# Perfect.SITUP®

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Perfect Fitness develops innovative fitness solutions that maximize muscle engagement and biomechanical efficiency. Our products use simple, natural movements and back-to-basics principles to enable anyone to unlock their potential. Visit www.perfectonline.com to learn more.

## **Owner's Manual & Meal Plan**

For maximum effectiveness and safety, please review this Owner's Manual before using your Perfect Situp® equipment.



#### **Dedication to Quality**

As distributor of this Perfect Fitness product, Fitness Quest warrants this product to be free from defects in materials and workmanship when used according to the manufacturer's instructions. See limited Warranty Card for details.





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## **Important Safety Information**

## **AWARNING**

FAILURE TO READ AND FOLLOW THE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS STATED IN THIS OWNER'S MANUAL AND ON THE WORKOUT CHART MAY RESULT IN POSSIBLE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.



- **1)** Fitness training can result in serious or fatal injury. Risk of injury can be lessened when safe technique and common sense are practiced. Before starting this or any other exercise program, consult your physician. Your physician should assist you in determining the target heart rate zone appropriate for your age and physical condition. Certain exercise programs or types of equipment may not be appropriate for all people. This is especially important for people over the age of 35, pregnant women, or those with pre-existing health problems or balance impairments. If you are taking medication which may affect your heart rate, a physician's advice is absolutely essential.
- 2) Start out slowly and progress sensibly. Even if you are an experienced exerciser, start with the beginner workout and become familiar with all of the exercises before moving on to more advanced workouts or exercises.
- 3) Do not overexert yourself with this or any other exercise program. Listen to your body and respond to any reactions you may be having. You must learn to distinguish "good" pain, like fatigue, from "bad" pain, which hurts. If you experience any pain or tightness in your chest, an irregular heartbeat, dizziness, nausea, or shortness of breath, stop exercising at once and consult your physician immediately.
- **4) Warm up** before any exercise program by doing 5 to 10 minutes of gentle aerobic exercise, such as walking, followed by stretching.

- 5) Before EACH use, visually inspect the equipment. Never use this equipment if it is not working properly or if there are damaged or worn parts. Call our Parts Department to order replacement parts. Refer to page 5.
- 6) Use this equipment ONLY for the intended use as described by the manufacturer. DO NOT modify the equipment or use attachments not recommended by the manufacturer.
- 7) Have plenty of clearance space on all sides of your equipment. It is important to keep children, pets, furniture and other objects out of the way when using your equipment. You should have a minimum of 3 feet of clearance space on all sides of your equipment.
- 8) Wear appropriate clothing when exercising. Workout clothing should be comfortable and lightweight, and should allow freedom of movement. Wear comfortable athletic shoes made of good support with non-slip soles, such as running or aerobic shoes.
- 9) THIS EQUIPMENT IS NOT FOR USE BY CHILDREN. To prevent injuries, keep this and all fitness equipment out of the reach of children. Follow these simple rules:
  - Keep children out of rooms where you have your exercise equipment.
  - Store exercise equipment in a room that can be locked.
  - Know exactly where your children are when you work out.

## SUNDAY

#### Breakfast

5 egg whites + 1 cup cooked oatmeal + ½ cup skim milk

#### Snack

2 whole grain Wasa crackers + 2 wedges, low-fat Laughing Cow cheese + 1 tomato

#### Lunch

Sandwich: 1 whole wheat pita (small) + 4 oz. reduced-sodium, ham, turkey, or lean roast beef + 1 oz. avocado + lettuce, tomato, mustard + 1 small peach

#### Snack

14 baby carrots + ¼ cup hummus

#### Dinner

4 oz. cooked, lean, ground turkey or beef + 1 cup spaghetti squash, cooked + ½ cup marinara sauce + 1 cup steamed veggies

\*Extra: 6 oz. non-fat, plain yogurt with two strawberries

## **FRIDAY**

#### Breakfast

1 cup cooked oatmeal + 1 cup skim milk + 1 tbsp. raisins

#### Snack

1 peach or medium apple + ½ cup non-fat cottage cheese

#### Lunch

4 oz. chicken or beef kabob + 1/2 cup cooked brown rice + 1 cup salad + 1 tbsp. low-fat dressing

#### Snack

1 medium plum + 1 piece low-fat string cheese

#### Dinner

2 oz. ground turkey + ¼ cup kidney or black beans + 1 oz. low-fat cheese + 2 tsp. picante sauce + 2 cups salad greens

#### Snack

½ cup edamame

## SATURDAY

#### Breakfast

Smoothie: 1 cup skim milk + 1 scoop protein powder + 1 cup frozen berries

#### Snack

1/2 cup non-fat cottage cheese + 1 tbsp. sugar free jam + 1/2 cup bran cereal

#### Lunch

½ cup cooked whole wheat pasta +
1 cup spinach, steamed + 3 oz.
chicken or 5 oz. shrimp + ½ cup
marinara sauce

#### Snack

22 whole, dry roasted or raw almonds

#### Dinner

3 oz. chicken or steak sautéed in wok with 2 cups veggies of choice, 1 clove garlic, 1 tsp. fresh ginger, chopped, 1 tsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce + 1 tbsp. olive oil

\*Extra: 1 medium fruit

- If you have small children at home, don't wear headphones while you work out.
- Talk to your kids about the dangers of exercise equipment.
- **10) Breathe naturally,** never holding your breath during an exercise. Avoid over training, you should be able to carry on a conversation while exercising.
- **11) Cool down after an exercise session** with 5 to 10 minutes of gentle aerobic exercise, such as walking, followed by stretching.
- 12) Handicapped or disabled people must have medical approval before using this equipment and should be under close supervision when using any exercise equipment.
- 13) ONLY one person at a time should use this equipment.

#### 14) DO NOT store in direct sunlight or near direct heat sources.

15) DO NOT put hands, feet or any foreign objects on or near this equipment when in use by others. Use caution not to pinch fingers or hands in moving parts when setting up or using the equipment.

#### 16) The Perfect Situp® is designed and constructed for PERSONAL OR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY.

The Perfect Situp® should NOT be used in commercial settings including, without limitation, health clubs and fitness centers. Failure to follow these instructions could result in serious injury or death. Further, use of the Perfect Situp® in a commercial setting or resale by an unauthorized dealer voids the warranty. See Limited Warranty Card for details.

Go to www.fitnessquest.com or call 1-800-497-5831 for replacement label, manual or questions.

## **Equipment Warning Label**

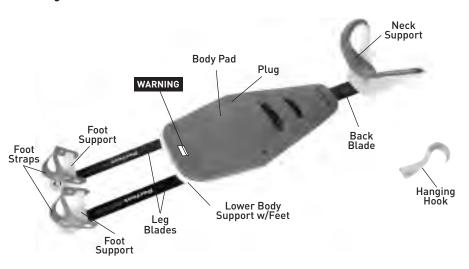
IMPORTANT: See below for placement of this Warning Label on your equipment.

## **A**WARNING

Failure to read and follow the safety instructions stated in the Owner's Manual may result in POSSIBLE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. KEEP CHILDREN AWAY. Maximum user weight 300 lbs. Replace this label if damaged, illegible or removed. Class HC. Go to our website: www.fitnessquest.com or call Customer Service: 1-800-497-5831 for replacement label, manual or questions.

## **Specifications & Parts**

Length: 46-1/2" to 59" Width: 15-1/4" Height: 8-1/2" Product Weight: 8 lbs. Maximum User Weight: 300 lbs.



## WEDNESDAY

#### Breakfast

1/2 grapefruit + 1 cup non-fat cottage cheese

#### Snack

2 hardboiled eggs

#### Lunch

Sandwich: 1 whole wheat pita (small) + 4 oz. reduced-sodium, ham, turkey, or lean roast beef + 1 oz. avocado + lettuce, tomato, mustard + 1 small peach

#### Snack

6 celery stalks + 2 tbsp. reduced- fat peanut butter

#### Dinner

- 8-10 medium shrimp cooked in 1 tbsp. olive oil + Cajun seasoning
- + lemon juice + garlic + 2 cups steamed veggies + 1 cup blueberries

\*Extra: 5 baby carrots with 1 tbsp. low-fat ranch dressing

## THURSDAY

#### Breakfast

4 egg whites + 1 yolk + 1 slice whole grain toast with 1 tsp. reduced-fat peanut butter OR 1 tsp. sugar free jam + 1 apple

#### Snack

½ cup sliced berries + 4 oz. non-fat, plain yogurt

#### Lunch

Tuna salad: 1 can, water packed tuna (6 oz.) + 1 tbsp. low-fat mayo + ¼ cup chopped celery + large green salad + ½ baked yam

#### Snack

1/4 cup raw cashews + 4 celery sticks + 4 carrot sticks

#### Dinner

4 oz. cooked, lean ground turkey or beef + 1 cup spaghetti squash, cooked + ½ cup marinara sauce + 1 cup steamed veggies

\*Extra: 1 tbsp. reduced-fat peanut butter

## WEEK 4

## MONDAY

#### Breakfast

1 cup cooked oatmeal + 1 tbsp. reduced-fat peanut butter + 2 tbsp. raisins

#### Snack

2 whole grain Wasa crackers + 2 wedges, low-fat Laughing Cow cheese + 1 tomato

#### Lunch

Burrito: 1 small whole wheat tortilla, ¼ cup salsa + 1 slice lowfat cheese + 3 oz. chicken or steak + 1 small apple

#### Snack

14 baby carrots + ¼ cup hummus

#### Dinner

2 oz. ground turkey +  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup kidney or black beans + 1 oz. low-fat cheese + 2 tsp. picante sauce + 2 cups salad greens

\*Extra: 6 oz. non-fat, plain yogurt with two strawberries

## **TUESDAY**

#### Breakfast

Pita sandwich: 4 egg whites + 1 Morningstar breakfast patty + 1 slice low-fat cheddar cheese + 1⁄4 cup salsa + 1 whole wheat pita

#### Snack

22 whole, dry roasted or raw almonds

#### Lunch

Chef salad: 2 cups of mixed greens, two, 1 oz. slices of low-fat cheese, one, 1 oz. slice each, reducedsodium turkey and ham, + 2 tbsp. low-fat ranch dressing + 1 whole wheat roll or 2 whole grain Wasa crackers

#### Snack

1 medium plum + 1 low-fat string cheese

#### Dinner

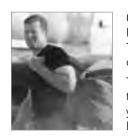
5 oz. grilled or broiled white fish of choice + 1 cup steamed veggies

+ 1 tbsp. olive oil

\*Extra: 1 tbsp. reduced-fat peanut butter

#### Snack

1 peach or medium apple + ½ cup non-fat cottage cheese



Getting in shape takes the right attitude and perseverance. Everything else falls into place if you start with these goals. The right equipment makes the task that much easier, so congratulations on your purchase of the Perfect Situp®.

