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Technology Parts Store 584453101

Blade Drive Belt Instruction Manual

Model: 584453101, Compatible with Craftsman Model 917.288520

1. Introduction

This manual provides instructions for the proper installation and maintenance of the Technology Parts Store Blade Drive Belt, part numbers 584453101 and 405143. This belt is designed as a replacement for Craftsman lawn mower model 917.288520. Adhering to these instructions will help ensure the longevity and correct function of your replacement belt.

2. Safety Information

- **Always disconnect the spark plug wire** before performing any maintenance or installation on your lawn mower to prevent accidental starting.
- **Wear appropriate personal protective equipment**, including work gloves and eye protection, to prevent injury during installation.
- **Refer to your original Craftsman lawn mower owner's manual** for specific safety precautions and detailed diagrams pertaining to your model.
- Ensure the mower is on a flat, stable surface and the parking brake is engaged before beginning work.

3. Product Overview

The blade drive belt is a critical component that transfers power from the engine to the mower deck, enabling the blades to spin. This replacement belt measures 1/2 inch in width and 106 inches in length. It is constructed from durable rubber material designed for reliable performance in lawn and garden equipment.



Image 3.1: The Technology Parts Store Blade Drive Belt.

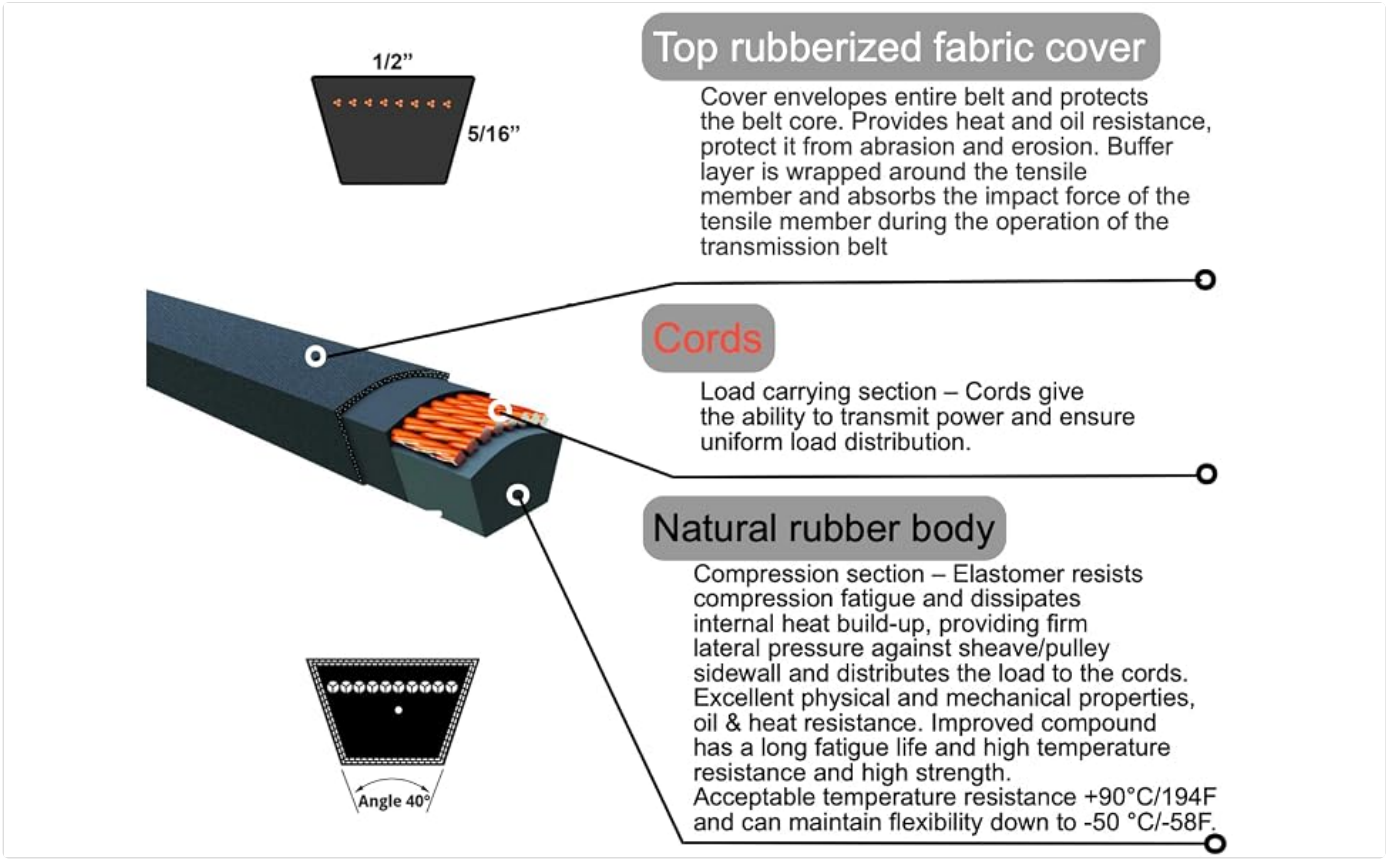


Image 3.2: Detailed construction of a V-belt, highlighting the top rubberized fabric cover, internal cords, and natural rubber body for durability and power transmission.

