

FOR MODELS:

Elite R308



HORIZON
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RECUMBENT USER'S GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU for your purchase of this Horizon bike!

Whether your goal is to win races or simply enjoy a fuller, healthier lifestyle, an Horizon bike can help you attain it – adding club-quality performance to your at-home workouts, with the ergonomics and innovative features you need to get stronger and healthier, faster. Because we're committed to designing fitness equipment from the inside out, we use only the highest quality components. It's a commitment we back with one of the strongest frame-to-brake warranty packages in the industry.

You want exercise equipment that offers the most comfort, the best reliability and the highest quality in its class.

Horizon delivers.

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

CONGRATULATIONS! on choosing your bike. You've taken an important step in developing and sustaining an exercise program! Your bike is a tremendously effective tool for achieving your personal fitness goals. Regular use of your bike can improve the quality of your life in so many ways.

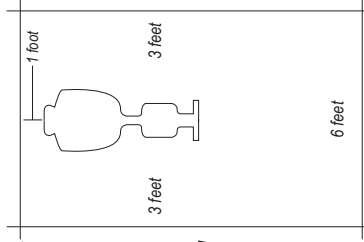
HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF EXERCISE:

- Weight Loss
- A Healthier Heart
- Improved Muscle Tone
- Increased Daily Energy Levels

The key to reaping these benefits is to develop an exercise habit. Your new bike will help you eliminate obstacles that prevent you from exercising. Inclement weather and darkness won't interfere with your workout when you use your bike in the comfort of your home. This guide provides you with basic information for using and enjoying your new machine.

LOCATION OF THE BIKE

Place the bike on a level surface. There should be 6 feet of clearance behind the bike, 3 feet on each side and one foot in front for the power cord (See diagram to the right). Do not place the bike in any area that will block any vent or air openings. The bike should not be located in a garage, covered patio, near water or outdoors.



BIKE OPERATION

POWER

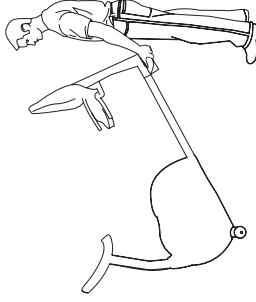
Your bike is powered by a power supply. The power must be plugged into the power jack, which is located in the front near the STABILIZER TUBE. There is also an on/off switch located on the back of the console.



Do not operate the bike if the power cord or plug is damaged. If the bike appears to not be working properly, do not use the bike.

MOVING

Your bike has a pair of transport wheels built into the FRONT STABILIZER TUBE. To move, first remove the power supply and firmly grasp the rear stabilizer tube, carefully tilt and roll.



Our bikes are well built and heavy, weighing up to 200 lbs! Use care and additional help if necessary when moving.

ADJUSTING THE SEAT

To adjust the seat turn the handle up into its middle position making the handle feel loose. Then, slide the seat to a position that puts you in a comfortable pedaling range (one that keeps a slight bend in your knee while your legs are in the extended position). Lock the mechanism by rotating it down until handle tightens.

NOTE : It is recommended that you do not sit on the seat while adjusting its position.

Elite R 308 CONSOLE OPERATION

QUICK START

- 1) Turn on Bike.
- 2) Press START button and begin exercising.
- 3) Program will automatically default to MANUAL (P1), the time will count up from 0:00, and the resistance will default to level 1.
- 4) The resistance level can be adjusted during the workout.

SELECTING PROGRAMS

- 1) Select a program using the PROGRAM QUICKKEY and press ENTER.
- *NOTE: if you press START, the program will begin and counts up from 0:00 for the manual program, and count down from 30:00 for all other programs. The level defaults to 1.
- 2) Set TIME using the ARROW KEYS on the programming button and press ENTER.
 - 3) Select a LEVEL using the ARROW KEYS on the programming button and press ENTER.
 - 4) Press START to begin the program.