The Perfect Situp® is one of the cornerstones of an effective, time-efficient exercise regime. No matter your fitness level, you can progress at a rate that's right for you using Perfect Fitness products.

Sticking with a program of regular exercise takes a team and I encourage you to join ours. Go to www.perfectonline.com to find out about new products, get workout tips and view videos. Join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/perfectfitness - it's the place to ask questions, share your progress and test yourself against the best. Many of our top users have created their own exercise routines using our products. The team that works out together, stays together – find a teammate and Go For It!

Introduction

We want to hear how you're doing, because your success is our success!

Alden Mills CEO, Perfect Fitness

IMPORTANT: This Owner's Manual is the authoritative source of information about your Perfect Situp®. Please read it carefully and follow all the instructions.

## **Comments or Questions?**

If you have any comments or questions about your Perfect Fitness product, please email, call or write to our Customer Service Specialists. Our goal is your complete satisfaction.

Perfect Situp, Customer Service Department 317 Fitness Quest Plaza, Canton, Ohio 44750-1001

Call Toll Free: 1-877-974-7733, Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 6:00pm, EST Email: custserv@perfectonline.com

Please do not call the above number when ordering Replacement Parts. See below.

#### **ORDERING REPLACEMENT PARTS**

To order parts, please contact our Parts Department, toll free at 1-800-497-5831, Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 6:00pm, EST.

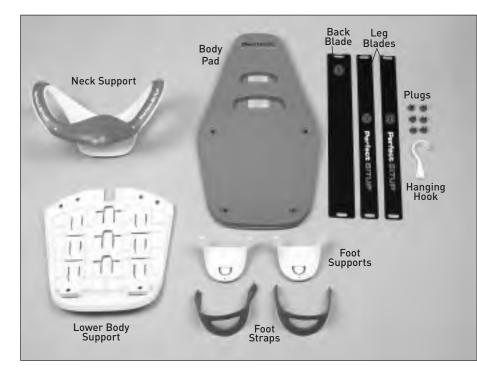
IMPORTANT: Please have your serial number, date of purchase and this Owner's Manual ready when calling for parts.

Serial #:\_\_\_\_\_ Date Purchased \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Assembly Instructions**

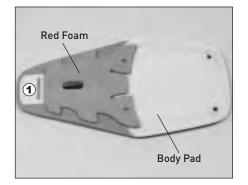
LAY OUT THE PARTS of your Perfect Situp as shown below and familiarize yourself with the parts for easier assembly.

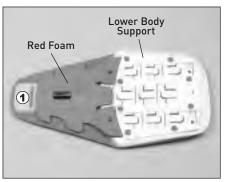


**STEP 1** Lay the Body Pad down on a flat surface. Red Foam side up.

### STEP 2

Place the Lower Body Support on top of the Body Pad with the Red Foam on top of the Lower Body Support.





## **SUNDAY**

#### Breakfast

5 egg whites + 1 cup cooked oatmeal + ½ cup skim milk

#### Snack

22 whole, dry roasted or raw almonds

#### Lunch

Chicken rice bowl: 3 oz. grilled chicken + ½ cup cooked brown rice + 1 cup steamed veggies + 2 tbsp. low-fat dressing

#### Snack

1 peach or medium apple + ½ cup non-fat cottage cheese

#### Dinner

3 oz. flank steak + 1 cup steamed veggies + 1 cup salad + 2 tbsp. low-fat dressing + 1 medium apple

#### Snack

1/4 cup raw cashews + 4 celery sticks + 4 carrot sticks

## **FRIDAY**

#### Breakfast

1 cup cooked oatmeal + 1 cup skim milk + 1 tbsp. raisins

#### Snack

1/2 cup non-fat cottage cheese + 1 tbsp. sugar free jam + 1/2 cup bran cereal

#### Lunch

Tuna salad: 1 can, water packed tuna (6 oz.) + 1 tbsp. low-fat mayo + ¼ cup chopped celery + large green salad + ½ baked yam

#### Snack

2 whole grain Wasa crackers + 2 wedges, low-fat Laughing Cow cheese + 1 tomato

#### Dinner

3 oz. chicken or steak sautéed in wok with 2 cups veggies of choice, 1 clove garlic, 1 tsp. fresh ginger, chopped, 1 tsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce + 1 tbsp. olive oil

\*Extra: 1 medium fruit

## SATURDAY

#### Breakfast

Egg white omelet: 5 egg whites + ½ cup of chopped veggies of choice + 1 cup sliced berries + 1 slice whole wheat toast

#### Snack

1/2 cup sliced berries + 4 oz. non-fat, plain yogurt

#### Lunch

Burger: 4 oz. extra lean, ground turkey or beef + 1 whole wheat hamburger bun + 1 slice low-fat cheddar cheese + 1 cup salad greens + 1 tbsp. low-fat dressing

#### Snack

1 medium apple + 2 tbsp. reduced-fat peanut butter

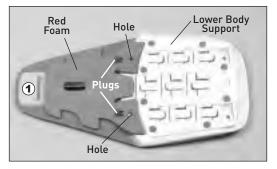
#### Dinner

6 oz. grilled salmon + 2 cups salad greens + 1 tbsp. low-fat dressing

\*Extra: 1 low-fat string cheese

#### STEP 3

Line up holes of Red Foam and Lower Body Support. Press in 2 of the Plugs through both parts.



#### IMPORTANT:

Before assembling the Back Blade, make sure that the Weight Sticker is facing down. **Failure to do so can damage your unit**.

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Back Blade

#### Back Blade



Slot

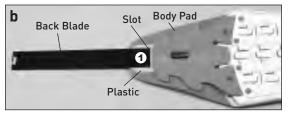
Body Pad

#### STEP 4

**NOTE:** When attaching the Back Blade make sure the Number Sticker (1) is facing up (as shown) and matches the number on the Body Pad.



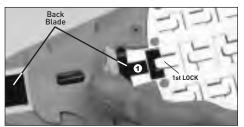
**b.** Slide the Back Blade into the Slot in the plastic on the Body Pad.



#### STEP 5

The Back Blade will come out under the Foam just before the Lower Body Support. Continue pushing the Back Blade until it locks into the 1st Lock.

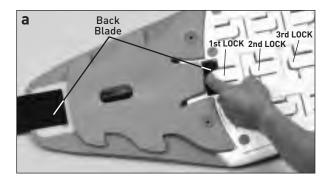
You will hear and feel the Back Blade lock into the 1st Lock.



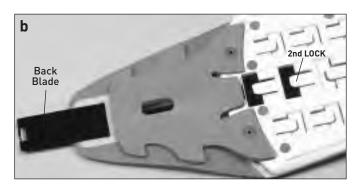
#### STEP 6

The Back Blade can be locked into 1 of 3 Locks provided. It is suggested to lock the Back Blade into the 2nd Lock.

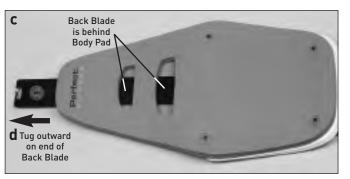
**a.** To adjust and move the Back Blade to the 2nd Lock, lift lightly on the 1st Lock.



**b.** Slide the Back Blade into the 2nd Lock. You will hear and feel the Blade lock into each Lock as you adjust the Back Blade.



- **c.** After locking the Back Blade into the 2nd Lock, turn the assembly over to be sure the Back Blade is assembled properly as shown below.
- **d.** Tug outward on the end of the Back Blade to make sure it is securely in place.



## WEDNESDAY

#### Breakfast

Pita sandwich: 4 egg whites + 1 Morningstar breakfast patty + 1 slice low-fat cheddar cheese + 1⁄4 cup salsa + 1 whole wheat pita

#### Snack

14 baby carrots + ¼ cup hummus

#### Lunch

1/2 cup cooked whole wheat pasta + 1 cup spinach, steamed + 3 oz. chicken or 5 oz shrimp + 1/2 cup marinara sauce

#### Snack

½ cup sliced berries + 4 oz. non-fat, plain yogurt

#### Dinner

6 oz. baked or broiled fish (salmon, halibut, cod etc.) + 1 cup steamed veggies + 1 cup salad + 1 tbsp. low-fat dressing

\*Extra: 3 slices reduced-sodium, turkey with mustard

## THURSDAY

#### Snack

1 medium apple + 2 tbsp. reducedfat peanut butter

#### Breakfast

1/2 cup Kashi Go-Lean cereal + 1/2 cup blueberries + 4 oz. non-fat, plain yogurt

#### Snack

1 peach or medium apple + ½ cup non-fat cottage cheese

#### Lunch

Burrito: 1 small whole wheat tortilla, ¼ cup salsa + 1 slice low-fat cheese + 3 oz. chicken or steak + 1 small apple

#### Snack

2 hardboiled eggs

#### Dinner

3 oz. chicken breast + 1 cup green beans + 1 cup salad + 1 tbsp. lowfat dressing + 1 medium fruit (apple, orange)

\*Extra: 11 raw almonds

## WEEK 3

## MONDAY

#### Breakfast

4 egg whites + 1 yolk + 1 slice whole grain toast with 1 tsp. reduced-fat peanut butter OR 1 tsp. sugar-free jam + 1 apple

#### Snack

1⁄2 cup non-fat cottage cheese + 1 tbsp. sugar free jam + 1⁄2 cup bran cereal

#### Lunch

Chef salad: 2 cups of mixed greens, two, 1 oz. slices of low-fat cheese, one, 1 oz. slice each reducedsodium turkey and ham, + 2 tbsp. low-fat ranch dressing + 1 whole wheat roll or 2 whole grain Wasa crackers

