INVERTING

When correctly balanced, the inversion table will rotate in response to simple arm movements. To invert, lift your arms overhead slowly and to return upright, bring your arms back to your sides. Your arms provide the weight needed to rotate the table. (Figure 9).

- To ensure the table does not rotate too far, too quickly:
  1. Set the Roller Hinges to Setting “C” (as explained on pg. 2);
  2. Attach the Nylon Tether to the underside of the Table Bed and test to max rotation;
  3. Raise one arm at a time, and do so very slowly (the faster you move, the faster the inversion table will rotate).

To use the traction bars on the Support Handles, push against them while inverted to achieve a greater decompression and relaxation.

RETURNNING UPRIGHT

- To return to the upright position, put your arms at your sides (Figure 10). Since your body may have lengthened or shifted on the Table Bed during inversion, you may need to bend your knees to shift your body weight to the foot side of the pivot point. DO NOT lift your head or try to sit up.

FULL INVERSION

Definition: Hanging completely upside down by your ankles with your back free from the table. DO NOT attempt this step until you are comfortable with partial inversion.

WARNING

To reduce tipping hazard, confine all inverted activities to smooth movements. Aggressive exercises that involve vigorous body movement can cause the table to tip over, resulting in serious injury or death!

- Disconnect the nylon tether.
- Set the Roller Hinges in the top hole setting “A” if you want the table to “lock” firmly while inverted. If you are 220 lbs (100 kg) or more, set the roller hinges in the “B” hole setting.
- From a balanced position on the table, slowly raise both hands over your head to begin rotation. You may need to assist the last few degrees of rotation by pushing on the floor or A-frame until the table pulls away from your back. In your correct balance setting, your weight will keep the table “locked” in this position until you are ready to return upright (Figure 11).

To Release from the Inverted “Locked” Position:

- Reach one hand over your shoulder and grip the corner of the Table Bed.
- Place the other hand on the bottom bar of the A-frame in front of you (Figure 12).
- Pull both hands together. This will rotate the table out of the “locked” position. Slowly move your arms and elbows to your sides to complete the rotation. USE CAUTION: Elbows protruding over the sides of the Table Bed could get pinched between the A-frame and the Table Bed as you return upright. (Figure 13).

WARNING

It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the proper use of the equipment and the inherent risks of inversion, such as falling on your head or neck, pinching, entrapment or equipment failure. DO NOT invert the table until you have thoroughly and carefully read the Owner’s Manual, reviewed all accompanying documents and inspected the equipment. ALWAYS test and inspect the equipment for smooth operation prior to each use.

FAILRE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

WARNING - To reduce the risk of injury to persons:
- Read and understand all the instructions, view the instructional video, review all other accompanying documents, and inspect the equipment before using the inversion table. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the proper use of this equipment and the inherent risks of inversion, such as falling on your head or neck, pinching, entrapment, or equipment failure. It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that all users of the product are fully informed about the proper use of the equipment and all safety precautions.
- Close supervision is necessary when the inversion table is used near children, or by or near invalids or disabled persons.
- Use the inversion table only for its intended use as described in this manual. DO NOT use attachments not recommended by the manufacturer.
- NEVER drop or insert any object into any opening.
- DO NOT operate equipment while under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medication that may cause drowsiness or disorientation.
- ALWAYS inspect the equipment prior to use. Make sure all fasteners are secure.
- ALWAYS replace defective components immediately and/or keep the equipment out of use until repair.
- ALWAYS position equipment on a level surface and away from water or ledges that could lead to accidental immersion or falls.
- ALWAYS wear securely tied lace-up shoes with a flat sole, such as a normal tennis style shoe. DO NOT wear any footwear that could interfere with securing the ankle clamps, such as shoes with thick soles, boots, high-tops or any shoe that extends above the anklebone.
- ALWAYS make sure the equipment is properly adjusted to the correct user settings prior to each use.
- DO NOT use aggressive movements, or use weights, elastic bands or any other exercise or stretching device while on the inversion table.
- New users, and users who are physically or mentally compromised, will require the assistance of a partner to ensure they are able to find the correct balance setting and can return to an upright position unassisted.
- If you feel pain or become light-headed or dizzy while inverting, immediately return to the upright position for recovery and eventual dismount.
- DO NOT use the equipment without a licensed physician’s approval. Carefully review the following list of medical contraindications for inversion with your licensed physician. (This is not an exhaustive list, it is intended only for reference)
  - Middle ear infection
  - Glaucoma
  - Heart or circulatory disorders
  - Bone weakness (osteoporosis)
  - Extreme obesity
  - Retinal detachment
  - Spinal injury
  - Recent or unhealed fractures
  - Pregnancy
  - Conjunctivitis
  - Cerebral sclerosis
  - Medulary pins
  - Hialtal hernia
  - High blood pressure
  - Acutely swollen joints
  - Surgically implanted orthopedic supports
  - Ventral hernia
  - Hypertension
  - Acutely swollen joints
  - Use of anticoagulants
  - Ischemic attack
  - (including high doses of aspirin)
  - Recent stroke or transient ischemic attack
  - Use of anticoagulants
  - Vascular disease
  - Use of anticoagulants

Refer to additional warning notices posted on the equipment. If a product label or Owner’s Manual should become lost, damaged or illegible, contact Customer Service for replacement.