SELECTING CONSTANT WATTS PROGRAM

- 1) Select CONSTANT WATTS PROGRAM using the PROGRAM QUICKKEY and press ENTER.
- 2) Set TIME using the ARROW KEYS on the programming button and press ENTER.
- 3) Select desired WATTS using the ARROW KEYS on the programming button and press ENTER.
- 4) Press START to begin the program.

SELECTING CUSTOM PROGRAM

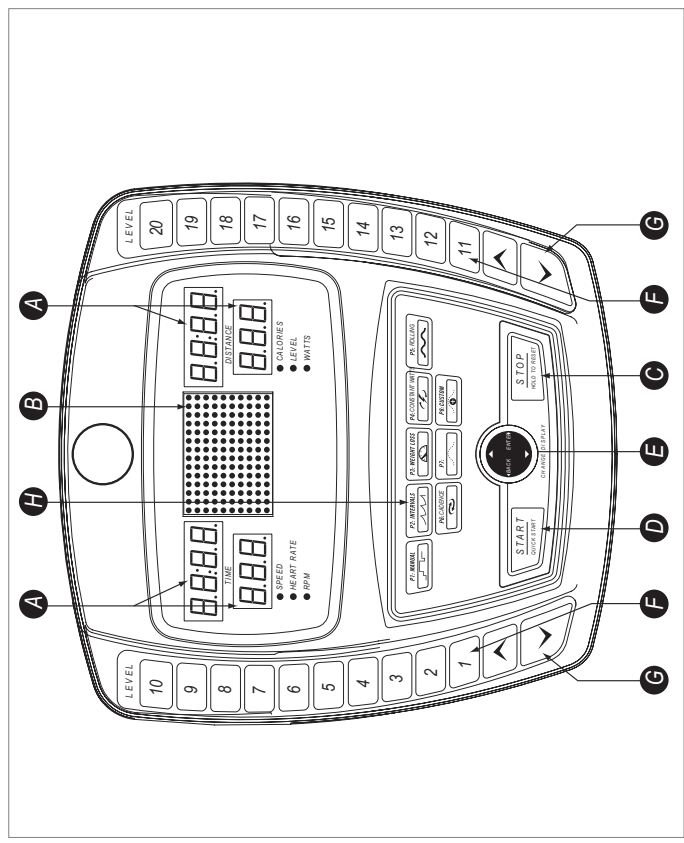
- 1) Select CUSTOM PROGRAM using the PROGRAM QUICK KEY and press ENTER.
- 2) Set TIME using the ARROW KEYS on the programming button and press ENTER.
- 3) Set the RESISTANCE LEVEL PROFILES using the ARROW KEYS on the programming button and press ENTER after each RESISTANCE LEVEL PROFILE is set to the desired level (repeat until all 15 segments are chosen).

*NOTE: if BACK is pressed on the programming button, it will take you back to previous segment.

- 4) Press START to begin the program.

*NOTE: To reset the memory press and hold the ENTER button for 5 seconds.

Elite R 308 CONSOLE DISPLAY



- A) MONITOR DISPLAY: Speed, Time, Heart Rate, Distance, Calories, RPM, Watts and Resistance Level.
 - B) LARGE LED WINDOW: Display program profiles.
 - C) STOP: Press to pause/end your workout. Hold for 3 seconds to reset the treadmill.
 - D) START: Press to begin exercising, start your program, or resume exercising after a pause.
 - E) PROGRAMMING BUTTON: Used to select Program, Level, Time, and other options. Press to change display feedback during workout.
- During programming:
- ARROWS: Scrolls through programs and adjusts program settings.
 - ENTER: Confirms setting and advances to next step.
 - BACK: Returns to previous step.
 - F) ONE-TOUCH LEVEL KEYS: Used to reach desired resistance level more quickly.
 - G) LEVEL ARROW KEYS: Used to adjust resistance level in small increments.
 - H) QUICK PROGRAM KEYS: Used to select programs more directly.

SCAN VIEWING WINDOWS
To have the display windows rotate continuously (Speed, Heart Rate, RPM, Calories, Level and Watts), hold the ENTER button for 4-5 seconds. Hold down ENTER again to turn off scan feature.