#### Snack

1/4 cup raw cashews + 4 celery sticks + 4 carrot sticks

#### Dinner

3 oz. flank steak + 1 cup steamed veggies + 1 cup salad + 2 tbsp. low-fat dressing + 1 medium apple

#### Snack

1 medium plum + 1 low-fat string cheese

### **TUESDAY**

#### Breakfast

Egg white omelet: 5 egg whites + ½ cup of chopped spinach, mushrooms, peppers or other veggies of choice + 1 cup sliced berries + 1 slice whole wheat toast

#### Snack

1 Balance Bar

#### Lunch

Chicken rice bowl: 3 oz. grilled chicken +  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cooked brown rice + 1 cup steamed veggies + 2 tbsp. low-fat dressing

#### Snack

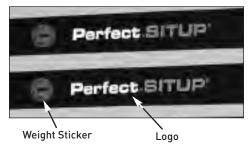
6 celery stalks + 2 tbsp. reduced- fat peanut butter

#### Dinner

4 oz. cooked, lean, ground, reduced-sodium turkey or beef + 1 cup spaghetti squash, cooked + ½ cup marinara sauce + 1 cup steamed veggies

\*Extra: ½ cup blueberries

Before assembling the Leg Blades, make sure that the Perfect Situp Logo and Weight Sticker are facing down. **Failure to do so can damage your unit.** 



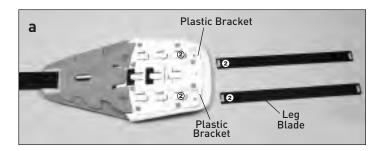
Leg Blades

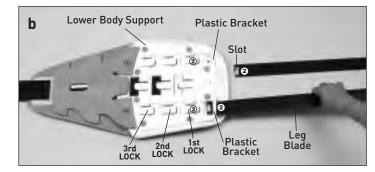
#### STEP 7

a. Turn the assembly back over to continue assembly.

**b.** With the printed side down, make sure the Number Sticker (2) on the Leg Blades are facing up (as shown) and match the numbers on the Plastic Bracket. Slide one of the Leg Blades under the Plastic Brackets and into the slot at the bottom of the Lower Body Support.

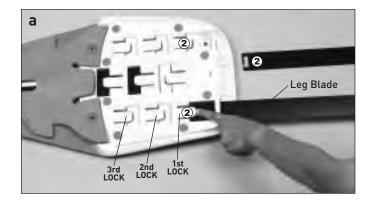
The slot at the end of the Leg Blade will lock into one of the 3 Locks provided. It is suggested to lock the Leg Blade into the 2nd Lock. You will hear and feel the Leg Blade lock into the 1st Lock.

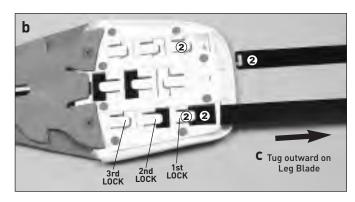


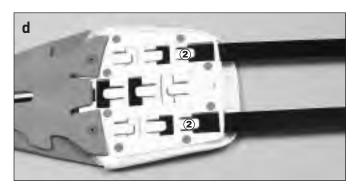


#### STEP 8

- **a.** To adjust and move the Leg Blade to the 2nd Lock, lift lightly on the 1st Lock.
- **b.** Slide the Leg Blade into the 2nd Lock.
- **c.** Tug outward on the Leg Blade to make sure it is securely in place.
- **d.** Follow this same procedure for the 2nd Leg Blade.







## SUNDAY

#### Breakfast

½ banana + 1 cup bran flakes + 1 cup skim milk

#### Snack

6 celery stalks + 2 tbsp. reduced-fat peanut butter

#### Lunch

Sandwich: 1 whole wheat pita (small) + 4 oz. reduced-sodium ham, turkey, or lean roast beef + 1 oz. avocado + lettuce, tomato, mustard + 1 small peach

#### Snack

14 baby carrots + ¼ cup hummus

#### Dinner

3 oz. flank steak + 1 cup steamed veggies + 1 cup salad + 2 tbsp. low-fat dressing + 1 medium apple

\*Extra: 1 slice avocado, 1 slice tomato, 1 Wasa cracker

## **FRIDAY**

#### Breakfast

Pita sandwich: 4 egg whites + 1 Morningstar breakfast patty + 1 slice low-fat cheddar cheese + 1⁄4 cup salsa + 1 whole wheat pita

#### Snack

1 peach or medium apple + ½ cup non-fat cottage cheese

#### Lunch

Burger: 4 oz. extra lean, ground, reduced-sodium turkey or beef + 1 whole wheat hamburger bun + 1 slice low-fat cheddar cheese + 1 cup salad greens + 1 tbsp. low-fat dressing

#### Snack

22 whole, dry roasted or raw almonds

#### Dinner

5 oz. grilled or broiled white fish of choice + 1 cup steamed veggies + 1 tbsp. olive oil

\*Extra: 1 low-fat string cheese

## SATURDAY

#### Breakfast

1⁄2 cup Kashi Go-Lean cereal + 1⁄2 cup blueberries + 4 oz. non-fat, plain yogurt

#### Snack

2 hardboiled eggs

#### Lunch

1/2 cup cooked whole wheat pasta + 1 cup spinach, steamed + 3 oz. chicken or 5 oz. shrimp + 1/2 cup marinara sauce

#### Snack

¼ cup raw cashews + 4 celery sticks + 4 carrot sticks

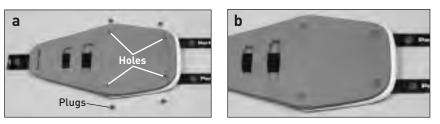
#### Dinner

2 oz. ground, reduced-sodium turkey + ¼ cup kidney or black beans + 1 oz. low-fat cheese + 2 tsp. picante sauce + 2 cups salad greens

\*Extra: 20 grapes

#### STEP 9

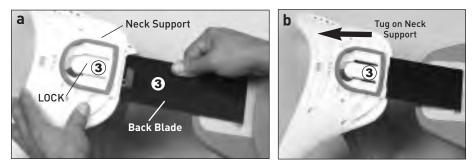
- **a.** Turn the unit face up. Make sure the Holes on the Foam align with the Holes on the Lower Body Support.
- **b.** Insert the 4 plugs into the Body Pad and through the Lower Body Support.



#### STEP 10

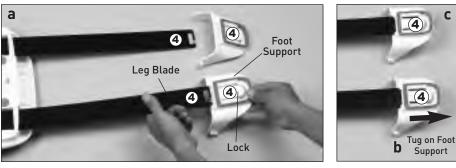
**a.** Turn the unit over. Make sure the Number Sticker (3) on the Back Blade matches the number (3) on the Neck Support. Slide the Neck Support onto the Back Blade. You will hear and feel the Blade lock into place.

**b.** Tug on the Neck Support to make sure it is securely in place.



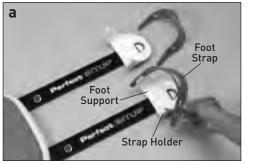
#### STEP 11

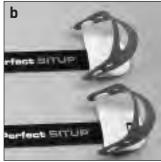
- **a.** Slide the Foot Support onto the Leg Blade. Make sure the Number Sticker (4) on the Leg Blade matches the number (4) on the Foot Support. You will hear and feel the Leg Blade lock into place.
- **b.** Tug on the Foot Support to make sure it is securely in place.
- **c.** Follow the same procedure for the second Foot Support.



#### STEP 12

- **a.** Turn the unit over. Attach the Foot Strap onto the Foot Support by placing the hole in the Foot Strap over the holder on the Foot Support. Attach the other end of the Foot Strap in the same manner.
- **b.** Follow the same procedure for the second Foot Support and Foot Strap.





#### ASSEMBLY IS NOW COMPLETE IMPORTANT:

Please read this Owner's Manual and your Workout Chart before beginning your workout for important instructions on how to use your Perfect Situp®.



## WEDNESDAY

#### Breakfast

Egg white omelet: 5 egg whites + <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup of chopped veggies of choice + 1 cup sliced berries + 1 slice whole wheat toast

#### Snack

1 medium apple + 2 tbsp. reduced-fat peanut butter

#### Lunch

Tuna salad: 1 can, water packed tuna (6 oz.) + 1 tbsp. low-fat mayo + ¼ cup chopped celery + large green salad + ½ baked yam

#### Snack

1/2 cup edamame

#### Dinner

3 oz. chicken or steak sautéed in wok with 2 cups veggies of choice, 1 clove garlic, 1 tsp. fresh ginger, chopped, 1 tsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce + 1 tbsp. olive oil

\*Extra: 6 oz. non-fat, plain yogurt with 2 strawberries

## THURSDAY

#### Breakfast

1 cup cooked oatmeal + 1 cup skim milk + 1 tbsp. raisins

#### Snack

 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup non-fat cottage cheese + 1 tbsp. sugar free jam +  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup bran cereal

#### Lunch

4 oz. chicken or beef kabob + 1/2 cup cooked brown rice + 1 cup salad + 1 tbsp. low-fat dressing

#### Snack

1 Balance Bar

#### Dinner

2 oz. ground, reduced-sodium turkey + ¼ cup kidney or black beans + 1 oz. low-fat cheese + 2 tsp. picante sauce + 2 cups salad greens

#### Snack

100-calorie pack of microwave popcorn

## **WEEK 2**

## MONDAY

#### Breakfast

Smoothie: 1 cup skim milk + 1 scoop protein powder + 1 cup frozen berries

#### Snack

1 plum + 1 low-fat string cheese

#### Lunch

Two, 1 oz. slices, reduced-sodium roast beef on 1 slice whole grain bread with mustard, lettuce and tomato + 1 piece fruit

#### Snack

14 baby carrots + ¼ cup hummus

#### Dinner

8-10 medium shrimp cooked in 1 tbsp. olive oil + Cajun seasoning + lemon juice + garlic + 2 cups steamed veggies + 1 cup blueberries

\*Extra: 1 slice avocado, 1 slice tomato, 1 Wasa cracker

## **TUESDAY**

#### Breakfast

½ banana + 1 cup bran flakes + 1 cup skim milk

#### Snack

½ cup sliced berries + 4 oz. non-fat, plain yogurt

#### Lunch

Burrito: 1 small whole wheat tortilla, ¼ cup salsa + 1 slice lowfat cheese + 3 oz. chicken or steak + 1 small apple

