

# balance disc

# exercises for use



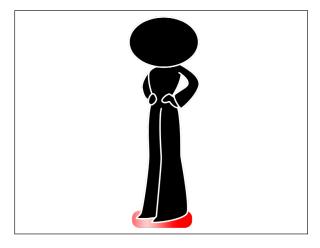
### **KEY FEATURES**

- Mimics the movement and shape of an inflatable ball
- Use seated or standing for balance training and core strengthening
- Disc has one smooth side and one "nubby" side for stimulation
- Inflates with standard pump (sold separately)
- Colors do not indicate resistance

## EXERCISES

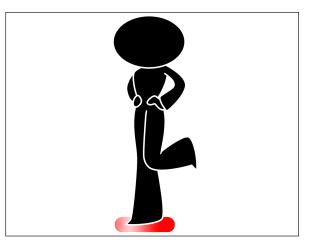
#### **One Disc Balance Training**

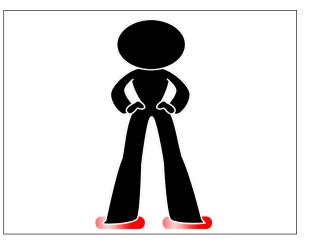
- Step 1. Stand with both feet on each balance disc and find stability.
- Step 2. While still maintaining balance, close your eyes and rotate your head.
- Step 3. Keep a sturdy object (like a chair) nearby for support if needed.



#### 1-Leg Balance

- Step 1. Stand with both feet on the balance disc.
- Step 2. Slowly lift one leg up and regain your balance.
- Step 3. To increase challenge, close your eyes or rotate your head. Keep a sturdy object (like a chair) nearby for support if needed.





#### Two Disc Balance Training

- Step 1. Use two balance discs for this exercise. Stand with one foot on each balance disc and find stability.
- Step 2. While still maintaining balance, close your eyes and rotate your head.
- Step 3. Keep a sturdy object (like a chair) nearby for support if needed.

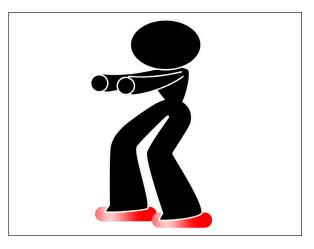
#### Sport Balance Training

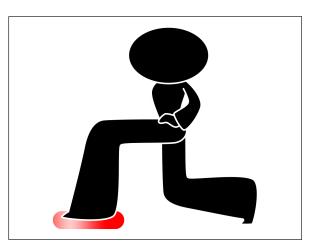
- Step 1. Use two balance discs for this exercise. Stand with one foot on each balance disc.
- Step 2. With knees slightly bent perform a mock golf swing rotating hips as you turn.
- Step 3. Hold the position and swing arms back the opposite way.



#### Squat

- Step 1. Use two balance discs for this exercise. Stand with one foot on each balance disc.
- Step 2. Squat down by bending your knees and hips.
- Step 3. Keep your back and neck straight. Keep a sturdy object (like a chair) nearby for support if needed.



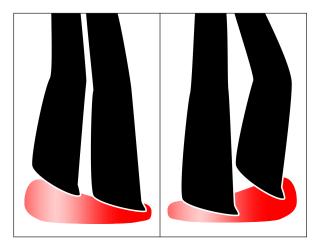


#### Lunge

- Step 1. Place the balance disc in front of you.
- Step 2. Lunge forward onto the disc, bending your knees while keeping your back upright.
- Step 3. Return to a standing position and repeat with opposite leg.

#### Stepping

- Step 1. Stand with both feet on the balance disc.
- Step 2. Alternate stepping with both feet without lifting your feet off the disc. Keep a sturdy object (like a chair) nearby for support if needed.



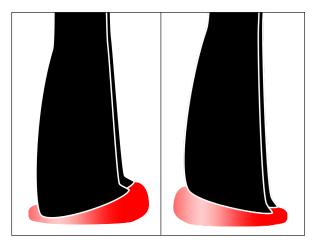
#### Ankle Lift

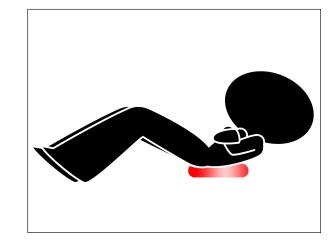
**Front Crunch** 

- Step 1. Stand with both feet on the balance disc.
- Step 2. Rock your ankles forward and backward on the disc. Keep your knees and hips straight. Keep a sturdy object (like a chair) nearby for support if needed.

Step 1. Lay on your back with the

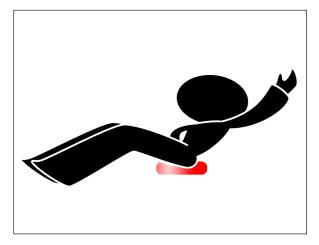
balance disc under your hips with your knees bent. Step 2. Place your hands behind your head or on your chest. Slowly curl upward, contracting your abdominals and lifting your back off the floor. Step 3. Slowly return and repeat.





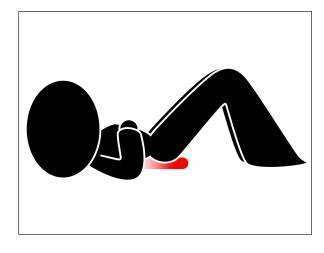
#### **Crunch with Arm Extension**

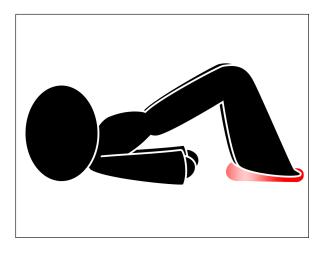
- Step 1. Sit with the balance disc under your hips, with your knees bent.
- Step 2. Lean your trunk backward, contracting your abdominals. Raise one hand out to the side without rotating your trunk and return arm to your side.
- Step 3. Slowly repeat with opposite arm.