PROGRAM PROFILES



MANUAL

Allows you to adjust the resistance level to your preference, without a preset program.



INTERVALS

Improves your strength, speed and endurance by automatically changing the resistance levels throughout your workout.



WEIGHT LOSS

Promotes weight loss by raising and lowering the resistance level, while keeping you in your fat burning zone.



ROLLING HILLS

Creates the feeling of moving up and down hills by gradually increasing and decreasing the resistance.



CONSTANT WATTS

Automatically adjusts resistance levels to keep your watt output at the level you select.



CADENCE

Gradually increases resistance level to build stamina and increase endurance.



HRT

Automatically adjust the resistance level to keep your heart rate in your desired range.



CUSTOM (USERPROGRAM)

Design and store your own custom exercise program.

HEART RATE

HANDLEBARS

Place the palm of your hands directly on the grip pulse handlebars. Both hands must grip the bars for your heart rate to register. It takes 5 consecutive heart beats (15-20 seconds) for your heart rate to register. When gripping the pulse handlebars, do not grip tightly. Holding the grips tightly may elevate your blood pressure. Keep a loose, cupping hold. You may experience an erratic readout if consistently holding the grip pulse handlebars. Make sure to clean the pulse sensors to ensure proper contact can be maintained.

CONDITIONING GUIDELINES

ALWAYS CONSULT YOUR PHYSICIAN BEFORE BEGINNING AN EXERCISE PROGRAM.

HOW OFTEN? (Frequency of Workouts)

The American Heart Association recommends that you exercise at least 3 to 4 days per week to maintain cardiovascular fitness. If you have other goals such as weight or fat loss, you will achieve your goal faster with more frequent exercise. Whether it's 3 days or 6 days, remember that your ultimate goal should be to make exercise a lifetime habit. Many people are successful staying with a fitness program if they set aside a specific time of day to exercise. It doesn't matter whether it's in the morning before breakfast, during lunch hour or while watching the evening news. What's more important is that it's a time that allows you to keep a schedule, and a time when you won't be interrupted. To be successful with your fitness program, you have to make it a priority in your life. So decide on a time, pull out your day planner and pencil in your exercise times for the next month!

HOW LONG? (Duration of Workouts)

For aerobic exercise benefits, it's recommended that you exercise from between 24 and 60 minutes per session. But start slowly and gradually increase your exercise times. If you've been sedentary during the past year, it may be a good idea to keep your exercise times to as little as five minutes initially. Your body will need time to adjust to the new activity. If your goal is weight loss, a longer exercise session at lower intensities has been found to be most effective. A workout time of 48 minutes or more is recommended for best weight loss results.

HOW HARD? (Intensity of Workouts)

How hard you workout is also determined by your goals. If you use your machine to prepare for a 5K workout, you will probably work out at a higher intensity than if your goal is general fitness. Regardless of your long term goals, always begin an exercise program at low intensity. Aerobic exercise does not have to be painful to be beneficial! There are two ways to measure your exercise intensity. The first is by monitoring your heart rate (using the grip pulse handlebars or a wireless chest transmitter - may be sold separately), and the second is by evaluating your perceived exertion level (this is simpler than it sounds).

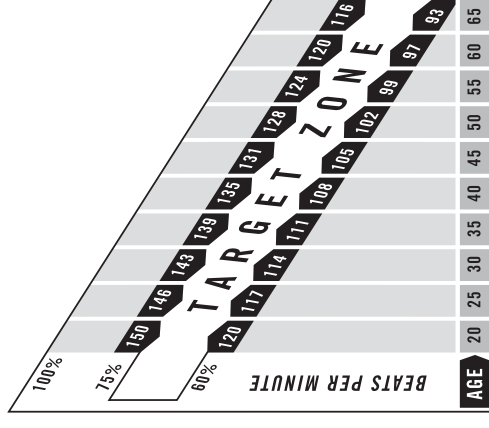
PERCEIVED EXERTION LEVEL

A simple way to gauge your exercise intensity is to evaluate your perceived exertion level. While exercising, if you are too winded to maintain a conversation without gasping, you are working out too hard. A good rule of thumb is to work to the point of exhilaration, not exhaustion. If you cannot catch your breath, it's time to slow down. Always be aware of these warning signs of overexertion.

