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## FOLIAGE 942-05056A

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Model: 942-05056A

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use, installation, and maintenance of your FOLIAGE Replacement Mower Blades. These blades are designed for specific zero-turn mower models to ensure optimal cutting performance and durability. Please read this manual thoroughly before installation and retain it for future reference.

## 2. COMPATIBILITY

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These FOLIAGE replacement blades (Part Number 942-05056A) are specifically designed for:

- **Troy-Bilt Mustang Z 54** Zero-Turn Mowers
- Applicable for **2020 models ONLY**

It is crucial to verify your mower's model and year to ensure proper fitment. Refer to your mower's original manual or manufacturer's specifications for confirmation.

## 3. SAFETY INFORMATION

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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 maintenance or blade replacement, always disconnect the spark plug wire(s) to prevent accidental engine starting.
- **Wear Protective Gear:** Always wear heavy-duty work gloves to protect your hands from sharp blade edges. Eye protection (safety glasses or goggles) is also recommended.
- **Stable Surface:** Ensure the mower is on a flat, stable surface and properly supported before tilting or lifting for blade access.
- **Cool Engine:** Allow the engine and muffler to cool down completely before handling.

- **Proper Tools:** Use appropriate tools for blade removal and installation to prevent slippage and injury.
- **Blade Balance:** After sharpening or if blades are replaced individually, ensure they are properly balanced to prevent excessive vibration.

## 4. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

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Follow these steps to safely replace your mower blades:

### 1. Prepare the Mower:

- Park the mower on a level surface.
- Turn off the engine and remove the ignition key.
- Disconnect the spark plug wire(s) to prevent accidental starting.
- Engage the parking brake.
- Allow the engine and muffler to cool.

### 2. Access the Blades:

- Carefully tilt the mower onto its side, ensuring the carburetor side is facing up to prevent fuel leakage. Alternatively, lift the front of the mower using a jack and secure it with jack stands.

### 3. Remove Old Blades:

- Wearing heavy-duty gloves, use a block of wood or a blade removal tool to brace the blade against the mower deck to prevent it from turning.
- Using a wrench, loosen and remove the blade bolt (typically counter-clockwise).
- Carefully remove the old blade, noting its orientation (cutting edge facing down).

### 4. Install New Blades:

- Ensure the new FOLIAGE blade is oriented correctly, with the cutting edge facing towards the ground when installed.
- Align the star-shaped hole of the blade with the spindle.
- Place the washer (if applicable) and then the blade bolt.
- Tighten the blade bolt securely with a torque wrench to the manufacturer's specified torque (refer to your mower's manual for exact specifications, typically between 70-90 ft-lbs).
- Repeat for all blades.

### 5. Final Steps:

- Carefully lower the mower.
- Reconnect the spark plug wire(s).
- Perform a visual inspection to ensure all blades are securely fastened and correctly oriented.



Image: A set of three FOLIAGE replacement mower blades, each featuring a star-shaped mounting hole for precise fitment. These blades are designed for efficient cutting and durability.

## 5. OPERATING CONSIDERATIONS

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After installing new blades, perform a brief test run in a clear area to ensure smooth operation and proper cutting. Listen for unusual noises or vibrations, which could indicate an issue with blade installation or balance.

## 6. MAINTENANCE

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Regular maintenance of your mower blades ensures optimal performance and extends their lifespan.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, clean grass clippings and debris from the underside of the mower deck and blades. This prevents buildup that can affect cutting quality and blade balance.
- **Sharpening:** Blades should be sharpened regularly, depending on usage and terrain. A sharp blade provides a clean cut, which is healthier for your lawn. Ensure blades are balanced after sharpening to prevent vibration.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect blades for bends, cracks, nicks, or excessive wear. Damaged blades should be replaced immediately.
- **Replacement:** Replace blades when they become too worn, bent, or damaged to be safely sharpened or balanced. The frequency of replacement depends on usage, but typically once a season for average use.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

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If you experience issues after blade replacement, consider the following:

| Problem                 | Possible Cause  | Solution   |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Uneven Cut              | Blades installed incorrectly (upside down), dull blades, bent blades, or unbalanced blades. | Check blade orientation, sharpen or replace blades, ensure blades are balanced.                  |
| Excessive Vibration     | Unbalanced blades, bent blades, loose blade bolts.  | Ensure blades are properly balanced, inspect for bends, tighten blade bolts to specified torque. |
| Poor Mulching/Discharge | Dull blades, incorrect blade type for mulching (if applicable), excessive grass buildup.    | Sharpen blades, clean mower deck, ensure correct blade type is used.                             |

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

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- **Product Type:** Replacement Mower Blades
- **Brand:** FOLIAGE
- **Model/Part Number:** 942-05056A
- **Quantity:** Set of 3 blades
- **Compatibility:** Troy-Bilt Mustang Z 54 Zero-Turn Mower (2020 models ONLY)
- **Material:** Durable steel

## 9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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Specific warranty information for FOLIAGE products is not provided within this manual. For details regarding warranty coverage, returns, or technical support, please contact the FOLIAGE customer service department or refer to the product listing where you made your purchase.

For further assistance with your Troy-Bilt Mustang Z 54 mower, please consult your mower's original owner's manual or contact Troy-Bilt customer support.