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3	ON SCREEN: The following is a paid commercial
4	for the ABTronic Fitness System, brought to you by
5	ABTronic.
6	MALE ANNOUNCER: commercial for the ABTronic
7	Fitness System, brought to you by ABTronic.
8	(Music playing.)
9	MALE ANNOUNCER: What would you do to flatten
10	your stomach once and for all?
11	ON SCREEN: Large Red X on screen
12	MALE ANNOUNCER: Tired of all those ab products
13	that force you onto the floor and hurt your back, yet
14	show no results. We've got amazing news for you.
15	JAIME: Oh, wow.
16	RICK: Oh, wow. Oh, my.
17	BETH: It feels like it's really working my
18	abs. It really does. And I don't have to strain.
19	MALE ANNOUNCER: Introducing the revolutionary
20	ABTronic Fitness System. In the next half hour, you'll
21	see how this new technology does all the work for you.
22	You'll just sit and relax and watch your abs tighten,
23	your love handles disappear and your thighs and buns firm
24	up with no sweat. You'll see how the ABTronic System
25	gives you the results of 600 sit-ups in just 10 minutes

without any effort. It's like our engineers shrunk half
 a gym of bulky expensive exercise equipment into a little
 electronic miracle the size of a pack of matches.

Get ready to discover the secret of professional trainers, champion bodybuilders and astronauts with the ABTronic Fitness System.

ON SCREEN: ABTronic

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The Future of Fitness

ON SCREEN: Julie Shipley Todd Jensen

10 TODD JENSEN: Hello, my name is Todd Jensen and 11 this is the beautiful Julie Shipley who placed third in 12 the Fitness America Nationals the past two years running. 13 And this is the ABTronic Fitness System. You just place 14 it around your stomach, turn it on and get ready for the 15 greatest set of abs that you're ever going to see with no 16 sweat.

17 JULIE SHIPLEY: And you can feel it working 18 immediately.

19TODD JENSEN: I mean, wow, look at that. I can20see her stomach muscles contracting. That looks pretty21cool.

JULIE SHIPLEY: It feels pretty cool, too. It's like doing the equivalent of 600 sit-ups in 10 minutes.

TODD JENSEN: Whoo, that's a lot of sit-ups.

1 It's the most advanced electronic workout that you can 2 get. You stay passive and the ABTronic does all the work 3 for you.

Steve McKiernan 4 ON SCREEN: 5 Internet Co., President STEVEN McKIERNAN: While wearing the ABTronic, 6 7 you know what's happening. You can feel the contractions, you can feel the energy, you can feel the 8 9 intensity going on in your abdominal muscles. It's crystal clear that there's something healthy going on in 10 11 your body when you're wearing the ABTronic. 12 ON SCREEN: Sandra Lopez Certified Fitness Trainer 13 SANDRA LOPEZ: When I looked at the ABTronic 14 15 System I thought, gosh, is this going to give me a good 16 workout. And then, as soon as I tried it, it was 17 awesome. It was just -- it gave me a great workout. Ι saw muscles that I never knew I even had and I just love 18 19 it. It's great. 20 ON SCREEN: Jennifer Knisley 21 Real Estate Specialist 22 JENNIFER KNISLEY: When I first put the 23 ABTronic belt on, I was really surprised to be able to 24 see my muscles actually moving and contracting. It was a neat sensation because I knew my muscles were really 25

working. When I first took it off, I was also surprised
 because my muscles were tired, which let me know that,
 indeed, they had worked.

TODD JENSEN: It's absolutely great for people who want to lose inches and weight around the midsection. In a matter of days, you're going to see how ABTronic firms and tightens your muscles and makes your stomach flatter.

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Hotel Beverage Dept.

ON SCREEN: Anita Vaccaro

Lost 3 inches Before & After photos

12 ANITA VACCARO: After three weeks of using the 13 ABTronic System, I noticed fantastic results. I have 14 lost three inches in my waist and two inches in my hip 15 area and I was just very happy with it.

16 ON SCREEN: Lisa Lundy

17 Real Estate Sales

Lost 5 inches Before & After photos
 Results vary based on use and muscle response

20 I got into a car accident about LISA LUNDY: 21 three months ago and was unable to go work out at the 22 Since then, I have found the ABTronic System. I've qym. used the ABTronic System now for about two and a half 23 2.4 months. I've lost five inches on my waist and another 25 three inches on my hips.

