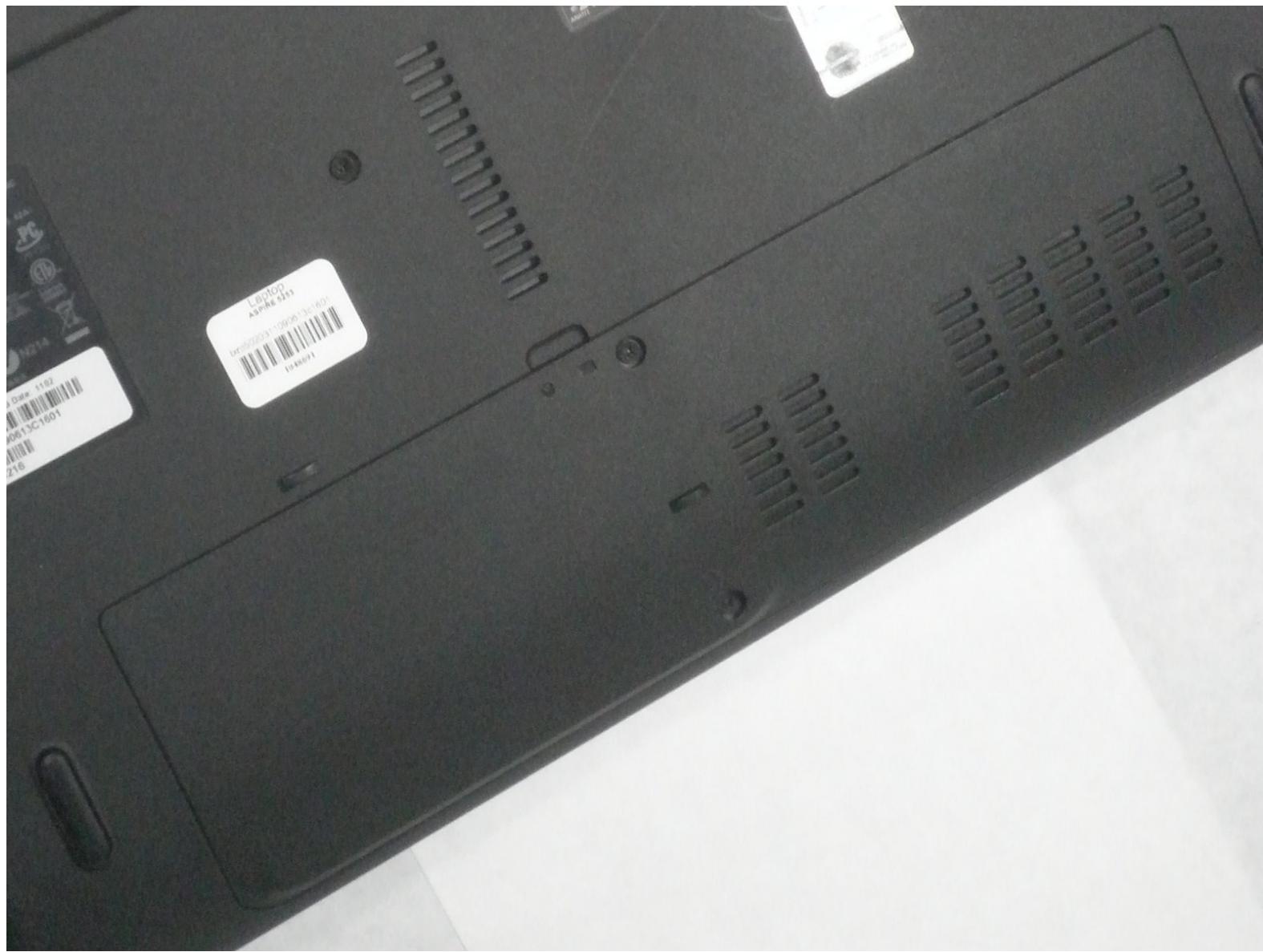




Acer Aspire 5253 Back Cover Panel Replacement

This piece of plastic is the first piece that must be removed to access nearly all of the internal components of the laptop. It protects the hard drive and RAM.

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 **TOOLS:**

- [iFixit Opening Tools \(1\)](#)
- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver \(1\)](#)

Step 1 — Battery



- Turn the laptop over.

Step 2



- "Unlock" your battery by moving the switch as shown so that an unlocked lock on a red background is shown.

Step 3



- Next move the other switch, while the unlocked symbol is still showing. The battery should pop up, and no longer be flush with the bottom of the laptop.

Step 4



- Now remove the battery by lifting it out of the laptop by the side closest to the switches.

Step 5



- You have successfully removed the battery. Congratulations!

Step 6 — Back Cover Panel



- Now, locate the two screws that hold the back cover panel onto the laptop.

Step 7



- Unscrew both of the screws that are holding the back panel in place with the Philips #00 head.

(i) The screws are 3/8" in length and have a 1/4" head.

Step 8



- Once both screws have been removed use a plastic opening tool to lift the panel up. Starting with the indented notch , and moving left and right from there.

Step 9



- After the panel has been loosened by the plastic opening tool, take your finger, place it in the gap, and remove the panel from the laptop.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.