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_____	Length of outspread arms is equal to height	Length of outspread arms (cm) _____	See if this measurement is the same as your height. _____
_____	Width of shoulders is one quarter of the height	Width of shoulders (cm) _____	Multiply the width of your shoulders by 4 to see if it equals your height. _____

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