JULIE SHIPLEY: ABTronic is really safe and easy to use. You apply a little ABTronic gel on the back, wrap the belt around your stomach and turn it on. Wow, you can feel your muscles contract.

5 TODD JENSEN: You see, the ABTronic has a 6 built-in microchip that gives you not one, not two, but 7 six different electronic workout modes --

## ON SCREEN: 6 different programs

10 TODD JENSEN: -- from short staccato muscle
11 contractions to long deep contractions, to random
12 mixtures of shorts and longs, whatever fits your needs.

JULIE SHIPLEY: You increase the intensity by pushing this button or you decrease it by pushing this one. There are 10 levels of intensity, from a mild massage to an intense workout, and they couldn't have made it any simpler.

18 TODD JENSEN: And it automatically turns off 19 after 10 minutes, so you don't need to look at the clock 20 while ABTronic is working you out. Now, notice, I said 21 it's working you out. It does all the work.

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ON SCREEN: Leah Martinez

## Makeup Artist

LEAH MARTINEZ: When I used the ABTronic
System, I felt like I didn't have to do anything at all.

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It did all the work for me and I feel like all my muscles are working all at the same time. It just felt so good. JULIE SHIPLEY: And there's no need to buy expensive exercise equipment or drive to the gym every day.

6 TODD JENSEN: You can go about your normal 7 business while ABTronic slims, trims and firms your upper 8 abs, your lower abs and/or your love handles with no 9 sweat.

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## ON SCREEN: Dawn Hathaway

## VP, Executive Staffing Firm

12 DAWN HATHAWAY: I'm always in a hurry for time and I think another favorite thing of mine with the 13 ABTronic System is that I could cut my workout short. 14 Ι was accustomed to doing my cardio workout and then taking 15 16 the extra time to do the abdominal machine or doing some 17 crunches, and the pleasure of this product is that the ABTronic System did that work for me, so I could actually 18 19 go about, you know, doing my other daily duties or 20 leaving the gym or whatever I needed to be doing and it would be working for me instead of me having to take that 21 22 time to work out.

# 23 ON SCREEN: Animation of ABTronic machine 24 working on muscle

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TODD JENSEN: ABTronic works by little

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electronic impulses that send a signal through the skin to the motor point of the muscle, triggering the muscle to contract. So, there's no more guessing at how to do a proper crunch. ABTronic does it for you the correct way every time.

## ON SCREEN: Alice Melesio-Incle Certified Fitness Trainer

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8 ALICE MELESIO-INCLE: As a personal trainer, I 9 teach my clients to be able to contract their muscles --10 the abdominal muscles and do crunches properly, but when 11 they go home, they don't remember how to be able to do 12 the proper contraction to make the exercise work for 13 them.

14 What I found with the ABTronic System is that 15 it's a no-brainer.

16ON SCREEN: It does the work for you17Results vary based on use and muscle response18ALICE MELESIO-INCLE: You -- all you do is put19on the belt and you don't have to think contracting your20abdominals. It does it all for you.

JULIE SHIPLEY: ABTronic will tone and firm those muscles around your stomach in no time. Soon, you will have results you only dream about.

TODD JENSEN: You are going to have abs that you won't believe.

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JULIE SHIPLEY: And, ladies, listen to this. ABTronic can even get rid of that cellulite and flabbiness around your thighs and you can also use it on your chest.

5 TODD JENSEN: Dr. Julio Garcia has been a 6 practicing cosmetic plastic surgeon in Las Vegas for 13 7 years and is highly respected among his peers. In fact, 8 it was Dr. Garcia who was asked to sew boxer Evander 9 Holyfield's ear back on after Mike Tyson had it for 10 dinner in their title fight.

11Dr. Garcia knows how important it is for people12to feel and look their best.

13ON SCREEN: Dr. Julio Garcia14Board Certified Plastic Surgeon15DR. JULIO GARCIA: Many people can go on a very16strict diet regimen and lose a lot of body fat, yet the17muscle tone underneath shows no definitions. We've all

18 gone to the beach, seen young women and men with those 19 six-pack type of washboard abs. They're really very sexy 20 and people really want those.