#### **Pelvic Circles**

- Step 1. Place the balance disc under your buttocks with your knees bent.
- Step 2. Rotate your pelvis in a circle on the disc.
- Step 3. Repeat in the opposite direction.



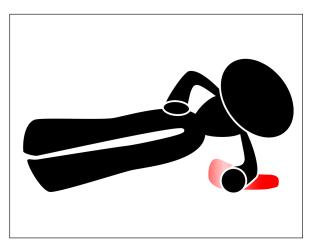


# Bridge Under Feet

- Step 1. Lie on your back the balance disc under your feet and your knees bent.
- Step 2. Thrust your hips up aligning your spine and thighs.
- Step 3. Hold this position and return.

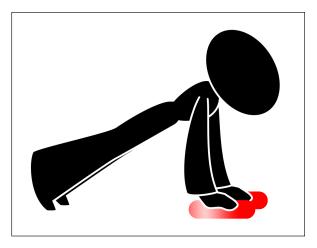
#### Side Hip Lift

- Step 1. Lay on your side with your elbow positioned under your shoulder and balance disc under the forearm.
- Step 2. Lift your hips off the ground, aligning your trunk and legs in a straight line. Hold and slowly return.



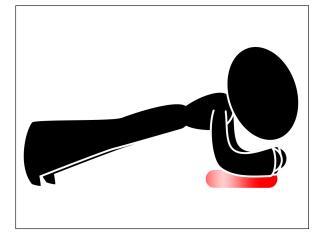
#### Push-Up

- Step 1. Use one or two balance discs for this exercise. Place both hands on the balance disc(s) and perform a push-up.
- Step 2. Keep your neck, back and hips straight.
- Step 3. Hold and slowly return.



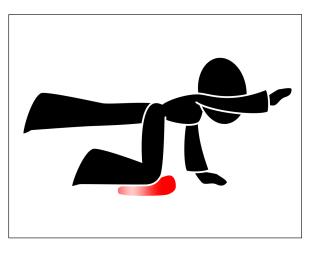
#### Front Plank

- Step 1. Lay face down on the mat with your elbows and forearms on the balance disc. Be sure your elbows are directly below your shoulders.
- Step 2. Lift your body off the floor until your head, hips and knees are in a straight line. Keep your feet and elbows steady. Hold and slowly return.



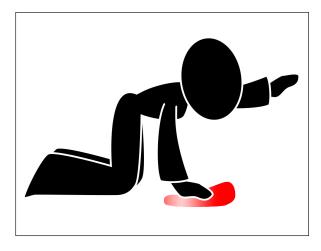
#### Kneeling Extension

- Step 1. Get into a hands-and-knees position with one or both knees placed on the balance disc.
- Step 2. Alternate lifting your opposite arm and leg while keeping your trunk steady. Hold and slowly return.



#### Shoulder Balance

- Step 1. Get onto your hands and knees position with the balance disc under the involved arm. Be sure the hand is directly under the shoulder.
- Step 2. Place balance disc under hand ensuring shoulder, arm and hand are aligned.
- Step 3. Maintain shoulder position while lifting the opposite hand off the floor.
- Step 4. Hold and slowly return. Repeat with other hand.



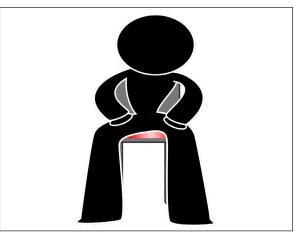


#### Sitting Hip Trust

- Step 1. Sit on the balance disc with feet flat on the ground.
- Step 2. Alternate arching and flattening your lower back by tilting your hip forward and backward.

#### Sitting Pelvic Circles

- Step 1. Place the balance disc on a chair and sit on it.
- Step 2. Place your hands on your hips and your feet flat on the ground.
- Step 3. Rotate your hips in a circle pressing the outer rim of the disc.
- Step 4. Repeat in the opposite direction.



### Vestibular Discs

- Inflatable disc mimics movement and shape of an inflatable ball
- Available in small and large sizes
- Available in six colors: blue (B). black (BLK), red (R), green (G), yellow (Y), and silver (S). Silver available in 35 cm only
- Colors available for personal preference; does not identify size or firmness

AI -63435 small. 14" / 35 cm AI -63439 large, 24" / 60 cm



**EXERCISE TIPS** 

- The exercise tips are guidelines. They do not replace any instructions or directions given by your clinician.
- Examine balance disc before each use and discard if nicks or tears are present.
- As with any exercise program, muscle soreness may be experienced after initial usage over the first few days. If muscle soreness persists for more than a few days, consult your clinician.
- Do not exercise while experiencing pain.
- For beginners, practice exercises without the disc until you are comfortable with the movements. Then begin exercises with this product.
- Proper body stance is critical while practicing standing exercises. Square your balance at all times. Be sure to practice the safest posture possible by maintaining your natural spinal position.
- Avoid hyper-extending or over-flexing joints while exercising. Do not lock-up joints.
- Control your breathing while practicing exercises. Never hold your breath while exercising. Exhale during the more difficult phase of your exercise repetition.
- Don't over exercise. Perform the prescribed number of sets and repetitions. Take a break between sets.

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