

CORE EXERCISES



Back Ab Wheel

At the back, facing forward

[Xformer]

(Standard: 1 white spring)

(Modification: bring your hips above your knees and keep them there for for the whole exercise)

(Intensification: 2 white springs)

[Megacore]

(Standard: 2 grey springs)

(Modification: 1 grey spring; or bring your hips above your knees and keep them there for for the whole exercise)

(Intensification: 3 grey springs)

[Allegro 2]

(Standard: 1 yellow spring)

(Modification: bring your hips above your knees and keep them there for for the whole exercise)

(Intensification: go slower)

[Evo Reformer]

(Standard: 1 blue spring)

(Modification: bring your hips above your knees and keep them there for for the whole exercise)

(Intensification: 2 blue springs)

- Setup (how to get into position)
 - Starting on the back platform facing the carriage
 - Pull the carriage in and tuck your knees against the back platform strap, legs and feet together
 - Hands on the carriage
 - Slight bend in the elbows, looking down and slightly forward
 - Lower your hips down and forward so your spine is in a diagonal line and engage the core
- Execution (how to perform the exercise)
 - Inhale as you open the carriage, hands move out and away from the shoulders
 - Exhale as you pull the carriage in, hands come in under the shoulders
 - Note: Nothing moves except your hands going out and in

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- DO NOT
 - DO NOT lock out your elbows or tuck the chin into your chest
 - (Locking your elbows can cause wrist pain and tucking the chin restricts your breathing)
 - DO NOT arch your back or cross your legs/feet
 - DO NOT let the hands come in and past the shoulder when coming in
 - (Shoulders going over and past the wrists may cause wrist pain)
 - DO NOT allow the upper middle back to collapse (AKA: Scapular Winging)
- Challenge(s)
 - Holds and pulses
 - Move the carriage halfway out
 - pulse in 2 inches and back 2 inches (easier)
 - pulse out 2 inches and in 2 inches (harder)