21 Well, you can lose all the weight in the world 22 that you want, but unless you have good muscle tone 23 underneath, you're not going to have a washboard abdomen.

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 ON SCREEN: Animation of ABTronic machine

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 working on muscle

DR. JULIO GARCIA: So, with systems like the ABTronic where we can stimulate these muscles and you do both things, both the system of losing some weight, losing those inches, and then firming and toning the muscles underneath, that muscle definition will, therefore, show through much better and give you a better cosmetic improvement.

8 JULIE SHIPLEY: You only need to use the 9 ABTronic Fitness System for 10 minutes two to three times 10 a day to put yourself in bathing suit shape. Remember, 11 10 minutes with the ABTronic and you're doing 600 sit-12 ups.

JULIE SHIPLEY: Obviously, the more you use it, the better and quicker the result.

10 minutes = 600 situps

ON SCREEN:

16Todd, when was the last time you did 600 sit-17ups? Never?

18 TODD JENSEN: You know, Julie, the abs are my 19 toughest area to keep fit and I hate getting on the 20 ground doing sit-ups or using those rolling ab machines. 21 But with the ABTronic Fitness System, no sweat. I can 22 use it sitting in front of the television, walking the 23 dog, at work, shopping, traveling, anywhere anytime. 24 JULIE SHIPLEY: And no one will know you're

25 wearing it.

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1 ON SCREEN: Jennifer Knisley 2 Real Estate Specialist 3 I mainly use the ABTronic JENNIFER KNISLEY: System at home. And what I liked best is in the morning, 4 I could change my baby's diapers, I could fix breakfast 5 6 for both of my children, throw in a load of laundry, 7 unload the dishwasher, all my typical morning mundane chores, and at the same time, my ab muscles were working 8 9 and getting a very good workout and I didn't have to find the time to actually lay down and do sit-ups or anything 10 11 of that nature. 12 ON SCREEN: Dawn Hathaway 13 VP, Executive Staffing Firm

14 DAWN HATHAWAY: I think my favorite thing about 15 the ABTronic System is that it was so portable and easy 16 to use.

17ON SCREEN: Portable18Easy to use19DAWN HATHAWAY: I'm on the go a lot, I travel20quite a bit, and it's easily put into a suitcase or put21into a handbag so that I didn't feel I was missing out on

22 a workout if I had to be away from home or away from the 23 gym.

24TODD JENSEN: It doesn't matter whether you're25tall or short, big or small --

ON SCREEN: Do not use during pregnancy or with 1 2 a pacemaker, cardiac condition, epilepsy, multiple 3 sclerosis TODD JENSEN: -- here's your opportunity to put 4 5 your workout on auto pilot and get those abs strong, firm and toned with no sweat with the ABTronic Fitness System. 6 7 ON SCREEN: This is a paid presentation for the ABTronic Fitness System 8 9 TODD JENSEN: And here's how to order. MALE ANNOUNCER: No time to work out? Fed up 10 11 with all those exercise videos that become repetitive? 12 ON SCREEN: Large Red X on screen 13 MALE ANNOUNCER: Tired of all those ab products that force you onto the floor? 14 15 Now, here's the easiest way to get your body in 16 the shape you want it. The future of fitness is finally 17 here. Introducing the amazing ABTronic Fitness System. Get ready to firm, tone and tighten your upper abs, lower 18 abs and love handles with no sweat. ABTronic is the 19 20 electronic dream machine that will show you immediate improvement without strenuous time-consuming workouts. 21 22 You'll develop that six-pack you've always wanted in the 23 easiest way imaginable.

ABTronic is very safe and simple to use. You control the 10 intensity levels and you have a choice of

six different exercise programs to choose from. 1 Then, 2 amazingly, watch as your ab muscles contract as if you're doing a sit-up. That's right. Your muscles are moving 3 4 but you are not. ABTronic will work you out while watching television, shopping, working, walking, any 5 place you want, any time you want. Ten minutes on the 6 7 ABTronic is the equivalent of 600 sit-ups. That's why we guarantee you'll lose two inches off your midsection in 8 9 less than a month or your money back.

10 You can also target your arms, chest, buns or 11 thighs. And because there are no wires or pads, you can 12 even wear ABTronic under your clothes and no one will 13 know it's there but you.