#### Snack

6 celery stalks + 2 tbsp. reducedfat peanut butter

#### Dinner

6 oz. grilled salmon + 2 cups salad greens + 1 tbsp. low-fat dressing

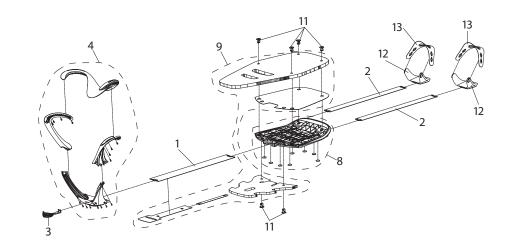
\*Extra: 1 medium fruit

#### Snack

1 whole grain Wasa cracker + 1 wedge, low-fat Laughing Cow cheese + 1 tomato

## Parts List & Exploded View

ITEM#	PART#	DESCRIPTION	QTY	ITEM#	PART#	DESCRIPTION	QTY
1	PPS06X	Level 1 Back Blade	1	13	PPS05X	Foot Strap	2
2	PPS07X	Level 1 Leg Blade	2		PPS10X	Owner's Manual w/Meal Plan	1
3	PPS09X	Hanging Hook	1		PPS11X	Instructional Chart	1
4	PPS03X	Neck Support	1		PPS16X	Level 2 Back Blade - optional	1
8	PPS02X	Lower Body Support			PPS17X	Level 2 Leg Blade - optional	2
		w/Feet	1		PPS18X	Level 3 Back Blade - optional	1
9	PPS01X	Body Pad	1		PPS19X	Level 3 Leg Blade - optional	2
11	PPS08X	Plug	6		PPS20X	Guide To Healthy Eating Book	1
12	PPS04X	Foot Support	2				



## Care & Storage

Your Perfect Situp has been carefully designed to require minimum maintenance. To ensure this, we recommend that you do the following:

#### Keep your Perfect Situp clean.

Wipe sweat, dust or other residue off the Neck Support, Body Pad, Foot Supports and Foot Straps with a soft, clean cloth after each use.

Before each use, visually inspect the device. Never use the Perfect Situp if it is not working properly.

Tug on the Back and Leg Blades, Neck Support and Foot Straps to insure they are locked in place every time you use your device.

## To store your Perfect Situp after use.

Store your device by attaching the Hanging Hook to the top of the Neck Support.

Carefully hang in a closet or in an area where there is little traffic and no children.





## **Getting Started**

#### ADJUSTING BACK AND LEG BLADES

The Neck Support and Foot Supports can be adjusted from 1 to 3 positions to fit your height.

Locking the Back and Leg Blades into the 1st Lock will make the unit longer and locking the Back and Leg Blades into the 3rd Lock will make the unit shorter.

To adjust the Neck Support, follow assembly instruction Step 6a, b, c and d.

To adjust the Foot Supports, follow assembly instruction Step 8a, b, c and d.

#### **ADJUSTING FOOT STRAPS**

The Foot Straps can be adjusted for a tighter fit. To make the Strap smaller, simply pull on the end of the Strap and pull off the Strap Holder. Place the 2nd hole over the Holder. This can be done on both sides of the Foot Straps and both Foot Supports.

## **SUNDAY**

#### Breakfast

5 egg whites + 1 cup cooked oatmeal + ½ cup skim milk

#### Snack

22 whole, dry roasted or raw almonds

#### Lunch

Tuna salad: 1 can, water packed tuna (6 oz.) + 1 tbsp. low-fat mayo + ¼ cup chopped celery + large green salad with lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers and red peppers + ½ baked yam

#### Snack

¼ cup raw cashews + 4 celery sticks + 4 carrot sticks

#### Dinner

5 oz. grilled or broiled white fish of choice + 1 cup steamed veggies

+ 1 tbsp. olive oil

\*Extra: 5 baby carrots with 1 tbsp. low-fat ranch dressing

#### **PROPER POSITIONING -** Refer to your Workout Chart for detailed instructions.

### FRIDAY

#### **Breakfast**

Smoothie: 1 cup skim milk + 1 scoop protein powder + 1 cup frozen berries

#### Snack

1 medium plum + 1 low-fat string cheese

#### Lunch

Burrito: 1 small whole wheat tortilla. ¼ cup salsa + 1 slice low-fat cheese + 3 oz. chicken or steak + 1 small apple

#### Snack

6 celery stalks + 2 tbsp. reducedfat peanut butter

#### Dinner

3 oz. chicken or steak sautéed in wok with 2 cups veggies of choice, 1 clove garlic, 1 tsp. fresh ginger, chopped, 1 tsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce + 1 tbsp. olive oil

#### Snack

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup edamame

## SATURDAY

#### **Breakfast**

1 cup cooked oatmeal + 1 tbsp. reduced-fat peanut butter + 2 tbsp. raisins

#### Snack

1 peach or medium apple +  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup non-fat cottage cheese

#### Lunch

Chicken or beef kabob: Grill 3 oz. meat + cherry tomatoes + whole mushrooms on a skewer. Serve with  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cooked brown rice + 1 cup salad + 1 tbsp. low-fat dressing

#### Snack

2 hardboiled eggs

#### Dinner

2 oz. ground, reduced-sodium turkey +  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup kidney or black beans + 1 oz. low-fat cheese + 2 tsp. picante sauce + 2 cups salad greens

\*Extra: 20 grapes







Correct Foot Strap adjustment.

so that knees are bent at 90-degrees.

Adjust Leg Blades

Hips at the bottom edge of contoured base.

Adjust Back Blade so Neck Support cradles neck and bottom of head.

#### Prepare the body for movement

- Rotate the hips so that the tail bone curves toward your feet. This creates a posterior pelvic tilt and helps activate the deepest and hardest to reach layer of the abdominals.
- Make sure there is no space between the lower back and the mat.
- Draw belly button into spine and tighten the ab muscles. Your abs should feel engaged. but not strained.



Start Position

#### Move the body

- Perform repetitions slowly and with control.
- Count 4 seconds up, hold 2 seconds, count 4 seconds down.
- Exhale on the way up and inhale on the way down.
- Eyes look forward to 45 degrees.
- When full range of motion is reached on the Upper Ab Crunch exercises, most users will hear a click.\*
- \*If you don't hear a click, you will still get an effective core workout. You will build up to consistently hearing the click, which helps you know you have completed the move. Please note, the click sound may not be heard during the oblique exercises.



## **Exercise Guidelines**

**IMPORTANT** 

Please review this section before you begin exercising.

#### WARNING:

If you are over 35 and have been inactive for several years, you should consult your physician, who may or may not recommend a graded exercise test. Your physician can also assist you in determining the Target Heart Rate Zone appropriate for your age and physical condition.

If you experience any pain or

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heart rate

• Balance impairment

tightness in your chest, an irregular

stop exercising immediately. Consult

heartbeat or shortness of breath.

your physician before continuing.

Consult a healthcare professional if

vou have health conditions that make

situps and related exercises difficult

• Taking medications that affect

or potentially harmful.

You should also consult your physician if you have the following:

- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Asthma
- Heart trouble
- Family history of early stroke or heart attack deaths
- Frequent dizzy spells
- Extreme breathlessness after mild exertion
- Arthritis or other bone problems
- Severe muscular, ligament or tendon problems
- Other known or suspected disease

#### **Workout Phases**

Every workout should consist of the following three phases:

#### Warm-Up

To prevent injury and maximize performance, we recommend that each workout period should start with a warm-up. Your warm-up should gently prepare your muscles for the coming exertion. Start by doing 5 to 10 minutes of gentle exercise, such as walking or low-impact aerobics, that gradually increases your heart rate and loosens up your muscles. Your warm-up exercise should be aerobic in nature and only require an easy, unforced range of motion. This may be followed by 5 to 10 minutes of stretching. Refer to the stretches found on pages 18 and 19 of this manual. Never push yourself beyond a point of gentle tension on the muscles being stretched. Keep your movements gentle, rhythmic and controlled.

#### Cardio or Muscle Toning/Strength Training Workout

Your warm-up should be followed by either a muscle toning and strength training workout with the Perfect Situp® or a cardio workout, depending on your workout plan for that day. Regardless of which type of workout you are doing, build up as your current fitness level allows and progress at a rate that is comfortable to you.

For the first week or so, you may feel some muscle soreness. This is quite normal and should disappear in a matter of days. If you experience major discomfort, you may be on a regimen that is too advanced for you or you may have increased your program too rapidly.

#### **Cool Down and Stretching**

Every workout should be followed by a cool down. The cool down should consist of 5 to 10 minutes of easy exercise, followed by stretching. Refer to the stretches found on pages 18 and 19 of this manual. Never push yourself beyond a point of gentle tension on the muscle being stretched. Keep your movements relaxed, rhythmic and controlled.

