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Model: 98-634 | Brand: Oregon

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective installation, operation, and maintenance of your Oregon 98-634 Gator Mulcher G3 Replacement Lawn Mower Blade. The Oregon Gator G3 blade is designed to enhance mulching performance, reducing the need for bagging and producing finer clippings. Please read this manual thoroughly before attempting any installation or maintenance procedures.



Image 1.1: Oregon 98-634 Gator Mulcher G3 Replacement Lawn Mower Blade. This image displays the blade's design, including its cutting edge and mulching teeth, which are characteristic of the Gator G3 series.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety when working with lawn mower blades. Failure to follow these safety instructions can result in serious injury.

- **Disconnect Spark Plug:** Before performing any work on the mower deck or blades, always disconnect the spark plug wire to prevent accidental engine starting.
- **Wear Protective Gear:** Always wear heavy-duty gloves to protect your hands from sharp blade edges. Eye protection (safety glasses or goggles) is also recommended.
- **Secure the Mower:** Ensure the mower is on a flat, stable surface and cannot roll or tip over during blade removal or installation.
- **Inspect Blades Regularly:** Check blades for damage, bends, or excessive wear before each use. Replace damaged blades immediately.
- **Use Correct Tools:** Use appropriate tools for blade removal and installation to ensure a secure fit and prevent damage to fasteners.
- **Keep Bystanders Away:** Ensure no one is in the vicinity when working on or operating the lawn mower.

3. COMPATIBILITY

The Oregon 98-634 blade is designed as a replacement for specific MTD and Troy-Bilt models, and other brands manufactured by MTD. It replaces OEM part numbers **742-0644** and **942-0644**.

This blade is compatible with:

- MTD and Troy-Bilt mowers requiring the specified OEM part numbers.
- For 46-inch cut decks on MTD and Toro models (600 and 800 series decks from 1997 and beyond), two 98-634 blades are typically used as the two outside blades. A 98-670 blade is required for the center position.
- MTD-built brands including Bolens, Cub Cadet, Troy-Bilt, White, Yard Machine, and Yardman mowers that may have a 6-point star center hole. The Oregon 98-634 replacement blade features a "Y" shaped center hole, which is designed to fit exactly onto a 6-point star blade spindle. Both "Y" and 6-point star center hole blades are compatible for the mentioned applications.

Always verify your mower's existing blade specifications and OEM part numbers before purchasing and installing a replacement blade to ensure proper fitment.

4. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Follow these steps carefully to replace your lawn mower blade. Refer to your mower's owner's manual for specific instructions related to your model.

1. Prepare the Mower:

- Park the mower on a flat, level surface.
- Turn off the engine and remove the ignition key (if applicable).
- **Disconnect the spark plug wire** to prevent accidental starting.
- Engage the parking brake (if applicable).

2. Access the Blade:

- Carefully tilt the mower onto its side, ensuring the carburetor and air filter are facing upwards to prevent fuel or oil leaks. Alternatively, raise the mower using a suitable lift or jack, ensuring it is securely supported.

3. Remove the Old Blade:

- Place a block of wood between the blade and the mower deck to prevent the blade from turning.
- Using a wrench, loosen and remove the blade bolt(s) that secure the blade to the spindle. Turn the bolt counter-clockwise.
- Carefully remove the old blade, noting its orientation (which side faces up).

4. Install the New Blade:

- Ensure the new Oregon 98-634 blade is oriented correctly. The cutting edge should face the direction of rotation (usually towards the ground when installed). The "Y" shaped center hole will align with the 6-point star spindle.
- Place the new blade onto the spindle, ensuring it sits flush against the blade adapter.
- Reinstall the blade bolt(s) and washer(s).
- Place the block of wood back between the blade and the deck.
- Tighten the blade bolt(s) securely with a torque wrench to the manufacturer's specified torque (refer to your mower's manual). Overtightening or undertightening can cause issues.

5. Final Steps:

- Return the mower to its operating position.
- Reconnect the spark plug wire.

- Test the mower in a clear area to ensure the blade operates smoothly and without excessive vibration.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Oregon Gator Mulcher G3 blade is designed for superior mulching performance. To achieve optimal results:

- **Mulching Effectiveness:** The unique angle of the Gator teeth redirects airflow, keeping grass clippings in front of the cutting edge longer. This results in finer clippings that decompose quickly, returning nutrients to your lawn.
- **Mowing Speed:** These blades allow for faster mowing speeds compared to traditional mulching blades while maintaining excellent cut quality.
- **Bagging Performance:** While primarily designed for mulching, the Gator G3 blades also provide excellent bagging performance when needed.
- **Sandy/Abrasive Conditions:** The lower lift design of these blades makes them a suitable choice for use in sandy or abrasive conditions, reducing wear.
- **Avoid Wet Grass:** For best mulching results, mow when the grass is dry. Wet grass can clump and reduce mulching efficiency.

6. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and performance of your Oregon blade.

- **Blade Inspection:** After each use, inspect the blade for nicks, bends, or excessive wear. A dull blade can tear grass, leading to an unhealthy lawn.
- **Sharpening:** Sharpen the blade regularly to maintain a keen cutting edge. Use a blade sharpener or file, maintaining the original cutting angle. Ensure the blade remains balanced after sharpening to prevent vibration. If you are unsure, consult a professional.
- **Cleaning:** Clean grass clippings and debris from the blade and underside of the mower deck after each use. This prevents buildup that can affect performance and cause rust.
- **Storage:** When storing the mower for extended periods, ensure the blade is clean, sharp, and lightly oiled to prevent rust.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Oregon 98-634 blade, consider the following:

- **Poor Cut Quality / Uneven Cut:**
 - Check if the blade is dull and requires sharpening.
 - Ensure the blade is installed with the correct orientation.
 - Verify the blade is securely tightened to the spindle.
 - Inspect the mower deck for proper leveling.
- **Excessive Vibration:**
 - A bent or unbalanced blade is a common cause. Inspect the blade for damage.
 - Ensure the blade is properly centered and securely tightened on the spindle.
 - If the blade was sharpened, ensure it was balanced afterwards.
- **Blade Does Not Fit:**
 - Double-check the OEM part numbers and specifications against your mower's requirements.
 - Confirm the center hole type (Y-shaped vs. 6-point star) is compatible with your spindle. The Oregon

98-634 with a "Y" hole is designed to fit 6-point star spindles.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Model Number	98-634
Blade Length	16-1/4 inches
Center Hole Type	Y-shaped (fits 5/8 inch 6-point star spindle)
Blade Width	2.5 inches
Blade Thickness	0.187 inches
Blade Lift	1 inch
Replaces OEM Part Numbers	MTD and Troy-Bilt #742-0644, 942-0644
Item Weight	1.2 pounds
Product Dimensions	12 x 12 x 12 inches (packaging/shipping dimensions)

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding warranty coverage or technical support for your Oregon 98-634 Gator Mulcher G3 Replacement Lawn Mower Blade, please contact Oregon customer service directly. You can typically find contact information on the official Oregon website or through your product retailer.

Oregon Website: www.oregonproducts.com