

WHERE CAN I BUY MULCHING BLADES FOR MY COLT, CASE OR INGERSOLL TRACTOR?

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As of this moment, conventional mulching blades cannot be had for any of the tractors.

The best known mulching blade is the one from Gator (gatorblade.com). At one time, Gator did make ONE blade for the Case left-hand discharge decks and that blade only worked on the Model 44 deck and the rear discharge Model 45 deck because all three blades were identical.

The last time I spoke with the lady at Gator, she told me that she still had a few sets of these blades on the shelf but once they are sold, then that is it. Gator has plans to make any more of those or to make blades for the 38, 48 or 60 inch left discharge decks.

As for the right discharge decks used on the 4 digit Ingersoll models built in 1989 and later, Gator has not made a single blade for any of those decks and has no plans to do so due to low production numbers of the tractors.

Five or six years ago, there was another start-up company known as Cutmore Blades that intended to make blades for our decks but they have apparently gone out of business. Any other leads for mulching blade availability have been vigorously pursued by me and came to a dead end.

So, where does that leave owners of these tractors? For those of you that own a 4 digit Ingersoll tractor, you can contact our two dealers that are listed in the FAQ "Where to Buy Stuff". Ingersoll does make a "mulching kit" for certain RH decks but not for LH decks.

Those with LH decks can ask Ingersoll Dealer Brian Hildreth for a copy of the mulching kit Operator's Manual and then try to fabricate something similar.

The final option is to spend the bucks and buy Roy Megli's Meg-Mo blade system (www.meg-mo.com) and install it. If you go to Roy's site, watch the video to see just how fine the grass gets chopped up with Roy's invention. Roy is a member of this site and has posted here about his blades. Those of you with the 60 inch decks cannot use his blades because the blade spindles are in line with each other and use a timing belt to prevent the blades from hitting one another. A timed system works fine with three single blades but there is too great a risk of blades striking each other with a 4 blade system like Roy offers.

From what I've been able to gather, Roy's system works very well at reducing grass cuttings to a length that is equal to or shorter than what you get with Gator blades. Roy's blades last much longer than either conventional deck blades or Gator blades plus they hold their edge 2 to 4 times longer. If you are fed up with raking, sweeping or bagging clippings, then you might want to give Roy's system a try.

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