TARGET HEART RATE ZONE CHART

What is Target Heart Rate Zone?

Target Heart Rate Zone tells you the number of times per minute your heart needs to beat to achieve a desired workout effect. It is represented as a percentage of the maximum number of times your heart can beat per minute. Target Zone will vary for each individual, depending on age, current level of conditioning, and personal fitness goals. The American Heart Association recommends working-out at a Target Heart Rate Zone of between 60% and 75% of your maximum heart rate. A beginner will want to workout in the 60% range while a more experienced exerciser will want to workout in the 70-75% range. See chart for reference.



EXAMPLE:

For a 42-year-old user: Find age along the bottom of the chart (round to 40), follow age column up to the target zone bar. Results: 60% of maximum Heart Rate = 108 Beats Per Minute, 75% of maximum Heart Rate = 135 Beat Per Minute.

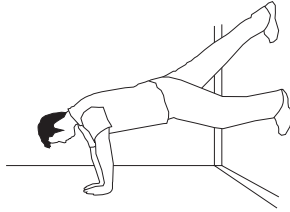
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TIPS

STRETCHING

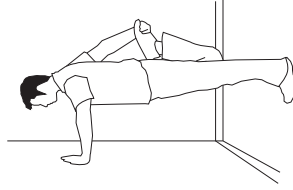
STRETCH FIRST

Before using your product, it is best to take a few minutes to do a few gentle stretching exercises. Stretching prior to exercise will improve flexibility and reduce chances of exercise related injury. Ease into each of these stretches with a slow gentle motion. Do not stretch to the point of pain. Make sure not to bounce while doing these stretches.



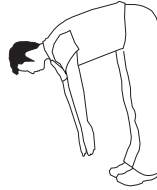
1. STANDING CALF MUSCLE STRETCH

Stand near a wall with the toes of your left foot about 18" from the wall, and the right foot about 12" behind the other foot. Lean forward, pushing against the wall with your palms. Keep your heels flat and hold this position for a count of 15 seconds. Make sure that you do not bounce while stretching. Repeat on the other side.



2. STANDING QUADRICEPS

STRETCH Using a wall to provide balance, grasp your right ankle with your right hand and hold your foot against the back of your thigh for 15 seconds. Repeat with your left ankle and hand.



3. SITTING HAMSTRING & LOWER BACK MUSCLE

STRETCH Sit on the floor with your legs together and straight out in front of you. Do not lock your knees. Extend your fingers towards your toes and hold for a count of 15 seconds. Make sure that you do not bounce while stretching. Sit upright again. Repeat one time.

TIPS

THE IMPORTANCE OF WARM UP & COOL DOWN

WARM UP

The first 2 to 5 minutes of a workout should be devoted to warming up. The warm-up will limber your muscles and prepare them for more strenuous exercise. Make sure that you warm-up on your product at a slow pace. The warm up should gradually bring your heart rate into your Target Heart Rate Zone.

COOL DOWN

Never stop exercising suddenly! A cool-down period of 3-5 minutes allows your heart to readjust to the decreased demand. Make sure that your cool down period consists of a very slow pace to allow your heart rate to lower. After the cool-down, repeat the stretching exercises listed above to loosen and relax your muscles.

TIPS

ACHIEVING YOUR FITNESS GOALS

An important step in developing a long term fitness program is to determine your goals. Is your primary goal for exercising to lose weight? Improve muscle? Reduce stress? Prepare for the spring racing schedule? Knowing what your goals are will help you develop a more successful exercise program. Below are some common exercise goals:

- Weight Loss - lower intensity, longer duration workouts
- Improve Body Shape and Tone - interval workouts, alternate between hi and low intensities
- Increased Energy Level - more frequent daily workouts
- Improved Sports Performance - high intensity workouts
- Improved Cardiovascular Endurance - moderate intensity, longer duration workouts

If possible try to define your personal goals in precise, measurable terms, and then put your goals in writing. The more specific you can be, the easier it will be to track your progress. If your goals are long term, divide them up into monthly and weekly segments. Longer term goals can lose some of the immediate motivation benefits. Short term goals are easier to achieve. Your console provides you with several readouts that can be used to record your progress. You can track Distance, Calories or Time.