## WEDNESDAY

#### Breakfast

Egg white omelet: 5 egg whites + 1/2 cup of chopped veggies of choice + 1 cup sliced berries + 1 slice whole wheat toast

#### Snack

1/4 cup raw cashews + 4 celery sticks + 4 carrot sticks

#### Lunch

 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cooked whole wheat pasta + 1 cup spinach, steamed + 3 oz. chicken or 5 oz. shrimp +  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup marinara sauce

#### Snack

1 Balance Bar

#### Dinner

8-10 medium shrimp cooked in 1 tbsp. olive oil + Cajun seasoning

+ lemon juice + garlic + 2 cups

steamed veggies + 1 cup blueberries

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\* Extra: 1 low-fat string cheese

## THURSDAY

#### Breakfast

Pita sandwich: 4 egg whites + 1 Morningstar breakfast patty + 1 slice low-fat cheddar cheese + 1/4 cup salsa + 1 whole wheat pita

#### Lunch

Burger: 4 oz. extra lean, ground, reduced-sodium turkey or beef + 1 whole wheat hamburger bun + 1 slice low-fat cheddar cheese + 1 cup salad greens + 1 tbsp. low-fat dressing

#### Snack

 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup non-fat cottage cheese + 1 tbsp. sugar free jam +  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup bran cereal

#### Dinner

6 oz. grilled salmon + 2 cups salad greens + 1 tbsp. low-fat dressing

\* Extra: 6 oz. non-fat, plain yogurt with two strawberries

#### Snack

1 peach or medium apple + ½ cup non-fat cottage cheese

## WEEK 1

## MONDAY

#### Breakfast

4 egg whites + 1 yolk + 1 slice whole grain toast + 1 tsp. sugar-free jam + 1 apple

#### Snack

22 almonds

#### Lunch

Chicken rice bowl: 3 oz. grilled chicken + ½ cup cooked brown rice + 1 cup steamed veggies + 2 tbsp. low-fat dressing

#### Snack

1⁄2 cup sliced berries + 4 oz.non-fat, plain yogurt

#### Dinner

6 oz. baked fish + 1 cup steamed veggies + 1 cup salad + 1 tbsp. low-fat dressing

\*Extra: 1 medium fruit

## **TUESDAY**

#### Breakfast

½ cup Kashi Go-Lean cereal + ½ cup blueberries + 4 oz. non-fat, plain yogurt

#### Snack

1 medium apple + 2 tbsp. reduced-fat peanut butter

#### Lunch

Chef salad: 2 cups of mixed greens, two, 1 oz. slices of low-fat cheese, one, 1 oz. slice each reducedsodium turkey and ham, + 2 tbsp. low-fat ranch dressing + 1 whole wheat roll or 2 whole grain Wasa crackers

#### Snack

14 baby carrots + ¼ cup hummus

#### Dinner

3 oz. chicken breast + 1 cup green beans + 1 cup salad + 1 tbsp. lowfat dressing + 1 medium fruit (apple, orange)

\* Extra: 1 slice avocado, 1 slice tomato, 1 Wasa cracker

#### Snack

100-calorie pack of microwave popcorn

\*Note: The "extra" items in the four week plan are suggestions for individualizing the meal plan if you enjoy a high level of activity, are feeling hungry, or are experiencing low energy. Please see notes on page 39 for other ideas of allowable foods to tailor the Perfect Situp meal plan to your needs.

#### When to Exercise

The hour just before the evening meal is a popular time for exercise. The late afternoon workout provides a welcome change of pace at the end of the work day and helps dissolve the day's worries and tensions.

Another popular time to work out is early morning, before the work day begins. Advocates of the early start say it makes them more alert and energetic on the job.

Among the factors you should consider in developing your workout schedule are personal preference, job and family responsibilities, availability of exercise facilities and weather. It's important to schedule your workouts for a time when there is little chance that you will have to cancel or interrupt them because of other demands on your time.

You should not exercise strenuously during extremely hot, humid weather or within two hours after eating. Heat and/or digestion both make heavy demands on the circulatory system, and in combination with exercise can be an over-taxing double load.

#### Measuring Your Heart Rate

When checking Heart Rate during a workout, take your pulse within five seconds after interrupting exercise because it starts to go down once you stop moving. Count pulse for 10 seconds and multiply by six to get the per-minute rate.

#### **Target Heart Rate**

Aerobic intensity guidelines for healthy adults are generally set at 60 to 85 percent of heart rate. But, if you're out of shape, remember that moderate to low level and consistent cardiovascular training – well below the standard recommendations set forth – can result in substantial and beneficial effects to your health and can greatly improve cardiovascular endurance.

You can use the following calculation to determine what percentage of your heart rate you are working at: % heart rate = (220 - age) x %.

Using this calculation, a 70% heart rate for a 40 year old would be (220 - 40) x 70% or 126. Thus, this individual would need to reach 126 beats per minute to equal a 70% heart rate.

## The above are guidelines, people with any medical limitations should discuss this formula with their physician.

#### Clothing

All exercise clothing should be loose-fitting to permit freedom of movement, and should make the wearer feel comfortable and self-assured.

Never wear rubberized or plastic clothing, garments like this can interfere with the evaporation of perspiration and can cause body temperature to rise to dangerous levels.

Wear comfortable athletic shoes made of good support with non-slip soles, such as running or aerobic shoes.

#### Tips to Keep You Going

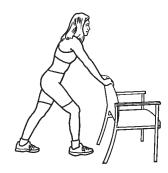
- **1.** Adopt a specific plan and write it down.
- **2.** Keep setting realistic goals as you go along, and remind yourself of them often.
- 3. Keep a log to record your progress and make sure to keep it up-to-date.
- **4.** Include weight and/or percent body fat measures in your log. Extra pounds can easily creep back.
- **5.** Enlist the support and company of your family and friends.
- **6.** Update others on your successes.
- **7.** Avoid injuries by pacing yourself and including a warm-up and cool down period as part of every workout.
- 8. Reward yourself periodically for a job well done!

## Warm-up & Cool Down Stretches

Stretches can help improve flexibility and relieve the tightness in muscles that results from repetitive sport movements. 10 to 12 minutes of daily stretching is recommended. This should be done when warming up and cooling down. When performing these stretches, your movements should be slow and smooth, with no bouncing or jerking. Move into the stretch until you feel a slight tension, not pain, in the muscle and hold the stretch for 20 to 30 seconds. Breathe slowly and rhythmically. Be sure not to hold your breath. Remember that all stretches must be done for both sides of your body.

#### 1. Quadriceps Stretch

Stand close to a wall, chair or other solid object. Use one hand to assist your balance. Bend the opposite knee and lift your heel towards your buttocks. Reach back and grasp the top of your foot with the same side hand. Keeping your inner thighs close together, slowly pull your foot towards your buttocks until you feel a gentle stretch in the front of your thigh. You do not have to touch your buttocks with your heel. Stop pulling when you feel the stretch. Keep your kneecap pointing straight down and keep your knees close together. **(Do not let the lifted knee swing outward.)** Hold the stretch for 20 to 30 seconds. Repeat for the other leg.



#### 2. Calf and Achilles Stretch

Stand approximately one arms length away from a wall or chair with your feet hip-width apart. Keeping your toes pointed forward, move one leg in close to the chair while extending the other leg behind you. Bending the leg closest to the chair and keeping the other leg straight, place your hands on the chair. Keep the heel of the back leg on the ground and move your hips forward. Slowly lean forward from the ankle, keeping your back leg straight until you feel a stretch in your calf muscles. Hold for 20 to 30 seconds. Repeat for the opposite leg.

#### 3. Overhead/Triceps Stretch

Stand with your feet shoulder width apart and your knees slightly bent. Lift one arm overhead and bend your elbow, reaching down behind your head with your hand toward the opposite shoulder blade. Walk your fingertips down your back as far as you can. Hold this position. Reach up with your opposite hand and grasp your flexed elbow. Gently assist the stretch by pulling on the elbow. Hold for 20 to 30 seconds. Repeat for the opposite arm.

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## Four Week Meal Plan

The four-week meal plan is designed to produce on-going weight loss while providing the recommended amount of nutrients to promote good health. As everyone is different (size, levels of activity, etc.) you may need to slightly customize the meal plan to meet your particular needs. A weight loss program must involve some Calorie restriction, but if you find yourself extremely hungry, lacking energy to complete your workout, or overly fatigued, you may need to supplement the four week plan, to suit your individual needs. If so, after eating ALL the foods included in the Perfect Situp Meal Plan, you may add 1-2 servings of the following:

- 1 low-fat string cheese
- 1/2 cup (4 oz.) non-fat cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup (4 oz.) non-fat, plain yogurt
- 1 (one-ounce) slice, low-fat cheese
- 1 cup skim milk or non-fat dairy alternative (non-flavored soy milk, rice milk, etc.)
- 1 (one-ounce) slice, reduced-sodium turkey or ham
- 1/3 cup water packed tuna fish
- 1 hard-boiled egg or 5 egg whites (1/2 cup liquid egg white)
- 12 almonds, 6 walnuts
- 1 tbsp. reduced-fat peanut butter
- An additional serving of any allowable vegetable (page 28), raw or steamed and served plain
- An additional serving of any allowable fruit (one piece or one cup cubed) or 1 individual, cup non-sweetened applesauce (page 28).
- 1 cup low-sodium broth based soup (i.e. vegetable)

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## Day 10

Morning - 8 oz. hot lemon water

#### Breakfast - choose one

#### Smoothie

- 1 serving of whey, soy, or hemp protein
- 8 oz. water, almond milk, soymilk or ½ soymilk, ½ water 1 cup of fruit

#### Blend with ice

#### Salmon Scramble

2 eggs or 6 egg whites 1 oz. smoked salmon, cut in thin strips Non-fat cooking spray 1 tbsp. chives or other herbs

to taste

Put oil in pan. Add salmon, chives, herbs and egg. Cook on medium heat, stir frequently.

#### **Snack From List**

#### Lunch – choose one

#### Roll Ups

- 3 oz. of reduced-sodium turkey or ham, or 3 oz. chicken breast or tofu
- 4 leaves of lettuce
- 1/2 bell pepper, cut into strips
- 2 tbsp. flaxseed oil dressing

Place meat on lettuce, spread with dressing and roll it up.

Grilled or Baked Chicken Salad 3 oz. chicken 2 cups lettuce ½ cup vegetables 2 tbsp. flaxseed oil dressing

#### **Snack From List**

#### Dinner – choose one

Tofu-Vegetable Stir Fry 4 oz. extra-firm tofu cubed

- 1 cup vegetables (bell peppers, mushrooms, onion, broccoli)
- 1 garlic clove

1<sup>1</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub> tbsp. red pepper flakes Spray wok or non-stick skillet with non-fat cooking spray. Add pepper flakes and heat on medium-high. Add garlic, onion and vegetables. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Add tofu and stir fry until heated through.

#### **Protein and Vegetables**

4 oz. protein from option list 1 cup vegetables

#### Evening

4 oz. hot lemon water











#### 4. Back Stretch

Stand with your legs shoulder length apart and your knees slightly bent. Bend forward from your waist with your arms extending loosely in front of your body. Gently bend from the waist flexing your body as far forward as it will go. Hold for 20 to 30 seconds. Straighten up and repeat.

#### 5. Standing Hamstrings Stretch

Stand with your legs hip width apart. Extend one leg out in front of you and keep that foot flat against the ground. With your hands resting lightly on your thighs, bend your back leg and lean forward slightly from your hips until you feel a stretch in the back of your thigh. Be sure to lean forward from the hip joint rather than bending at your waist. Hold for 20 to 30 seconds. Repeat for the opposite leg.