14ON SCREEN: Not available in stores15The future of fitness with no sweat161-800-210-5588

17 MALE ANNOUNCER: ABTronic is not available in 18 stores. This special TV offer is the only place you can 19 get it. So, pick up the phone and call the number on 20 your screen.

21ON SCREEN: \$600 (crossed out with red x)22The future of fitness with no sweat231-800-210-5588

24 MALE ANNOUNCER: Other electronic machines sell 25 for as much as \$600. But ABTronic is available to you

right now for five payments of \$29.95. 1 2 ON SCREEN: 5 payments \$29.95 3 (plus S+H) The future of fitness with no sweat 4 1-800-210-5588 5 6 MALE ANNOUNCER: But hold on, for a limited 7 time, you can purchase ABTronic for only four easy payments of \$29.95. 8 9 ON SCREEN: 4 payments \$29.95 10 (plus S+H) 11 The future of fitness with no sweat 12 1-800-210-5588 MALE ANNOUNCER: That's one full payment off 13 the normal price. 14 15 ON SCREEN: 16 - Instruction manual 17 - Weight-Loss plan - 2nd battery 18 - Slim Down Firming Gel 19 20 The future of fitness with no sweat 21 1-800-210-5588 22 MALE ANNOUNCER: And that's not all. You'll also get an easy to read instruction manual, the 23 24 exclusive ABTronic Advanced Weight Loss booklet, a spare battery and a special ABTronic slim down firming gel to 25

give you maximum results guickly. 1 2 ON SCREEN: Value \$40 FREE 3 The future of fitness with no sweat 1-800-210-5588 4 5 MALE ANNOUNCER: These extras are valued at 6 \$40, but they're yours free with the purchase of the 7 ABTronic Fitness System. ON SCREEN: Value \$20 FREE 8 The future of fitness with no sweat 9 1-800-210-5588 10 MALE ANNOUNCER: But wait, if you call within 11 12 the next 29 minutes, we'll also send you this handsome traveling bag, valued at \$20 --13 14 ON SCREEN: Ideal for travel The future of fitness with no sweat 15 1 - 800 - 210 - 558816 17 MALE ANNOUNCER: -- so you can carry your ABTronic Fitness System anywhere you want. 18 19 ON SCREEN: Buns Thighs Arms 20 The future of fitness with no sweat 21 1-800-210-5588 22 MALE ANNOUNCER: And there's more, for a 23 limited time, you'll also receive a second shorter belt 24 perfect for placing around your thighs or arms. 25

1 ON SCREEN: 2nd Belt FREE 2 The future of fitness with no sweat 3 1-800-210-5588 Normally, this would be sold 4 MALE ANNOUNCER: 5 separately, but it's yours free with the purchase today 6 of the ABTronic Fitness System. 7 ON SCREEN: 30 day money back GUARANTEE The future of fitness with no sweat 8 1-800-210-5588 9 10 MALE ANNOUNCER: And you also get an 11 unconditional 30-day money back guarantee. If you're not 12 satisfied, just return it for a refund of the purchase price --13 ON SCREEN: FREE just for trying the ABTronic 14 The future of fitness with no sweat 15 1 - 800 - 210 - 558816 17 MALE ANNOUNCER: -- and keep the firming gel and weight loss booklet on us for free. 18 19 ON SCREEN: 4 payments \$29.95 20 (plus S+H) 21 The future of fitness with no sweat 22 1-800-210-5588 23 So, call the number on your MALE ANNOUNCER: 24 screen and get ready to tighten your abs like you've never seen them before. Professional athletes, 25

astronauts and physical therapists have used it. Now
 it's your turn. Put your workout on auto pilot, the
 amazing ABTronic Fitness System. Call now.

TODD JENSEN: Exercise using electronic impulse has been scientifically tested for years, mostly by astronauts, sports doctors and pro athletes. But until now you had to attach wires to the muscles on the body part you wanted to work and things could get pretty tangled up.

JULIE SHIPLEY: With the ABTronic Fitness System, you can't get any easier. This is wireless. It's all self-contained in one compact portable unit. I just put a little ABTronic gel on the back of the belt, attach it around my stomach and press the button. Whoa. You can feel it working and you're not even sweating.