KEEPING AN EXERCISE DIARY

To make your personal exercise log book, photocopy the weekly and monthly log sheets, which are located on the following page and you can print them off of your computer by going to:

www.advancedfitnessgroup.com/guides/weeklylog.pdf
www.advancedfitnessgroup.com/guides/monthlylog.pdf

As your fitness improves, you can look back and see how far you've come!

WEEKLY LOG SHEETS

WEEK #	DATE	DISTANCE	CALORIES	WEEKLY GOAL	TIME	COMMENTS
	SUNDAY					
	MONDAY					
	TUESDAY					
	WEDNESDAY					
	THURSDAY					
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MONTHLY LOG SHEETS

MONTH	WEEK #	DISTANCE	CALORIES	MONTHLY GOAL	TIME
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TROUBLESHOOTING

Your Horizon fitness recumbent bike is designed to be reliable. However, if you do experience problems with your bike, please reference the troubleshooting guide listed below.

PROBLEM: The console does not turn on.

SOLUTION: Verify the following:

- The outlet the machine is plugged into is functional. Double check that the breaker has not tripped.
- The correct adapter is being used. Only use the adapter provided or authorized by
- The adapter is not pinched or damaged and is properly plugged into the outlet AND the machine.
- The power switch is turned to the ON position (may not apply to all models).
- Turn off the machine and unplug power cord. Remove the console and check that all connections to the console are secure and not damaged or pinched.

NOTE: If your console uses batteries, they may need to be replaced. Horizon fitness recumbent

PROBLEM: The console lights up but the Time/RPM's do not count.

SOLUTION: Verify the following:

- Turn off machine and unplug power cord. Remove the console and check that all connections to the console are secure and not damaged or pinched.
- If doing the above does not fix the problem, the speed sensor and/or magnet may have become dislodged or damaged.

PROBLEM: The resistance levels seem to be incorrect, seeming too hard or too easy.

SOLUTION: Verify the following:

- The correct adapter is being used. Only use the adapter provided or authorized by Horizon fitness recumbent
- Reset the console and allow the resistance to reset to the default position. Restart and retry the resistance levels.

PROBLEM: The bike makes a squeaking or chirping noise.

SOLUTION: Verify the following:

- The bike is on a level surface.
- Loosen all bolts attached during the assembly process, grease the threads, and tighten again.

HEART RATE TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM: There is no heart rate reading.

SOLUTION: Remove the console and verify that the heart rate cables are attached properly, making sure that the cables are securely inserted into the console.

YOU MAY EXPERIENCE AN ERRATIC READOUT UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- Gripping the heart rate handlebars too tight. Try to maintain moderate pressure while holding onto the heart rate handlebars.
- Constant movement and vibration due to constantly holding the heart rate grips while exercising.
- When you are breathing heavily during a workout.
- When your hands are constricted by wearing a ring.
- When your hands are dry or cold. Try moistening your palms or rubbing them together to warm.
- Anyone with heavy arrhythmia. • Anyone with arteriosclerosis or peripheral circulation disorder.
- Anyone whose skin on the measuring palms is especially thick.

NOTE: Outside interference sources such as computers, motors and fluorescent lights may cause the heart rate reading to be erratic. Check your exercise environment for sources of interference such as high power lines, large motors, etc.

If the above troubleshooting section does not remedy the problem, discontinue use and turn the power off.

