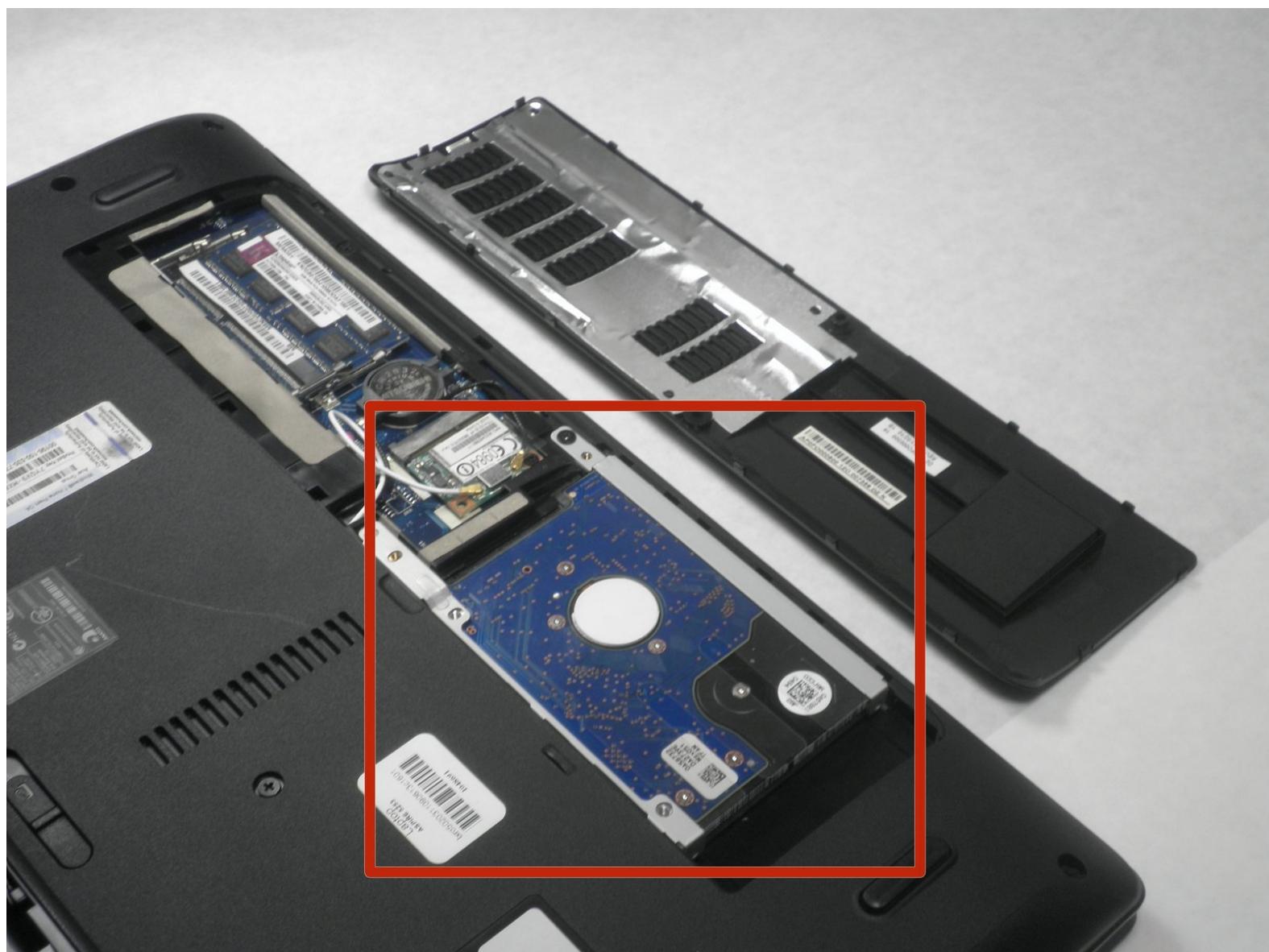




Acer Aspire 5253 Hard Drive Replacement

The hard drive can be removed in order to upgrade it or replace it.

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INTRODUCTION

After you remove the back cover panel its not too difficult to slide the ram out of the laptop.

TOOLS:

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



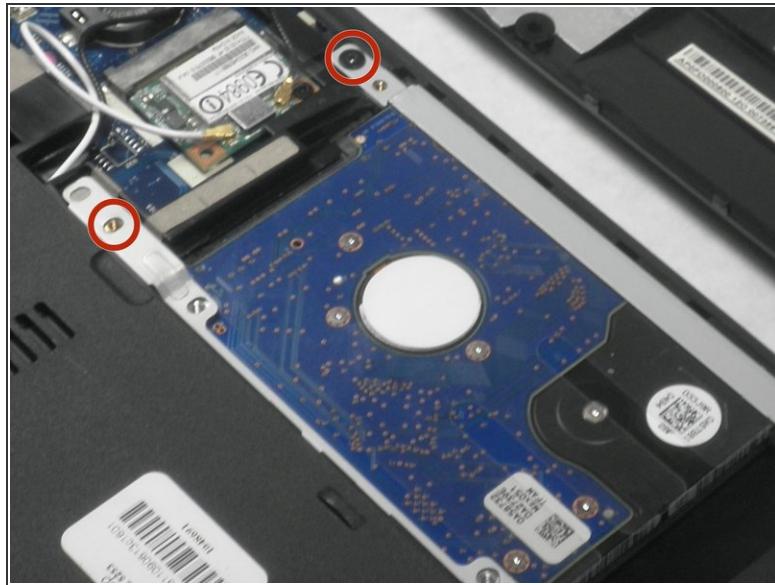
- After the panel has been loosened by the plastic opening tool, take your finger, place it in the gap, and remove the panel from the laptop.

Step 10 — Hard Drive



- Once the cover panel is off, locate the hard drive.

Step 11



- Locate the two screws that are holding the hard drive in place.

Step 12



- Remove the two screws using a Phillips #00 screw driver.

Step 13



- Carefully slide the hard drive in the opposite direction of where the screws are located until it dislocates.

Step 14



- Pull the hard drive out of its compartment.

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