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ON SCREEN: Dawn Hathaway

## VP, Executive Staffing Firm

DAWN HATHAWAY: The first time I put the ABTronic System on I expected maybe a slight little vibration or a little bit of something going on there. When I actually tried it, I was amazed at how powerful it was. I could really feel it working and how deep it was going into my abs.

24TODD JENSEN: They say big things come in small25packages and that can certainly be said with the ABTronic

Fitness System. Don't let its size fool you. In the
 world of electronics and computer chips, small is better
 and more valuable.

Because of its quality engineering, this little miracle is comparable to a gym full of exercise equipment. There's nothing like it. You have to experience it for yourself.

8 JULIE SHIPLEY: You can set it for short 9 staccato contractions or longer deeper muscle 10 contractions. Remember, it has six different workout 11 programs and ten intensity levels.

TODD JENSEN: I like the short, quick contraction that duplicates a sit-up. You stay with this for 10 minutes and it's comparable to doing 600 sit-ups at a time. And you do that enough times, and you're going to have that six-pack of abs sooner than you think.

ON SCREEN: K.T. Roberge

## Homemaker

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#### Results based on use and muscle response

20 K.T. ROBERGE: When I first started using 21 the ABTronic System, I was skeptical at first, thinking 22 it's just too easy, strapping it on, nothing to plug 23 in, and it just contracts your muscles. But for three 24 weeks, I have used it now and I've lost two inches in my 25 waist.

Medical Practice Manager

3 SANDIE HEITMAN: I have purchased other 4 abdominal equipment on the television before, and when 5 I've got them home and tried them, it's not as easy as 6 they say it is. It hurts your back and it's quite 7 painful. So, when I ordered the ABTronic System, I find 8 that it's more comfortable and it actually does what they 9 say, and it tones your muscles.

10 TODD JENSEN: Bodybuilders and professional 11 athletes use random programs so their muscles won't 12 become resistant to repetitive exercise. In fact, 13 we asked champion bodybuilder, Idrise Ward-El, to test 14 the ABTronic Fitness System in preparation for 15 competition.

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## ON SCREEN: Idrise Ward-El

## Professional Bodybuilder

IDRISE WARD-EL: When I first used the ABTronic 18 19 System, it looked small and I didn't have any idea what 20 it would feel like. When I did use it, I had a very strong contraction, a lot stronger than doing sit-ups. 21 22 Even after 100 sit-ups, you don't get the kind of 23 contraction you get here, because normally, when doing sit-ups you get tired first. Then it starts to work. 24 Doing the first ABTronic Systems, the first 25

contraction feels like you've done already 100, 150 sit-1 Most people do sit-ups incorrectly. They do 2 ups. crunches incorrectly. And some people are physically 3 unable to do crunches or sit-ups. So, the ABTronic 4 System will help all those individuals. They don't have 5 to worry about whether or not they're holding behind 6 7 their neck, they're messing with their spinal cord, and those who physically can't do them don't have to worry 8 9 about that as well. ON SCREEN: Comparison of the Effects of 10 11 Electrical Stimulation & Exercise on Abdominal 12 Musculature 13

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17 JULIE SHIPLEY: Seven doctors from the University of Maryland did a four-week study on abdominal 18 strength of 31 healthy volunteers. 19

20 ON SCREEN: Bar graph

Electronic Stimulation plus Exercise

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23 That study shows that exercise TODD JENSEN: combined with electronic muscle stimulation increased the 24 subject's strength by 47 percent. 25

## ON SCREEN: Bar graph

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41% increase only 6% increase Electronic stimulation Exercise Alone

4 TODD JENSEN: Electronic stimulation, by 5 itself, with no additional exercise, increased abdominal 6 muscle strength by 41 percent. Exercise alone only 7 accounted for a 6 percent increase.

8 JULIE SHIPLEY: Their conclusion was that 9 electronic stimulation was much better than exercise 10 alone. That proves that you get better results by use of 11 the ABTronic Fitness System whether you use it as a 12 supplement to your normal workout or just by itself.

ON SCREEN: Dr. Julio Garcia

## Board Certified Plastic Surgeon

DR. JULIO GARCIA: Well, as a physician, what we all know is if we all want to maintain our muscle mass in order to stay healthy, especially in advanced age, the more muscle mass you have, the healthier you're going to be and that's something we all are concerned about, especially men and women as we get older.