4. Installation Instructions

Replacing the blade drive belt requires careful attention to detail. Always consult your Craftsman model 917.288520 owner's manual for specific instructions and diagrams. The following are general steps:

1. **Prepare the Mower:** Ensure the engine is off and cool. Disconnect the spark plug wire. Engage the parking brake.
2. **Access the Mower Deck:** Depending on your mower model, you may need to remove the mower deck from the tractor. Follow your mower's manual for deck removal procedures.
3. **Locate the Old Belt:** Identify the existing blade drive belt and its routing around the pulleys. It is highly recommended to take a photograph of the belt routing before removal.
4. **Relieve Tension:** Locate the idler pulley or tensioner mechanism. You will need to relieve tension on the belt to remove it. This often involves moving a spring-loaded pulley.
5. **Remove Old Belt:** Carefully remove the old belt from all pulleys.
6. **Install New Belt:** Route the new Technology Parts Store blade drive belt exactly as the old one was installed. Ensure it sits correctly in all pulley grooves.
7. **Restore Tension:** Re-engage the tensioner mechanism or idler pulley to apply proper tension to the new belt.
8. **Reassemble Mower:** Reattach the mower deck if it was removed. Reconnect the spark plug wire.
9. **Test Operation:** Start the mower and engage the blades briefly to ensure the belt is functioning correctly and there are no unusual noises or vibrations.



Image 4.1: Example diagram of a mower deck and belt routing. Refer to your specific Craftsman manual for exact details.

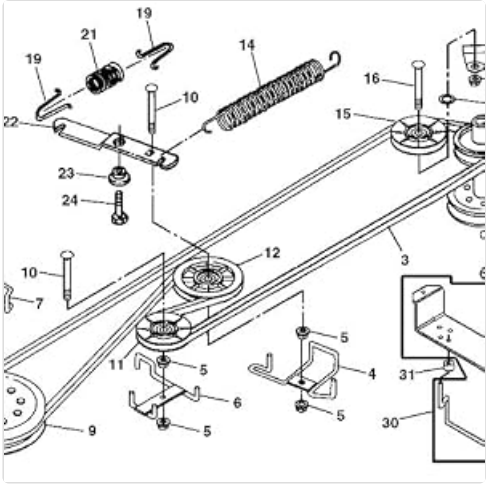


Image 4.2: Illustration of a pulley adjustment point, which may be involved in relieving or applying belt tension.

5. Operating Considerations

Once installed, the blade drive belt operates automatically when the mower's blade engagement lever is activated. Ensure that the belt is free from obstructions and properly seated in all pulley grooves before operating the mower. Any unusual noises or vibrations during operation may indicate an issue with the belt or its installation.

6. Maintenance

Regular inspection of your blade drive belt is crucial for optimal mower performance and safety.

- **Visual Inspection:** Periodically check the belt for signs of wear, such as cracks, fraying, glazing, or excessive stretching.
- **Tension Check:** Ensure the belt maintains proper tension. A loose belt can slip, leading to inefficient blade operation.
- **Cleanliness:** Keep the belt and pulleys free from grass clippings, dirt, and debris, which can cause premature wear or slippage.
- **Replacement:** Replace the belt if any significant signs of wear are observed or if performance degrades. The lifespan of a belt can vary based on usage and operating conditions.

7. Troubleshooting

- **Blades Not Engaging or Slipping:** This often indicates a loose, worn, or improperly installed belt. Check belt tension and inspect for wear. Ensure the belt is correctly routed on all pulleys.
- **Unusual Noises (Squealing, Grinding):** Could be a sign of a misaligned belt, worn pulleys, or incorrect belt tension. Inspect pulleys for damage and verify belt alignment.
- **Belt Breaks Prematurely:** While this belt is designed for durability, factors such as improper installation, misaligned pulleys, excessive load, or debris can cause early failure. Review installation steps and inspect pulleys for any issues.

8. Specifications

Attribute	Detail
Part Numbers	584453101, 405143
Compatible with	Craftsman Model 917.288520 (917288520)
Belt Type	Blade Drive Belt, Classic V-belt
Dimensions	1/2 inch (width) x 106 inches (length)
Material	Rubber

Color	Black

9. Support

For further assistance or inquiries regarding this product, please contact Technology Parts Store customer support. Refer to your purchase documentation for contact details.



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