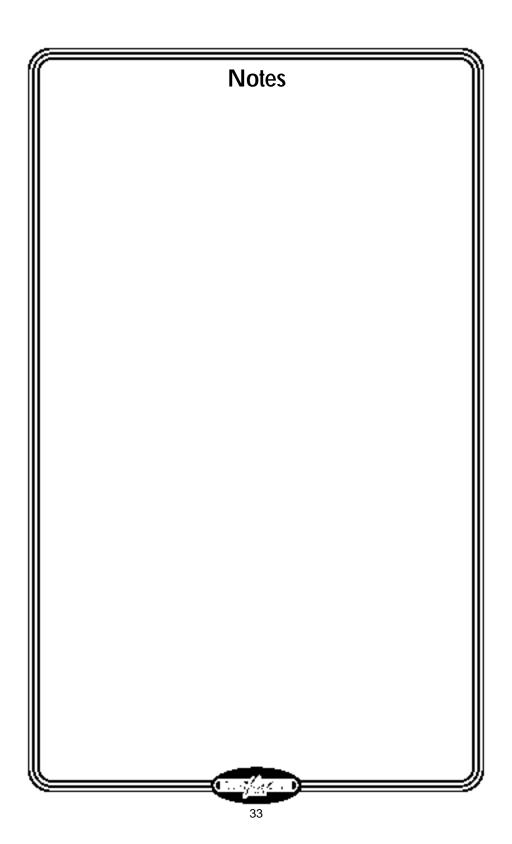


Oblique Crunch



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