Now, the nice thing about the ABTronic System is you don't have to go to a gymnasium where you have to do weight lifting exercises, where we may have some other medical problems that would prevent you from doing that, whether it's high blood pressure or bad joints. The

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ABTronic causes a firm contraction of the muscle stimulating that muscle whether you want to or not, it's going to contract, we're going to get that muscle tone and maintain that muscle mass so you maintain that and you're healthier and look better for the rest of your life.

ON SCREEN: Idrise Ward-El

## Professional Bodybuilder

9 IDRISE WARD-EL: Using the ABTronic System is a lot safer than using any -- any other ab or crunch 10 11 mechanism. Most abdominal systems, as far as when you 12 roll out with the roller or you do crunches or you do sit-ups, they all compromise the spinal cord. Sometimes 13 they compromise the shoulder girdle. And the ABTronic 14 15 System has nothing to do with compromising any part of 16 your physical body.

ON SCREEN: Dana Washington

18 Event Planner

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19Results vary based on use and muscle response20DANA WASHINGTON: Usually when I go to the gym,21I do stomach exercises on the floor, and when I'm on the22floor, it's always hurting my lower back or just -- it's23uncomfortable. And when I'm using the ABTronic Fitness24System, I can be in any position I want to be in.

ON SCREEN: ABTronic vs. Ab Machine Comparison

1 TODD JENSEN: We also did our own comparison, 2 asking two physically fit people to go on an ab machine in a gym four weeks apart, and we did not put them on any 3 specific diet and we did not ask them to eliminate their 4 normal fitness routines. 5 6 ON SCREEN: 100 pounds 140 pounds 7 + 40 lbs. TODD JENSEN: Alice increased the amount of 8 9 weights she could lift by 40 pounds --ON SCREEN: 80 pounds 10 130 pounds 11 + 50 lbs. 12 TODD JENSEN: -- and Jennifer improved by 50 pounds in about one month's time. 13 JULIE SHIPLEY: We wanted to see what people 14 15 just like you thought of the ABTronic Fitness System. So 16 we took our cameras to the top of the Las Vegas strip, 17 into the Tower Shops at the Stratosphere Hotel and Casino, and asked for volunteers. Watch what happened. 18 19 ON SCREEN: Jaime 20 Las Vegas 21 JAIME: Oh, my God. Ahhh, ahhh. Oh, wow. 22 Kind of like an inside tickle. 23 ON SCREEN: Beth 2.4 Las Vegas Look what it's doing. This is kind of 25 BETH:

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I want to get one of these. 1 cool. 2 ON SCREEN: Matt 3 New York It feels like little hands punching my 4 MATT: abdomen. But it -- it's -- I can feel it tightening up 5 6 in here and in here. 7 ON SCREEN: Rick 8 Los Angeles 9 RICK: It's tightening -- tightening my abs. 10 So -- and I'm not doing anything. 11 ON SCREEN: Carmen New York 12 CARMEN: Basically, I feel the same tension I 13 feel in my abdominal muscles by doing the same sit-ups I 14 do without the effort. 15 16 ON SCREEN: Roxanne 17 Las Vegas ROXANNE: You could definitely sit at home and 18 watch TV and do this and not break a sweat. 19 20 ON SCREEN: Rick 21 Los Angeles 22 RICK: This is perfect for me, somebody who 23 doesn't want to work out and get it the easy way. 24 ON SCREEN: Aquila 25 Bronx, NY

AQUILA: I'm a teacher in New York and I can 1 2 grab this while I'm working and the kids will never know. ON SCREEN: Carmen 3 4 New York 5 CARMEN: I got some friends with some beer bellies, they never want to exercise, this is the trick 6 7 for them. ON SCREEN: Carlos 8 9 Plano, TX 10 This is a paid presentation for the ABTronic 11 Fitness System 12 Abs are probably one of my CARLOS: frustrations because I -- you do enough sit-ups, but you 13 just don't get the results and then you just stop. 14 This 15 is pretty amazing. 16 MALE ANNOUNCER: No time to work out? Fed up 17 with all those exercise videos that become repetitive? 18 ON SCREEN: Large Red X on screen MALE ANNOUNCER: Tired of all those ab products 19 20 that force you onto the floor? 21 Now, here's the easiest way to get your body in 22 the shape you want it. The future of fitness is finally 23 here. Introducing the amazing ABTronic Fitness System. 24 Get ready to firm, tone and tighten your upper abs, lower abs and love handles with no sweat. ABTronic is the 25

