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Model: 96-344 | Brand: ACTIVLIFE

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and effective use, installation, and maintenance of your ACTIVLIFE 96-344 Lawn Mower Blade. This blade is designed for compatibility with Oregon 96-344, Scag, and Gator G3 systems, measuring 18 inches in length. Please read this manual thoroughly before installation and operation to ensure proper function and safety.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: Always disconnect the spark plug wire or remove the battery before performing any maintenance or installation on your lawn mower to prevent accidental starting.

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including heavy-duty gloves and eye protection, when handling the blade.
- Lawn mower blades are sharp. Handle with extreme care to avoid injury.
- Ensure the mower is on a flat, stable surface before beginning any work.
- Never operate a mower with a damaged, bent, or improperly installed blade.
- Keep hands and feet clear of the blade area during operation.

3. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

This section outlines the steps for replacing your lawn mower blade. Refer to your mower's specific owner's manual for detailed instructions on accessing the blade area.

1. **Prepare the Mower:** Disconnect the spark plug wire or remove the battery. Position the mower on its side with the carburetor facing up to prevent fuel leakage.
2. **Secure the Blade:** Use a block of wood or a specialized blade removal tool to prevent the old blade from turning while you loosen the blade bolt.
3. **Remove Old Blade:** Using a wrench, loosen and remove the blade bolt (typically counter-clockwise). Carefully remove the old blade, noting its orientation.

4. **Inspect Components:** Examine the blade adapter, washers, and bolt for wear or damage. Replace any worn parts.
5. **Install New Blade:** Position the new ACTIVLIFE 96-344 blade with the cutting edge facing the direction of rotation (usually towards the deck). Ensure the blade is properly seated on the blade adapter.
6. **Tighten Blade Bolt:** Reinstall the blade bolt and tighten it securely with a torque wrench to the manufacturer's specified torque (refer to your mower's manual).
7. **Final Check:** Ensure the blade is firmly attached and spins freely without obstruction. Reconnect the spark plug wire or battery.



Image 1: The ACTIVLIFE 96-344 lawn mower blade, showing its design and central mounting hole. This image illustrates the general appearance of the blade before installation.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS (POST-INSTALLATION)

After successful blade installation, follow these general operating guidelines:

- **Pre-Operation Check:** Before each use, inspect the blade for any signs of damage, looseness, or excessive wear. Ensure all safety guards are in place.
- **Clear Debris:** Remove any stones, sticks, or other foreign objects from the mowing area that could damage the blade or be ejected.
- **Proper Mowing Technique:** Mow at a consistent speed. Avoid sudden turns or impacts with hard objects.
- **Blade Balance:** A properly installed and balanced blade will reduce vibration and improve cutting performance. If

excessive vibration occurs, stop the mower immediately and inspect the blade.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures optimal performance and extends the life of your ACTIVLIFE lawn mower blade.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, clean grass clippings and debris from the blade and underside of the mower deck. Disconnect the spark plug wire before cleaning.
- **Sharpening:** Sharpen the blade regularly to maintain a clean cut. Use a blade sharpener or file, maintaining the original blade angle. Ensure the blade remains balanced after sharpening. A balanced blade prevents excessive vibration and wear on the mower's engine.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the blade for cracks, bends, or excessive wear. Replace the blade if any significant damage is observed. A bent blade can cause severe vibration and damage to the mower.
- **Storage:** If storing the mower for an extended period, clean and lightly oil the blade to prevent rust.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Excessive vibration during operation	Blade is bent, unbalanced, or loose.	Stop mower immediately. Inspect blade for damage. Ensure blade bolt is tightened to specifications. Balance or replace blade if necessary.
Uneven cut or ragged grass	Dull blade, incorrect blade installation, or damaged blade.	Sharpen or replace blade. Verify blade is installed with cutting edge facing correct direction.
Blade not spinning freely	Obstruction under deck, blade adapter issue.	Disconnect spark plug. Clear any debris. Inspect blade adapter for damage.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Model: 96-344
Brand: ACTIVLIFE
Length: 18 inches
Compatibility: Designed for Oregon 96-344, Scag, Gator G3 systems
Type: G3 Technology Blade

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding warranty coverage or technical support for your ACTIVLIFE 96-344 Lawn Mower Blade, please refer to the original purchase documentation or contact ACTIVLIFE customer service. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

Contact Information: Please visit the official ACTIVLIFE website or refer to your product packaging for the most current customer support details.

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