

MACHINE SHOULDER PRESS (CLOSE GRIP)



1. Sit down on a **Shoulders Press Machine** with your back pressed firm against it's back pad. Adjust the seat according to your height so that the machine's arm grips are on the same level as your shoulders, then select your desired resistance to be used. Place your feet firm on the floor at about shoulders width apart. Grab the two close arm grips (the ones pointing forward) placed next to your shoulders, with your elbows bent and your forearms facing forward. This will be your starting position.
2. While maintaining a straight & upright torso, use the front region of your shoulders muscles to lift both arm grips all the way up until your arms are fully extended, and while keeping a straight & upright torso throughout the entire movement. **Tip:** Keep your back pressed firm against the back pad at all times.
3. Slowly bring the arm grips back down to their starting position, while keeping your shoulders muscles fully engaged and under constant tension.
4. Repeat this motion for the recommended amount of repetitions.

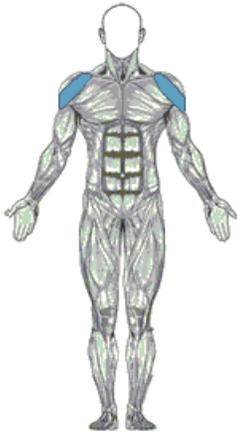
CAUTION: NEVER use a heavy weight setting when performing this exercise to avoid getting any shoulders, elbows and/or back injury. A proper adjusted weight setting that is not too heavy should have you mostly engage your shoulders muscles -as it should- without putting negative pressure on your spine and/or putting your shoulders at risk for injury. Lower down the weight resistance if you ever felt that your shoulders muscles and/or back are being overstrained. It is normal for you to feel your upper back muscles (trapezius muscles) also getting slightly engaged while performing this exercise.

ALTERNATIVE EXERCISES: [Seated EZ Bar Military Press \(Close Grip\)](#) / [Seated Overhead Plate Press](#)

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PRIMARY MUSCLE

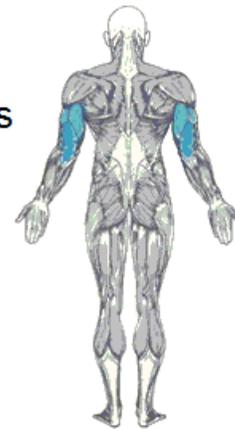
Front
Shoulders



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SECONDARY MUSCLE

Triceps



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A **primary muscle** is the main muscle group responsible for controlling a certain movement or that is primarily engaged when performing a certain exercise.

Muscle engagement should be **%80 - %90** when performing this exercise.

A **secondary muscle** is the muscle group that assists a main muscle group when performing a certain movement or when performing a certain exercise.

Muscle engagement should be **%20 - %10** when performing this exercise.



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