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MODEL: 754-04045 / 954-04045

1. Product Overview

This document provides essential information for the Arnold MTD Genuine Parts 42-Inch Deck Belt. This belt is a replacement component designed to transfer power from the engine to the mower deck, enabling the cutting blades to operate effectively. Proper installation and maintenance are crucial for optimal performance and longevity of your mowing equipment.



Image of the Arnold MTD Genuine Parts 42-Inch Deck Belt, designed for RZT mowers and lawn tractors.

2. Compatibility

This deck belt is compatible with specific lawn tractors and RZT mowers manufactured in 2006 and after, with RZT mowers specifically from 2006 through 2008. It is designed for use with units from brands such as Troy-Bilt, MTD, Yard-Man, Huskee, Yard Machines, and Bolens.

This belt replaces Original Equipment (O.E.) part numbers **754-04045** and **954-04045**. To ensure correct fitment, always verify the required part number in your specific mower's operator's manual before installation.

3. Setup and Installation

For detailed installation instructions specific to your mower model, always refer to your equipment's operator's manual. The following are general guidelines for deck belt replacement:

1. **Safety First:** Before beginning any work, ensure the mower engine is turned off, the spark plug wire is disconnected, and the battery (if applicable) is disconnected to prevent accidental starting. Allow the engine and any hot components to cool.
2. **Access the Deck:** Depending on your mower model, you may need to remove the mower deck from the tractor or raise it to access the belt and pulleys.
3. **Remove Old Belt:** Carefully observe the routing of the old belt before removal. Take photos if necessary. Release any tensioning mechanisms and remove the worn or broken belt from the pulleys.
4. **Install New Belt:** Route the new Arnold MTD Genuine Parts 42-Inch Deck Belt around all pulleys exactly as the old belt was routed. Ensure the belt is seated correctly in all pulley grooves.
5. **Tension and Reassemble:** Re-engage any tensioning mechanisms. Double-check that the belt is properly aligned and tensioned. Reassemble any components removed to access the deck.
6. **Test:** After reassembly, reconnect the spark plug wire and battery. Start the mower and engage the deck blades in a safe, open area to ensure proper operation before use.

4. Operating with the New Belt

Once the new deck belt is installed, ensure that the mower deck engages smoothly and the blades rotate without unusual noise or vibration. If you notice any slipping, excessive noise, or improper blade engagement, immediately turn off the mower and inspect the belt installation and tension. Refer to your mower's operator's manual for specific operating instructions and safety precautions.

5. Maintenance

Regular inspection and maintenance of your deck belt will extend its lifespan and ensure consistent mowing performance:

- **Inspect Regularly:** Periodically check the belt for signs of wear, such as cracks, fraying, glazing, or stretching. Also, inspect the pulleys for wear or damage.
- **Keep Clean:** Remove any grass clippings, dirt, or debris that may accumulate on the belt or pulleys. Clean components can prevent premature wear and slippage.
- **Proper Storage:** When not in use for extended periods, store the mower in a dry environment to protect the belt from environmental degradation.
- **Replace When Worn:** Replace the belt at the first signs of significant wear or damage to prevent unexpected breakage during operation.

6. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your deck belt, consider the following common troubleshooting steps:

- **Belt Slipping:** This can be caused by incorrect belt tension, worn or glazed belt surfaces, worn pulley grooves, or the presence of debris between the belt and pulleys. Ensure the belt is clean, properly tensioned, and that pulleys are in good condition.
- **Belt Breaking Prematurely:** Frequent belt breakage may indicate misaligned pulleys, excessive load on the mower deck, foreign objects interfering with the belt path, or worn idler pulleys/bearings. Inspect all related components for damage or misalignment.
- **Unusual Noise:** Squealing or grinding noises can suggest improper belt tension, worn bearings in pulleys, or a misaligned belt. Turn off the mower and inspect the belt and pulleys for any issues.

Always consult your mower's operator's manual for specific troubleshooting guides related to your equipment.

7. Specifications

Brand	Arnold
Material	Plastic
Product Dimensions (L x W)	18.31 inches x 1 inch
Belt Style	Deck Belt
Replaces OEM Part Numbers	754-04045, 954-04045
Compatible Devices	Lawn tractors 2006 and after, RZT mowers 2006-2008 (Troy-Bilt, MTD, Yard-Man, Huskee, Yard Machines, Bolens units)
UPC	037049939381

8. Warranty and Support

This product is covered by a manufacturer's warranty. For specific details regarding the warranty period, coverage, and claims process, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or contact Arnold customer support directly. You may also reach out to your seller for assistance with warranty inquiries or technical support.

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