For information about the 1-year warranty, or if you have any problems assembling the equipment, or questions about its use, please contact customer service at:

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**BEFORE YOU INVERT** make sure that the table rotates smoothly to the fully inverted position and back, and that all fasteners are secure. Make sure the user settings described below are properly adjusted for your unique needs and body type. Take your time finding your proper settings and remember them. Check these settings every time prior to using the equipment.

1. **Adjust the Roller Hinge:**
   The Roller Hinge setting controls the responsiveness or rate of rotation. There are three holes; hole selection depends both on your body weight and the rotational responsiveness you desire. For beginners, we recommend starting with Setting C (See Figure 1). IMPORTANT: Place the Roller Hinges in the same hole setting on each side.

2. **Adjust the Height Setting:**
   The height settings are stamped on the Main Shaft in both inches and centimeters.
   - Pull out the height selector locking pin with your right hand, while sliding the Main Shaft with your left (See Figure 2).
   - Slide the Main Shaft until the last setting you can read is 1” greater than your height (e.g., if you are 5’10” the last numbers you should read will be 5’11”). NOTE: The best height setting for you will depend on your weight distribution and could vary one or two inches on either side of your actual height. Starting at one or two inches greater than your height will help ensure that the rotation of the table is not too fast.
   - Release the height selector locking pin so it fully engages in a hole.

3. **Attach the Nylon Tether:**
   For first time users, attach the Nylon Tether to help control your angle of rotation (See Figure 3). You can increase the angle of rotation allowed by the Nylon Tether as you become more comfortable using the table, or remove it all-together for full inversion.

4. **Adjust the Foot Platform:**
   The FitSpine™ Foot Platform can be rotated into either a High or Low setting, with a one inch height difference between the two sides. The ideal setting will vary by user and the type of shoes worn. Ideally, the Foot Platform should be set so that the ankle clamps secure around the smallest part of the ankles (with minimal distance between the foot clamp and the top of your foot) to reduce body slide while inverted (Figure 4).

**SECURING YOUR ANKLES**

• Stand with your back to the Table Bed - do not use the inversion table face-down.
• Step over the Main Shaft, placing your feet on the floor on either side. To balance yourself, rest only your lower body against the Table Bed as you slide one ankle at a time between the Ankle Clamps onto the Foot Platform. Be sure to slide your ankle in from the side (Figure 5); DO NOT insert the foot through the ankle clamps as you would slide your foot into a shoe. Your feet should always be either on the floor or on the Foot Platform; never use any other part of the inversion table as a step (Figures 6A and 6B).

**WARNING**

DO NOT step on the crossbar of the A-frame or on top of the Ankle Clamps as this could cause the table to rotate resulting in serious injury or death!

• Press your ankles back firmly against the rear ankle clamps.
• Rotate the top of the rear clamps slightly inward toward your ankles, this will increase your comfort while inverting.
• Push down on the handle of the Ankle Locking System, pull toward your legs and release. Test the closure by jiggling the handle from front to back to make sure the Ankle Clamps are locked securely. (Figure 7)

**WARNING**

ALWAYS carefully check to be certain the Ankle Locking System is locked securely each time you use your inversion table. ALWAYS make sure that the ankle clamps are snug against your ankles, or you could fall when the table inverts, resulting in serious injury or death! DO NOT lean your upper body against the Table Bed before securing your ankles. DO NOT deviate from these instructions.

**INVERT**

**BALANCING**

The inversion table is like a sensitively balanced fulcrum. It responds to very small changes in weight distribution. As a result, you must always test to make sure you have the correct height setting. Ensure that there is clearance to rotate in front, above and behind you.

• To begin, rest your head on the mat and place your arms at your sides, then slowly place your arms on your chest. Check to see:
  1. if your head is lower than your feet, then lengthen the height setting by one hole and test again.
  2. if your feet do not move at all, then shorten the height setting by one hole and test again.
  3. if the table comes to rest with your feet lifted a few inches off the A-frame, then you have found the correct balance setting (Figure 8).

**NOTE:** The correct balance setting will allow your arm movements to rotate the table backward smoothly and slowly, and return to the upright position in the same manner. This is an important step; spend as much time as necessary to find the correct balance setting. Once you find your setting, it should remain the same as long as your weight does not fluctuate substantially.

**WARNING**

For your first few inversion sessions, ask a spotter to assist you until you are able to find your correct balance setting and are comfortable with the operation of the table.