#### 6. Buttocks and Hips Stretch

Lay flat on your back with your hips relaxed against the floor. Bend one leg at the knee. Keeping both shoulders flat on the floor, gently grasp the bent knee with your hands and pull it over your body and towards the ground. You should feel a stretch in your hips, abdominals and lower back. Hold for 20 to 30 seconds and release. Repeat for opposite side.

#### 7. Inner Thigh Stretch

Sit on the floor and bend your legs so that the soles of your feet are together. Place your hands on your ankles. Lean forward from the waist and press down lightly on the inside of your knees. You should feel a stretch in the muscles of your inside thigh.

#### 8. Arm Pullback

Stand with your feet shoulder width apart and toes pointing forward and with your knees slightly bent. Let your arms hang relaxed on either side of your body. Expand your chest and pull your shoulders back. Bend your elbows slightly and clasp your hands behind your back. Slowly straighten your arms as you lift your hands upward. Raise your hands upward until you feel mild tension in your shoulder and chest region. Hold for 20 to 30 seconds. Lower your arms to their original position and bend your elbows. Release your hands and return them to your sides.

## Perfect Situp<sub>®</sub> System

Perfect Situp® is more than just a piece of exercise equipment, it is a total exercise and nutrition system. It is a "fitness for life" plan that goes hand in hand with an overall healthy lifestyle.

The Perfect Situp system is a 10 week program designed to help you achieve balanced fitness. The system consists of 3 parts:

1. Perfect Situp Workout. The Perfect Situp® was designed to help you tone and strengthen your core, which include the abdominal muscles, lower back and hips. We recommend that you do the Perfect Situp Workout 3 times a week, and perform the exercises in the order shown on the chart. Determine your fitness level and follow the appropriate workout on the Workout Chart included with your product. Most people with some exercise experience are able to start the Perfect Situp Workout at the Intermediate level. Warm up for 5-10 minutes before beginning your Perfect Situp workout. Follow the warm-up guidelines on page 16.

2. Cardiovascular Exercise. The Perfect Situp system includes a cardio workout program. You can achieve an effective cardio workout from a variety of activities, such as walking, hiking, swimming, jogging or low-impact aerobics. We recommend that you do a cardio workout for at least 30 minutes, 3 times a week. The frequency and duration of your cardio workouts will depend on your current fitness level. Please refer to the Cardiovascular Conditioning section on pages 22 - 25 in this manual to determine the workout that is appropriate for you.

3. Nutrition. The Perfect Situp system also includes the Perfect Situp Meal Plan that is included in this Owner's Manual. This provides you with nutritional guidelines and a healthy eating plan that is designed to help you lose weight in ten weeks or less.

The Perfect Fitness Eating Plan Booklet is also included with your Perfect Situp system. This booklet allows you to customize your calorie needs according to your activity level and current weight. Choose the plan that best fits your goals.

#### **Determining Your Fitness Level**

Before beginning any workouts on the Perfect Situp®, you should first determine your current fitness level. The following are guidelines that you can use to determine your fitness level, but remember that these are just guidelines. You must always listen to your body. Start out at a level that is comfortable to you and progress sensibly.

**Beginner** – No previous exercise experience, or have not exercised in a long time. Start the Perfect Situp system at the Beginner level and continue that workout for at least 3 weeks. Beginners should start out slowly and perform only as many exercises and repetitions as you are able to do with good form and technique.

## Day 8

Morning - 8 oz. hot lemon water

#### Breakfast

#### Smoothie

- 1 serving of whey, soy, or hemp protein 8 oz. water, almond milk, soymilk
- or 1/2 soymilk, 1/2 water
- 1 cup of fruit
- Blend with ice

#### **Snack From List**

#### Lunch – choose one

Bun - Free Burger 1 extra-lean patty 4-8 leaves green lettuce 1 tbsp. mustard Cook patty with 1 oz. low-fat sliced cheese on top, place on lettuce.

#### Spinach Salad

1 cup fresh spinach One hard-boiled egg 3 oz. sliced, grilled chicken breast 1 cup chopped vegetables 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms 2 tbsp. flaxseed oil dressing

#### Snack From List

#### Dinner – choose one

- Lemon Chicken Breast
- 1 skinless, boneless chicken thigh 2 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 shallot
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tbsp. capers
- 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 cup steamed vegetables
- Cover the chicken in a shallow roasting pan with the sauce and broil for 12-15 minutes until chicken is cooked through.

#### Protein and Vegetables

4 oz. protein from option list 1 cup vegetables

## Evening

4 oz. hot lemon water

## Dav 9

Morning - 8 oz. hot lemon water

### Breakfast - choose one

#### Smoothie

- 1 serving of whey, soy, or hemp protein
- 8 oz. water, almond milk, soymilk or 1/2 soymilk, 1/2 water 1 cup of fruit
- Blend with ice

#### Egg White Scramble

6 egg whites, lightly beaten 1 tsp. olive oil <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup chopped red pepper <sup>1</sup>∕<sub>2</sub> cup diced zucchini 1 small tomato 3 sprigs fresh herbs (or dry) 1 clove chopped garlic NO SALT Put olive oil in pan. Add garlic,

veggies and basil. Cook on medium heat, stir frequently. Add egg whites and scramble until cooked.

### **Snack From List**

#### Lunch

#### Ham or Turkey Salad

3 oz. lean, reduced-sodium ham or turkey 2 cups mixed green salad

- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup vegetables
- 1 tsp. sesame seeds
- 2 tbsp. flaxseed oil dressing

### **Snack From List**

#### Dinner - choose one

Salmon & Vegetables 4 oz. salmon fillet, grilled Grill the fish with non-fat cooking spray for 8 to 10 minutes 1 cup steamed vegetables

#### Protein and Vegetables

4 oz. protein from option list 1 cup vegetables

#### Evening

4 oz. hot lemon water 37

## Day 6

Morning - 8 oz. hot lemon water

#### Breakfast

#### Smoothie

1 serving of whey, soy, or hemp protein

8 oz. water, almond milk, soymilk or ½ soymilk, ½ water 1 cup of fruit

#### Blend with ice

#### **Snack From List**

#### Lunch – choose one

#### Tuna Salad

6 oz. water packed tuna, drained

2 slices of tomato

1 cup romaine (or baby mixed greens)

1 cup cucumber and celery

Place salad ingredients in a bowl Add ½ teaspoon relish, mix tuna, celery and cucumber

2 tbsp. flaxseed oil dressing

#### Roll Ups

3 oz. of reduced-sodium turkey or ham, or 3 oz. chicken breast or tofu

4 leaves of lettuce

 $\frac{1}{2}$  bell pepper, cut into strips

2 tbsp. flaxseed oil dressing

Place meat on lettuce, spread with dressing and roll it up

#### Dinner – choose one

#### Steak & Broccoli

4-6 oz. lean filet or sirloin steak 1 tsp. olive oil (to brush meat with) Brush the steak with the oil on sides then broil or grill to taste 1 cup steamed broccoli

#### **Protein and Vegetables**

4 oz. protein from option list 1 cup vegetables

#### Evening

4 oz. hot lemon water

## Day 7

Morning - 8 oz. hot lemon water

#### Breakfast

Smoothie

 serving of whey, soy, or hemp protein
 oz. water, almond milk, soymilk or ½ soymilk, ½ water
 cup of fruit

Blend with ice

#### **Snack From List**

#### Lunch

#### Tofu Salad

½ cup firm tofu, cubed
2 cups mixed green salad
½ cup vegetables
1 tsp. sesame seeds
2 tbsp. flaxseed oil dressing

#### Snack From List

#### Dinner – choose one

#### **Chicken Breast and Vegetables**

- 4 oz. skinless, boneless chicken breast baked with no salt seasoning
- 1 cup groop boop
- 1 cup green beans or other vegetable

#### **Protein and Vegetables**

4 oz. protein from option list 1 cup vegetables

#### Evening

4 oz. hot lemon water

**Intermediate** – Have been exercising regularly for at least 3 weeks. If you started the Perfect Situp system as a beginner, you can progress to the Intermediate level after 3 weeks. Once you can comfortably complete all of the exercises and suggested repetitions in the Intermediate workout with good technique, you may repeat the exercise routine for a second or third set. If you start the program at an Intermediate level, continue that workout for 6 weeks, and progress to the Advanced level when appropriate.

**Advanced** – Have been exercising regularly for 6 weeks or more. If you started at the Intermediate level, you can progress to the Advanced level after 6 weeks. Only progress to the Advanced level when you can easily perform all of the reps and sets in the Intermediate workout with good form and technique. To increase the challenge of your workouts, you may repeat the exercise routine for 3 to 4 sets. Remember to always work out and progress at a pace that is comfortable to you, and make sure you complete all of the repetitions of each exercise with good form and technique.

## **Cardiovascular Conditioning**

Exercise that challenges the heart is a simple part of an exercise program – almost anyone can walk, run, treadmill, climb steps, or bike. But, creating a progressive, time efficient and results oriented cardio program takes a little planning. A properly designed and consistently performed cardiovascular training program is an essential part of your program if you want to improve your health and lose weight, or maintain a healthy lifestyle.

#### **Training Aerobically**

Aerobic exercise is the key to building a stronger heart and can reduce your chances of heart disease, as well as burn lots of fat and calories. Aerobic exercise is any activity that you can keep at for several minutes or longer and increases your heart rate. Activities that have the potential to condition the heart typically involve the large muscles of the hips, thighs and buttocks. Examples include walking, hiking, jogging, running, cycling, in-line skating, swimming, cross-country skiing and stair stepping.

#### **Benefits of Aerobic Training**

Health benefits of aerobic exercise include the following:

- **1.** A stronger and healthier heart.
- **2.** Increased HDL. This "good" cholesterol helps keep your arteries unplugged and healthy.
- **3.** Decreased total cholesterol. This is the debris in your blood that can clog your arteries.
- 4. Reduced blood pressure. Even moderate exercise can help.
- 5. Reduced risk for heart attack and stroke.
- **6.** Decreased body fat and an ability to help you reach your desirable weight. You'll become a better fat-burner and burn a lot of calories every session.
- 7. Decreased risk for diabetes.
- **8.** Reduced feelings of anxiety, tension and depression.
- 9. Improved sleep.
- **10.** Higher levels of energy. Efficient delivery and use of blood and oxygen is the key to increased vigor and performance.