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20	the normal price.
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muscle tone. The muscles show much better, and after 1 2 only three weeks, I've lost two inches already. ON SCREEN: John Trad 3 4 Sales Manager 5 Results vary based on use and muscle response JOHN TRAD: Well, I've been using the ABTronic 6 7 System for three weeks. I've lost three inches in my I feel great. I don't have love handles like I waist. 8 9 did before and I enjoy it. ON SCREEN: Dr. Ann Lewis 10 11 Oral Surgeon 12 Before & After photos 13 DR. ANN LEWIS: After using the ABTronic System for about two months, I noticed that my abdominals were 14 more cut. They have more definition, which is what I was 15 16 looking for. 17 ON SCREEN: Charles Magruder Stock Broker 18 19 Lost 3 inches Before & After photos 20 CHARLES MAGRUDER: I concentrated the ABTronic 21 System on my stomach and after about two and a half 22 months, I noticed about a three-inch reduction in my 23 waistline. It was very noticeable. 2.4 ON SCREEN: Kathy Horn 25 Tanning Salon Owner

Before & After photos 1 2 KATHY HORN: After using the ABTronic System, I've lost three inches on my waist in the matter of two 3 weeks and my abdominals look so much better. 4 I can wear 5 lower pants, which I usually have a problem wearing pants like that after having a child, and it's worked wonders. 6 7 ON SCREEN: Animation #1 Karate Chop 8 9 #2 Tap Massage #3 General Exercise 10 11 #4 Crunch Craze 12 #5 Iron Man #6 Fat Blaster Cellulite 13 ABTronic gives you a choice of 14 TODD JENSEN: 15 six different training modes, the karate chop mode, the 16 tap massage mode or what I like to call the woodpecker 17 mode, the general exercise mode, the crunch craze program, the advanced iron man program, and the fat 18 blaster cellulite mode. 19 20 The karate chop and woodpecker modes are the best for ab work because of the steady contractions, 21 22 comparable to doing 600 sit-ups in 10 minutes. But 23 remember, the ABTronic is doing all the work for you. 2.4 ON SCREEN: Sandra Lopez 25 Certified Fitness Trainer

1 SANDRA LOPEZ: When using the ABTronic System, 2 I preferred the karate chop and the iron man. I usually 3 like to put them on an intermediate to high level because 4 it -- you really feel it -- I really feel it working that 5 way. It just -- it feels like a deep tissue massage or 6 something. It just like really gets deep into the muscle 7 and it's great, I love it. It works.

8 JULIE SHIPLEY: The random modes give you an 9 overall workout. You never know what's coming. These 10 are used by sports trainers, fitness competitors, martial 11 artists and pro athletes. I also use the cellulite 12 buster on the back of my legs. It's a low intensity mode 13 that's continuously on and it works wonders.

## ON SCREEN: Marilyn Jones

#### Stuntwoman

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MARILYN JONES: Besides using it on my abs, I've also put it on my thighs and the ABTronic System is fantastic for the thighs. It really gives you a fantastic workout, better than anything. In fact, it's better than squats and leg lifts.

TODD JENSEN: Whether you prefer a lighter massaging motion, a quick impulsive powerful workout or the advanced iron man program that gives you a more extensive workout, we promise that you'll find a level on the ABTronic Fitness System that will work any and all of

your problem areas, and with absolutely no sweat. That's
 guaranteed.

You've just got to try it to see what we're soexcited about.

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## Police Officer

ON SCREEN: Jay Horn

JAY HORN: I've had a bad problem with this -love handles on the side. Everybody has them, I think. And using the ABTronic System has really taken off inches off my sides, and even my wife has seen it and noticed it, and I like that.

12 ON SCREEN: Dawn Hathaway

VP, Executive Staffing Firm

14DAWN HATHAWAY: I've done crunches after15workout both on the floor and with abdominal machines and16neither one is very comfortable, to be frank.

