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Model: 954-04249A | Brand: UpStart Components

## INTRODUCTION

This manual provides instructions for the installation and maintenance of the UpStart Components 954-04249A Lower Drive Belt. This replacement belt is designed for use with Troy-Bilt 13AV77KF066 (Tuffy) (2011) Lawn Tractors and is compatible with original part numbers 754-04249 and 954-04249.

The drive belt is a critical component in your lawn tractor's power transmission system, ensuring efficient operation of the drive mechanism. Proper installation and regular maintenance are essential for optimal performance and longevity of your equipment.

## SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety when performing maintenance or repairs on your lawn tractor. Failure to follow safety guidelines can result in serious injury or damage to equipment.

- **Disconnect Power:** Before beginning any work, ensure the lawn tractor's engine is off, the spark plug wire is disconnected, and the parking brake is engaged to prevent accidental starting.
- **Wear Protective Gear:** Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including work gloves to protect your hands, and safety glasses to protect your eyes.
- **Consult Tractor Manual:** Refer to your specific lawn tractor's owner's manual for detailed instructions on accessing and replacing drive belts, as procedures may vary by model.
- **Secure the Tractor:** If lifting the tractor, ensure it is securely supported on jack stands or ramps to prevent it from falling.
- **Allow Cooling:** If the tractor has been recently operated, allow sufficient time for the engine and exhaust components to cool down to prevent burns.

## PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all components are present upon opening the package:

- One (1) UpStart Components 954-04249A Lower Drive Belt

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

The following steps provide a general guide for replacing the lower drive belt. Always consult your specific lawn tractor's service manual for precise instructions and diagrams.

1. **Prepare the Tractor:** Park the lawn tractor on a flat, level surface. Turn off the engine, remove the ignition key, disconnect the spark plug wire, and engage the parking brake.
2. **Access the Drive System:** Depending on your tractor model, you may need to remove the mower deck, footrest, or other covers to gain access to the lower drive belt system. Refer to your tractor's manual for specific access procedures.
3. **Relieve Tension:** Locate the belt tensioner or idler pulley. Use appropriate tools to relieve tension on the old belt, allowing it to be removed from the pulleys.
4. **Remove Old Belt:** Carefully remove the old drive belt from all pulleys and guides. Note the routing path of the old belt, as the new belt must be installed in the same configuration.
5. **Inspect Pulleys and Components:** While the belt is off, inspect all pulleys, idlers, and tensioner springs for wear, damage, or excessive play. Replace any worn components as necessary.
6. **Install New Belt:** Route the new UpStart Components 954-04249A Lower Drive Belt around the pulleys and through the guides, following the exact path of the old belt. Ensure the belt is seated correctly in all pulley grooves.
7. **Apply Tension:** Re-apply tension to the belt using the tensioner mechanism. Verify that the belt is taut but not overly tight, and that all pulleys spin freely without binding.
8. **Reassemble:** Reinstall any covers, footrests, or the mower deck that were removed to access the drive system.
9. **Test Operation:** Reconnect the spark plug wire. Start the engine and carefully test the drive system at a low speed in a clear area to ensure proper engagement and operation. Listen for any unusual noises.



**Image 1:** The UpStart Components 954-04249A Lower Drive Belt, shown coiled with the brand tag attached. This image illustrates the product as it appears out of the package.



**Image 2:** A close-up view highlighting the material and construction of the drive belt. This detail shows the robust design intended for power transmission.



**Image 3:** The UpStart Components 954-04249A Lower Drive Belt laid flat in a circular configuration, demonstrating its full length and continuous loop design.

## OPERATING CONSIDERATIONS

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After installing the new drive belt, observe the lawn tractor's operation during its first use. Ensure the drive system engages smoothly and without excessive noise or vibration. If any issues arise, refer to the troubleshooting section or consult your tractor's service manual.

## MAINTENANCE

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Regular inspection and maintenance can extend the life of your drive belt and ensure consistent performance:

- **Visual Inspection:** Periodically inspect the belt for signs of wear, cracking, fraying, glazing, or stretching. Replace the belt if any significant damage is observed.
- **Cleanliness:** Keep the belt and pulleys free from dirt, grass clippings, oil, and other debris. Contaminants can cause

the belt to slip or wear prematurely.

- **Tension Check:** Ensure the belt maintains proper tension. A loose belt can slip, while an overly tight belt can put undue stress on bearings and pulleys.
- **Storage:** When storing the lawn tractor for extended periods, ensure the belt is not under excessive tension or exposed to extreme temperatures.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues after installing the new drive belt, consider the following common problems and solutions:

- **Belt Slipping:**
  - Check belt tension; it may be too loose.
  - Inspect pulleys for wear or glazing.
  - Ensure the belt is free of oil or grease.
- **Excessive Noise (Squealing/Grinding):**
  - Verify correct belt routing.
  - Check for misaligned or worn pulleys.
  - Ensure the belt is not rubbing against any components.
- **Premature Belt Wear:**
  - Inspect pulleys for sharp edges or burrs.
  - Check for proper belt tension (over-tightening can cause premature wear).
  - Ensure the belt is the correct size and type for your application.
- **Drive System Not Engaging:**
  - Confirm the belt is correctly installed on all pulleys.
  - Check the engagement mechanism (e.g., clutch, lever) for proper function.
  - Verify that all safety interlocks are engaged.

## SPECIFICATIONS

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Part Number                 | 954-04249A                                                                           |
| Compatible OEM Part Numbers | 754-04249, 954-04249                                                                 |
| Dimensions (Length x Width) | 70.9 inches (L) x 0.63 inches (W)                                                    |
| Compatible Devices          | Troy-Bilt 13AV77KF066 (Tuffy) (2011) Lawn Tractor, Bolens 954-04249A, MTD 954-04249A |
| Brand                       | UpStart Components                                                                   |

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