#### Warming Up And Cooling Down

Warming up and cooling down are essential to a balanced and safe exercise program. A proper warm-up and cool down can:

- Make your workouts safe and easier to do,
- Limit the risk of unnecessary stress on your heart,
- Get you ready for your activity,
- Improve your stamina and endurance (you won't tire as quickly),
- Decrease your risk for injury,
- Increase enjoyment of your workouts, and
- Help you stick with your health and fitness program.

## Day 5

Morning - 8 oz. hot lemon water

#### Breakfast – choose one

#### Smoothie

- 1 serving of whey, soy, or hemp protein
- 8 oz. water, almond milk, soymilk or ½ soymilk, ½ water
- 1 cup of fruit
- Blend with ice
- Egg White Scramble
- 6 egg whites, lightly beaten 1 tsp. olive oil 1⁄2 cup chopped red pepper 1⁄2 cup diced zucchini 1 small tomato 3 sprigs fresh herbs (or dry) 1 clove chopped garlic NO SALT Put olive oil in pan. Add garlic, veggies and basil. Cook on medium heat, stir frequently. Add egg whites and scramble until cooked.

#### **Snack From List**

#### Lunch

#### Ham or Turkey Salad

- 3 oz. lean, reduced-sodium ham or turkey
- 2 cups mixed green salad
- 1⁄2 cup vegetables
- 1 tsp. sesame seeds
- 2 tbsp. flaxseed oil dressing

#### **Snack From List**

#### Dinner - choose one

- Salmon & Vegetables
  - 4 oz. salmon fillet, grilled Grill the fish with non-fat cooking spray for 8 to 10 minutes 1 cup steamed vegetables

#### **Protein and Vegetables**

4 oz. protein from option list 1 cup vegetables

#### Evening

4 oz. hot lemon water

## Day 4

Morning - 8 oz. hot lemon water

#### Breakfast - choose one

#### Smoothie

1 serving of whey, soy, or hemp protein

- 8 oz. water, almond milk, soymilk or ½ soymilk, ½ water
- 1 cup of fruit

#### Blend with ice

#### Salmon Scramble

2 eggs or 6 egg whites 1 oz. smoked salmon, cut in thin strips Non-fat cooking spray

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- 1 tbsp. chives or other herbs to taste

Put oil in pan. Add salmon, chives, herbs and egg. Cook on medium heat, stir frequently.

#### **Snack From List**

#### Lunch – choose one

#### Grilled Hamburger Patty on Lettuce

- 1 extra-lean hamburger patty
- 2 cups lettuce
- 2 tbsp. flaxseed oil dressing
- 1 cup vegetables

#### Tofu Salad

- $^{1\!\!/_2}$  cup firm tofu, cubed
- 2 cups mixed green salad
- 1⁄2 cup vegetables
- 1 tsp. sesame seeds
- 2 tbsp. flaxseed oil dressing

#### Snack From List

- Dinner choose one Beef Tenderloin and Mashed Cauliflower Beef Tenderloin 4 oz. grilled beef tenderloin
  - 1 cup mixed salad greens
  - 2 tbsp. flaxseed oil dressing

#### Mashed Cauliflower

- 1 cup cauliflower, cut into florets 1 cup purified water 2 garlic cloves, minced 1 tsp. fresh chives, chopped
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp. onion powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 tbsp. chicken broth
- In a medium pot, place cauliflower with water and bring to a quick boil. Lower heat to simmer and cover. Cook for an additional 12 minutes or until soft. Drain, transfer cauliflower to a bowl, and mash. Blend in garlic, chives, onion powder, parsley and broth
- with the mashed cauliflower. Serve hot.

#### Protein and Vegetables

4 oz. protein from option list 2 cups vegetables

#### Evening

4 oz. hot lemon water

**Warm-up.** To prevent injury and maximize performance, we recommend that each workout period should start with a warm-up. Your warm-up should gently prepare your muscles for the coming exertion. Start by doing 5 to 10 minutes of gentle exercise that gradually increases your heart rate and loosens up your muscles. Your warm-up exercise should be aerobic in nature and only require an easy, unforced range of motion. This should be followed by 5 to 10 minutes of stretching. Refer to the stretches found on pages 18 and 19. Never push yourself beyond a point of gentle tension or strain. Keep your movements gentle, rhythmic and controlled.

**Cool down.** A cool down reverses what your warm-up accomplished. It's just as important to ease out of your workout as it is to ease into it. The cool down returns your body to a pre-exercise level. A proper cool down should last about 5 to 10 minutes and consists of moderate to mild exercise. You're exercising at a level of effort that is lower than that used during the main part of your cardiovascular conditioning workout.

#### How Often, How Long, and How Hard

The choices you make about the frequency (how often), duration (how long), and intensity (how hard) at which you will train, will directly influence your training results.

**How often.** If you want to see serious improvements in your fitness, lose weight and develop a good training base, you need to do cardio workouts three to six times per week.

If you are just starting a program or out of shape, don't let these recommendations discourage or mislead you. Realize that doing cardio training two to three times per week will still result in significant fitness improvement and health benefits. Your long-term goal is to build up to exercising your heart on most days of the week.

**How long.** How long you work out depends on your current level of fitness. Again, if you're just starting a program or out of shape, don't follow strict textbook recommendations. Instead, start with 5 to 10 minutes once or twice per day. You will see significant fitness improvement. Your long-term goal is to build to a duration of 30 to 60 minutes of cardiovascular activity on most days of the week.

**How hard.** Aerobic intensity guidelines for healthy adults are generally set at 40 to 85 percent of heart rate. But, if you're out of shape, remember that moderate to low-level and consistent cardiovascular training – well below the standard recommendations set forth – can result in substantial and beneficial effects to your health and can greatly improve cardiovascular endurance.

#### **Progressive Cardiovascular Training Program**

The training program that follows is a progressive training program for cardiovascular conditioning. It can be used for any aerobic activity you choose.

#### **CONDITIONING BASE**

Week	How Often (times per week)	How Long (minutes)	How Hard (% heart rate)	How Hard (RPE)*	RPE Descriptive Rating
1	2 - 3	5 - 15	40 - 50	2 - 4	Somewhat easy to somewhat hard
2	2 - 3	5 - 15	40 - 50	2 - 4	Somewhat easy to somewhat hard
3	2 - 3	10 - 17	40 - 50	2 - 4	Somewhat easy to somewhat hard
4	2 - 3	10 - 17	50 - 60	2 - 4	Somewhat easy to somewhat hard
5	3	15 - 20	50 - 60	2 - 4	Somewhat easy to somewhat hard
6	3 - 4	15 - 20	50 - 60	2 - 4	Somewhat easy to somewhat hard

#### MOVING BEYOND BASE-LEVEL FITNESS

Week	How Often (times per week)	How Long (minutes)	How Hard (% heart rate)	How Hard (RPE)*	RPE Descriptive Rating
7 - 9	3 - 4	20 - 25	60 - 65	3 - 4	Moderate to somewhat hard
10-13	3 - 4	21 - 25	65 - 70	4 - 5	Somewhat hard to hard
14-16	3 - 4	26 - 30	65 - 70	4 - 5	Somewhat hard to hard
17-19	3 - 5	26 - 30	70 - 75	4 - 5	Somewhat hard to hard
20-23	3 - 5	31 - 35	70 - 75	4 - 5	Somewhat hard to hard
24-27	3 - 6	31 - 35	70 - 75	4 - 5	Somewhat hard to hard

#### MAINTENANCE

Week	How Often (times per week)	How Long (minutes)	How Hard (% heart rate)	How Hard (RPE)*	RPE Descriptive Rating
After 4-6 months	3 - 6	30 - 60	40 - 85	3 - 6	Easy - Moderate to somewhat hard

\*RPE = rating of perceived exertion; this means you match up a numerical rating (RPE) of 1-10, with how you feel (RPE descriptive rating in chart above). A rating of 2-3 is equal to a warm-up or recovery level of effort; 4-5 equates to moderate to somewhat challenging; 6-10 represents effort that is somewhat hard, to very hard.

#### **Smart Progression**

In regard to progressing to a higher intensity level, longer duration, or more frequent sessions, it makes good sense to change only one of these elements at a time. You run a higher risk of overuse injury if you simultaneously increase more than one of these elements. A conservative yet effective guideline is to increase intensity or duration by no more than about 5 percent. You should adapt to this increase over a period of a week or two, and then consider changing one of the other variables (frequency, duration or intensity) or further progressing the one you've adapted to.

### Day 3

Morning - 8 oz. hot lemon water

#### Breakfast – choose one

#### Smoothie

- 1 serving of whey, soy, or hemp protein
- 8 oz. water, almond milk, soymilk or ½ soymilk, ½ water 1 cup of fruit
- Blend with ice

#### Omelet

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup chopped vegetables
- 1 tbsp. scallion

Spray non-stick cooking pan with cooking spray Add vegetables and scallion Pour in eggs Fold

#### Snack From List

#### Lunch – choose one

#### Roll Ups

- 3 oz. of reduced-sodium turkey or ham, or 3 oz. chicken breast or tofu
- 4 leaves of lettuce
- 1/2 bell pepper, cut into strips

2 tbsp. flaxseed oil dressing Place meat on lettuce, spread with dressing and roll it up Grilled or Baked Chicken Salad 3 oz. chicken 2 cups lettuce ½ cup vegetables 2 tbsp. flaxseed oil dressing

#### **Snack From List**

#### Dinner – choose one

#### Lemon Chicken Breast

1 skinless, boneless chicken thigh
 2 tbsp. lemon juice
 1 shallot
 ½ tbsp. capers
 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
 1 cup steamed vegetables
 Cover the chicken in a shallow
 roasting pan with the sauce and
 broil for 12 to 15 minutes until
 chicken is cooked through.