ON SCREEN: comfortable

saves time

DAWN HATHAWAY: The ABTronic System was a pleasure in that you could have the belt on and not be lying on the ground and people aren't looking at you and stepping over you and it, besides saving time, just was a real pleasure to use.

24JULIE SHIPLEY: And remember, you can wear25ABTronic walking, at work, traveling, shopping, watching

television, surfing the Internet, anywhere, any time. 1 2 TODD JENSEN: No one will even know you're wearing it. It fits right under your clothes. 3 Samantha Kolari 4 ON SCREEN: 5 Human Resources Recruiter 6 use while: 7 - cooking 8 - cleaning 9 - laundry 10 - computer 11 - traveling 12 SAMANTHA KOLARI: I've used the ABTronic System at home while I was cooking, cleaning, doing laundry. 13 I've used it while I'm working on my computer. I've used 14 15 it, also, on the airplane. It's a very small unit so I 16 don't -- it's not as noticeable and it makes it very 17 convenient for me to use it everywhere I go. ON SCREEN: Sandra Lopez 18 Certified Fitness Trainer 19 20 SANDRA LOPEZ: The ABTronic System is very practical. I can't see myself putting an Ab Roller or 21 22 something in my purse, whereas the ABTronic System I can put in my purse. I can cook, I can clean, I can read 23 24 with it on and it -- I can just do so many things at once and still get a great workout, and I will definitely 25

1 recommend it to my friends. There's no doubt about it.

ON SCREEN: Dr. Julio Garcia

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## Board Certified Plastic Surgeon

DR. JULIO GARCIA: The thing about the system is it's applicable for men, women, young and old and it gives them that sleek appearance, not that muscle kind of gymnasium type, you know, bulky appearance that people are trying to avoid, but a healthy yet toned appearance. The ABTronic really has achieved that.

TODD JENSEN: Well, our time with you nice 10 people is almost up. We've shown you the test results, 11 12 the demonstrations. One thing we can't do is pick up the phone and make that call. So, order the ABTronic Fitness 13 System that does all the work for you and gets you those 14 toned, tight and firm abs in no time. ABTronic is not 15 16 available in stores, so there are only a few minutes left 17 for you to order one from this special TV offer.

JULIE SHIPLEY: Now is the time to put theABTronic Fitness System into your life.

20 ON SCREEN: Do not use during pregnancy or with 21 a pacemaker, cardiac condition, epilepsy, multiple 22 sclerosis

TODD JENSEN: How can you beat it? A great workout with no hassle, no driving, no injuries and no sweat.

ON SCREEN: This is a paid presentation for the 1 2 ABTronic Fitness System TODD JENSEN: Here's your last chance to order 3 4 and thank you for joining us. ON SCREEN: 1-800-210-5588 5 MALE ANNOUNCER: No time to work out? Fed up 6 7 with all those exercise videos that become repetitive? ON SCREEN: Large Red X on screen 8 MALE ANNOUNCER: Tired of all those ab products 9 10 that force you onto the floor? 11 Now, here's the easiest way to get your body in 12 the shape you want it. The future of fitness is finally Introducing the amazing ABTronic Fitness System. 13 here. Get ready to firm, tone and tighten your upper abs, lower 14 abs and love handles with no sweat. ABTronic is the 15

electronic dream machine that will show you immediate improvement without strenuous time-consuming workouts. You'll develop that six-pack you've always wanted in the easiest way imaginable.

ABTronic is very safe and simple to use. You control the 10 intensity levels and you have a choice of six different exercise programs to choose from. Then, amazingly, watch as your ab muscles contract as if you're doing a sit-up. That's right. Your muscles are moving but you are not. ABTronic will work you out while

watching television, shopping, working, walking, any place you want, any time you want. Ten minutes on the ABTronic is the equivalent of 600 sit-ups. That's why we guarantee you'll lose two inches off your midsection in less than a month or your money back.

6 You can also target your arms, chest, buns or 7 thighs. And because there are no wires or pads, you can 8 even wear ABTronic under your clothes and no one will 9 know it's there but you.

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13 MALE ANNOUNCER: ABTronic is not available in 14 stores. This special TV offer is the only place you can 15 get it. So, pick up the phone and call the number on 16 your screen.

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22 right now for five payments of \$29.95.

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