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## Lawn Mower Blades As The Hard Working Part Of Lawnmowers

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This article explains the care of the lawnmower blades. The lawn mower blades have to be kept sharp by sharpening regularly. The article will give you tips how do it yourself safely and in most efficient way.

### Details Of Lawnmower Blades

The lawnmower blades are made of tool steel or ordinary steel called mild steel or carbon steel. The edges of the blades made of tool steel remain sharp for longer time and will require lesser sharpening over the age of the blade. Tool steel blade is costly and generally cannot be sharpened at the DIY workshop. The mild steel or carbon steel is cheaper and easy to maintain. The blades have to be kept sharp. If this is not done, grass blades will be torn off instead of being cut. Apart from the obvious ugly look, the growth of grass blades is adversely affected as the moisture retention capacity of blade is reduced.

### Sharpening Of Lawnmower Blades the DIY Way

You can sharpen the lawnmower blades your self quickly and easily. This operation can take a very short time. The procedure is very easy and you can do it yourself. The following procedure will apply irrespective of the type of lawnmower. Consult the operation manual of your lawnmower for removal of blades.

1. Be sure to disconnect all the power sources before begin with the process. In case that your lawn mower was a battery powered one, then remove the battery or batteries, depending on the model. Check twice that all the power controls are off to avoid an accidental engine start.
2. The second step will be finished as soon as you remove the blades totally from the mower. You might need external help to achieve it, using a couple of spanners may help a lot, however be sure that it doesn't slip. BE careful while doing this, because it's easy to cut yourself whether the spanner slips.
3. Once the blades are out of the mower, you need the number them in order to fit them back later.

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4. Fix a blade in a stable holding or a vice to work easily.
5. The sharpen process begins here. You will need a grinder or file for it. Make sure to follow the blade's contour and sharpen it to your convenience. Sharpen all blades using the same sharpened to a perfect later cutting grass.
6. Time to refit the blades along. Make sure to do it along with balancing, if it exists any.
7. There is an option of sharpen blades without removing them from the mower, however it's uncomfortable as well as more difficult. You will also need a flexible shaft angle grinder to a perfect sharpened, which will save you time.
8. The last step is the blade balance checking. To carry the blades balancing you need a balancer. A

clue to find whether or not the blades are correctly refitted, is checking if the mower vibrates, if so then blades are not well balanced.

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. A gardening website that carries interesting

readings on lawn equipment and lawn mower parts, including a manual on how to sharpen blades

<http://www.lawn-mowers-and-garden-tractors.com/lawn-mower-blades.html>

### **Lawn Mowers – Keep The Beauty Of Your Lawn Maintained**

**By Stefan Rockhaus**

The idea of lawn mowers was thought up by engineer Edwin Beard Budding in 1830. Being inspired by other cutting devices, he invented the lawn mower for the purpose of cutting the grass of sports grounds and gardens. After Edwin signed his first agreement on 18th May 1830, the manufacturing of lawn mowers started in the 1850s. Since then, lawn mowers have very effectively been helping us with the cutting of grass.

Lawn mowers not only cut the grass, but they make our lawns look healthy and beautiful. There are different types of lawnmowers available in the market.

These days, commonly used lawnmowers are Robotic Mowers. To use a robotic lawn mower, you have to first select the particular area to be mowed, and then you need to mark the boundary of that area.

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Manual or Traditional Mowers are another type of lawn mower, which are manually operated. This lawnmower requires the physical strength of a person to operate them. They are heavy in weight and need to be pushed in order to cut the grass.

Professional mowers are another widely used lawnmower. They have a horizontal cutter to give the best result, and are generally used for big areas such as universities, stadiums or gardens.

Clipper lawn mowers are used for mowing the toughest spots. They are equipped with scissors which have long blades. Clippers can be operated manually, as well as automatically.

Here are some factors which should be considered while purchasing a lawn mower:

- First of all, look at its weight. It should not be heavy; otherwise you will face difficulties in operating it.
- Check its safety features. Check that the blades are not exposed.
- It should start easily.
- Handling should be easy.
- If you do not have a very big area of lawn, then you can select a push reel mower.
- If your lawn is a big area, then use a professional mower, otherwise it will be a lot of work.
- For trimming grass, use a mulching lawnmower, as they cut grass to a very low level.
- Go for a self-propelled lawn mower if your lawn is in a hilly area.
- If you want to purchase a lawn mower for very big lawn areas, such as a stadium or garden, then go for a ride-on lawn mower.

Operating a lawn mower is not a difficult task. Almost every lawnmower works on the same principles. Most lawn mowers which are being used these days have an inbuilt motor. They have gears with an axle to spin the wheels. The basic function of the motor is to spin the blades which cut the grass, so as to make it easy to operate.

Manual or traditional mowers are very simple to operate. In a manual mower, the blades are attached to the wheels. With the movement of the wheels, the blades spin and cut the grass. Manual mowers are very heavy in weight, so quite a lot of strength is required to operate them.

Lawn mowers provide a great help in keeping the beauty of your lawn maintained. However, it is essential that you keep in mind the size of your lawn when purchasing a lawnmower. This will help you

to be able to choose the appropriate one for your needs.

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