The following information may be asked of you when you call. Please have these items readily available:

- Model Name
- Serial Number
- Date of Purchase (receipt or credit card statement)

In order for Customer Tech Support to service your bike they may need to ask detailed questions about the symptoms that are occurring. Some troubleshooting questions that may be asked are:

- How long has this problem been occurring?
- Does this problem occur with every use? With every user?
- If you are hearing a noise, does it come from the front, back or inside? What kind of noise is it (thumping, grinding, squeaking, chirping etc.)?
- If you are having a resistance problem what is occurring? Is the resistance always too hard or too easy? Does the resistance respond when pushing the buttons on the console? Does the resistance constantly cycle through the levels during the workout?
- Has the machine been maintained per the maintenance schedule?
- Does the problem occur when using the handlebars? Without using the handlebars? Answering these and other questions will give the technicians the ability to send proper replacement parts and the service necessary to get you and your Horizon fitness recumbent bike running again!

COMMON PRODUCT QUESTIONS

ARE THE SOUNDS MY BIKE MAKES NORMAL?

Our bikes are some of the quietest available because they use belt drives and friction free magnetic resistance. We use the highest grade bearings and belts to minimize noise. However, because the resistance system itself is so quiet, you will occasionally hear other slight mechanical noises. Unlike older, louder technologies, there are no fans, friction belts, or alternator noises to mask these sounds on our bikes. These mechanical noises, which may or may not be intermittent, are normal and are caused by the transfer of significant amounts of energy to a rapidly spinning flywheel. All bearings, belts and other rotating parts will generate some noise which will transmit through the casing and frame. It is also normal for these sounds to change slightly during a workout and over time because of thermal expansion of the parts.

WHY IS THE BIKE I HAD DELIVERED LOUDER THAN THE ONE AT THE STORE?

All fitness products seem quieter in a large store showroom because there is generally more background noise than in your home. Also, there will be less reverberation on a carpeted concrete floor than on a wood overlay floor. Sometimes a heavy rubber mat will help reduce reverberation through the floor. If a fitness product is placed close to a wall, there will be more reflected noise.

HOW LONG WILL THE DRIVE BELT LAST?

The computer modeling we have done indicated virtually thousands of maintenance free hours. Belts are now commonly used in far more demanding applications such as motorcycle drives. CAN I MOVE

THE BIKE EASILY ONCE IT IS ASSEMBLED?

Your bike has a pair of transport wheels built into the front. It is easy to move your bike by rolling it on the front transport wheels. It is important that you place your bike in a comfortable and inviting room. Your bike is designed to use minimal floor space. Many people will place their bikes facing the TV or a picture window. If at all possible, avoid putting your bike in a unfinished basement. To make exercise a desirable daily activity for you, the bike should be in a comfortable setting.

CAN I PEDAL BACKWARDS ON MY BIKE?

You can pedal backwards on your bike, however, there will be no resistance.

MAINTENANCE

WHAT KIND OF ROUTINE MAINTENANCE IS REQUIRED?

We use sealed bearings throughout our bikes so lubrication is not needed. The most important maintenance step is to simply wipe your perspiration off the bike after each use.

HOW DO I CLEAN MY BIKE?

Clean with soap and water cleaners only. Never use solvents on plastic parts. Cleanliness of your bike and its operating environment will keep maintenance problems and service calls to a minimum. For this reason, Horizon recommends that the following preventive maintenance schedule be followed.

AFTER EACH USE (DAILY)

Turn off the bike by unplugging the power cord from the wall outlet

- Wipe down the bike with a damp cloth. Never use solvents, as they can cause damage to the bike.
- Inspect the power cord. If the power cord is damaged, contact Horizon .
- Make sure the power cord is not underneath the bike or in any other area where it can become pinched or cut.



To remove power from the bike, the power cord must be disconnected from the wall outlet.

WEEKLY

Clean underneath the bike, following these steps:

- Turn off the bike. Move the bike to a remote location.
- Wipe or vacuum any dust particles or other objects that may have accumulated underneath the bike.
- Return the bike to its previous position.

EVERY MONTH

- Inspect all assembly bolts and pedals on the machine for proper tightness.
- Clean any debris off of the seat guide rail.



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