#### **Protein and Vegetables**

4 oz. protein from option list 1 cup vegetables

#### Evening

4 oz. hot lemon water

## Day 2

Morning - 8 oz. hot lemon water

#### Breakfast

#### Smoothie

- 1 serving of whey, soy, or hemp protein
- 8 oz. water, almond milk, soymilk or ½ soymilk, ½ water 1 cup of fruit
- Blend with ice

#### **Snack From List**

#### Lunch – choose one

#### Bun - Free Burger

1 extra-lean patty 4-8 leaves green lettuce 1 tbsp. mustard Cook patty with 1 oz. low-fat sliced cheese on top, place on lettuce

#### Spinach Salad

 cup fresh spinach
 One hard-boiled egg
 oz. sliced, grilled chicken breast

1 cup shredded vegetables 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms 2 tbsp. flaxseed oil dressing

#### **Snack From List**

#### Dinner – choose one

#### Beef Tenderloin and Mashed Cauliflower Beef Tenderloin

4 oz. grilled beef tenderloin 1 cup mixed salad greens 2 tbsp. flaxseed oil dressing

#### Mashed Cauliflower

1 cup cauliflower, cut into florets 1 cup purified water 2 garlic cloves, minced 1 tsp. fresh chives, chopped 1/2 tsp. onion powder 1/2 tsp. fresh parsley, chopped 1 tbsp. chicken broth In a medium pot, place cauliflower with water and bring to a guick boil. Lower heat to simmer and cover. Cook for an additional 12 minutes or until soft. Drain, transfer cauliflower to a bowl, and mash. Blend in garlic, chives, onion powder, parsley and broth with the mashed cauliflower. Serve hot.

#### Protein and Vegetables

4 oz. protein from option list 1 cup vegetables

#### Evening

4 oz. hot lemon water

#### **Top Aerobic Exercise**

No one cardiovascular activity is better than another! Manipulating how hard (intensity), how often (duration), and how long (frequency) you participate in a particular aerobic activity determines its effectiveness or lack thereof. And of course, you have to like what you're doing. Choose the type of aerobic activity that is right for you by identifying one or more types of cardio exercise that you can see yourself sticking to, and enjoying, for the rest of your life. Often, the best aerobic exercise will be not one, but several activities that are fun and feel good to your body. Excellent cardiovascular activities include, but are not limited to, walking, swimming, water fitness, jogging, running, cross-country skiing, in-line skating, lateral movement training (slide), cycling, mountain biking, and step training.

## **Cardio Workout Tracking Sheet**

Use this chart to keep track of your progress over time. Before writing on it, make as many copies as you think you'll need. We suggest you keep these in a notebook. You will find it both informative and motivational to look back at what you've done. This data will help you chart future fitness goals as you continue to improve.

Date	How Long (minutes)	Heart Rate	How Hard (RPE)*
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\*RPE = rating of perceived exertion; this means you match up a numerical rating (RPE) of 1-10, with how you feel (RPE descriptive rating in chart above). A rating of 2-3 is equal to a warm-up or recovery level of effort; 4-5 equates to moderate to somewhat challenging; 6-10 represents effort that is somewhat hard, to very hard.

## Perfect.SITUP<sup>®</sup> MEAL PLAN

## Fast Track to Perfection



#### INTRODUCTION

The Perfect Situp program combines exercise and healthy nutrition. The Perfect Situp Meal Plan is designed to help you lose weight in ten weeks or less. To follow the plan, begin with the 10-Day Perfect Situp Kick Start, and then follow with the Four Week Meal Guide. When you complete the Four Week Meal Guide, repeat it until you achieve your weight loss goal.

Consult your physician before beginning this or any weight loss program.

## Day 1

Morning - 8 oz. hot lemon water

#### Breakfast – choose one

#### Smoothie

- 1 serving of whey, soy, or hemp protein
- 8 oz. water, almond milk, soymilk or ½ soymilk, ½ water 1 cup of fruit

## Blend with ice

#### Egg White Scramble

6 egg whites, lightly beaten 1 tsp. olive oil 1⁄2 cup chopped red pepper 1⁄2 cup diced zucchini 1 small tomato 3 sprigs fresh herbs (or dry) 1 clove chopped garlic NO SALT Put olive oil in pan. Add garlic, veggies and basil. Cook on medium heat, stir frequently.

veggies and basil. Cook on medium heat, stir frequently. Add egg whites and scramble until cooked.

#### **Snack From List**

#### Lunch – choose one

#### Tuna Salad

- 4 oz. water packed tuna, drained
- 2 slices of tomato
- 1 cup romaine (or baby mixed greens)
- 1 cup cucumber and celery
- Place salad ingredients in a bowl 2 tbsp. flaxseed oil dressing

#### **Chicken and Vegetables**

4 oz. skinless chicken breast grilled with no oil1 cup of vegetables

#### **Snack From List**

#### Dinner – choose one

#### Tofu-Vegetable Stir Fry

- 4 oz. extra-firm tofu, cubed
- 1 cup vegetables (bell peppers, mushrooms, onion, broccoli)
- 1 garlic clove

Spray wok or non-stick skillet with non-fat cooking spray. Add pepper flakes and heat on medium-high. Add garlic, onion and vegetables. Cook for 2-3 minutes. Add tofu and stir fry until heated through.

#### **Protein and Vegetables**

4 oz. protein from list 1 cup vegetables

#### Evening

4 oz. hot lemon water

#### **Beverages**

- Hot lemon water: 12 oz. daily
- Pure water: 8 -10, 8 oz. servings daily
- Dandelion tea, green tea, mint tea and any herbal teas you enjoy

#### Snack Options - Choose two snacks per day

- Each snack should be between 170 and 200 calories
- Fruit, 1 serving
- 1 tbsp. reduced-fat peanut butter with celery
- 1 tbsp. reduced-fat peanut butter with one small apple
- 1/3 cup raw nuts
- 1 oz. reduced-sodium roast turkey wrapped around celery or carrot sticks
- 1/4 cup water packed tuna with 2 cups of lettuce with flaxseed dressing
- 1 cup veggies with 2 tbsp. flaxseed dressing
- 2 cups of salad with 2 tbsp. flaxseed dressing
- Whey protein shake
- 1 egg with 2 cups of lettuce with flaxseed dressing

## **10 Day Perfect Situp Kick Start**

#### Get ready to change how you feel and look!

The 10-Day Perfect Situp Kick Start will help you create a new you. It's the most challenging part of the program, but research shows that the best way to rid yourself of an unwanted habit is to replace it with a good habit for ten consecutive days. Stick with this meal plan for ten days and you will help retrain your body and mind to crave healthy foods.

#### **Success Strategies**

- Perform at least 30 minutes of cardio exercise everyday and 15 minutes on the Perfect Situp<sup>®</sup>.
- Drink 8 to 10 glasses of water each day.

#### **Prepare For Success**

- Prepare for success by clearing out your refrigerator and cupboards of all processed "junk foods."
- After you read the meal plan, shop with a list for all of the ingredients you need.
- Pack any meals and snacks that you will not be able to prepare at home.
- It is best not to eat out during the next 10 days, so plan your meals in advance.

#### **Calories Per Day**

- This meal plan has approximately 1,200 calories per day, including snacks.
- This is suitable for most women (depending on level of activity). Males may need to increase the total daily calories (adding up to 600 calories) by increasing the portion size or adding additional snacks from the snack option list.

### Foods To Avoid

All of the following foods and beverages are to be avoided for the next 10 days:

Alcohol

• Soda

- Breads
- Cereals
- Corn
- PotatoesRice

forms of sugar, such as sucrose, dextrose, corn syrup and brown sugar. Artificial sweeteners are usually not recommended.

• Sugar: Includes sugar, products

containing sugar, and hidden

## **10-Day Perfect Situp Meal Plan**

#### Each Morning

• Drink 8 oz. of hot water mixed with the juice from a lemon

#### Each Day Drink

• 8 to10 glasses of filtered water

#### Each Evening

• Drink 4 oz. hot lemon water

#### **Daily Protocol**

- Protein: 8 to12 ounces per day (meat, fish, tofu, eggs, whey, hemp or soy protein)
- Vegetables: 6 to 12 servings of the vegetables from the meal plan list
- Fruits: 2 servings from the meal plan list
- Use the flaxseed dressing on all salads (refer to page 29)
- You will be preparing protein smoothies with at least 20 grams of protein

#### Fresh Fruit

Berries (blackberries.

and strawberries)

blueberries, raspberries

Eat 2 servings of any of the following fruits each day (fresh or frozen):

• Apples

- Kiwi • Melon
  - Oranges
  - Peaches
  - Pears

Grapes Grapefruit

### Vegetables

Eat at least 6 to 12 servings of at least one of the following vegetables each day (fresh or frozen):

- Beets
- Bok Choy
- Broccoli
- Brussels Sprouts
- Cabbage
- Cauliflower
- Celery
- Cucumber
- Eggplant
- Green Beans
- Greens: chard, collards, kale, leeks, rabe

- Lettuce: iceberg,
- red, romaine
- Mushrooms
- Onions, shallots
- Peas, pea pods
- Peppers: green, red, yellow
- Spinach
- Squash: acorn, butternut, yellow, zucchini
- Tomatoes

#### Lean Protein

- 2 scoops whey, hemp or soy protein powder
- 1 cup egg whites
- 2 3 free range eggs
- 4 6 oz. chicken (white meat, no skin)
- 4 6 oz. reduced-sodium turkey (white meat, no skin)
- 4 6 oz. salmon or tuna
- 4 6 oz. wild organic red meat (venison, beef, moose etc.)
- 4 6 oz. white fish of any kind
- 4 6 oz. shellfish
- 6 oz. can water packed tuna

#### **Oils and Seasonings**

- Apple cider vinegar
- Balsamic vinegar
- Brags Liquid Aminos
- Flax seed oil (not for cooking)
- Garlic
- Olive oil
- Spices: basil, cinnamon, dill, ginger, oregano, peppercorns, rosemary, red pepper flakes

### Flaxseed Oil Dressing Recipes:

#### Simple Flax Dressing

• 2 tbsp. over salad, add lemon to taste

#### Flaxseed Ginger Dressing

- 3 tbsp. flax seed oil
- 1-2 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 1 tsp. fresh grated ginger
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- Whisk ingredients together and store in the refrigerator in a dark bottle

#### Flaxseed Garlic Dressing

- ¼ cup flax seed oil
- 3 tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- Whisk ingredients together and store in the refrigerator in a dark bottle