



Acer Aspire E5-721-64T8 Hard Drive Replacement

How to remove the hard drive for an Acer Aspire E5-721-64T8

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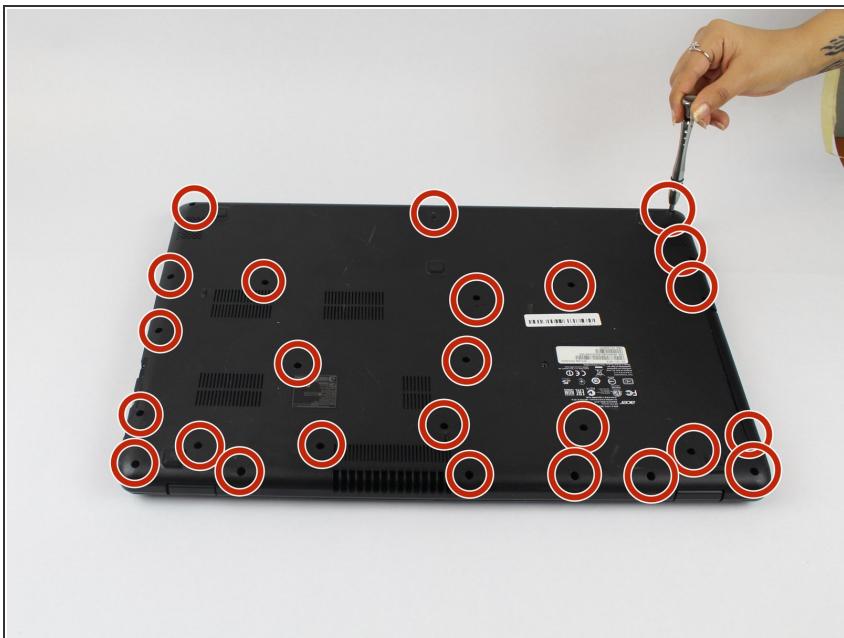
INTRODUCTION

If your laptop wont boot, it may be because of a corrupted hard drive. This simple guide will show you how to remove the hard drive for this laptop. Be sure to follow the steps in order. In the end you will be able to remove and replace the current hard drive.

TOOLS:

- [Phillips #0 Screwdriver \(1\)](#)
- [iFixit Opening Tools \(1\)](#)
- [Spudger \(1\)](#)

Step 1 — Battery



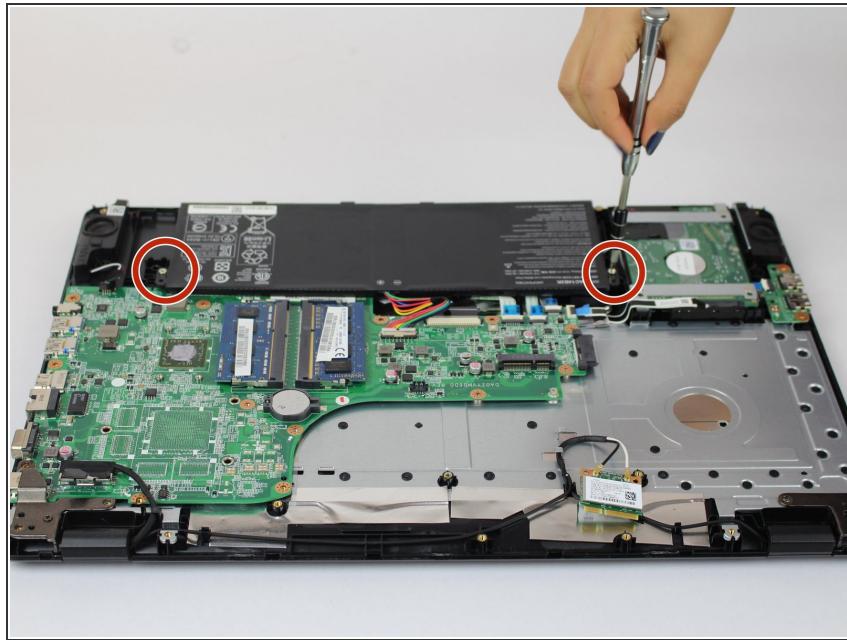
- Remove the twenty-five 6mm Phillips #0 screws from the bottom panel of the laptop.

Step 2



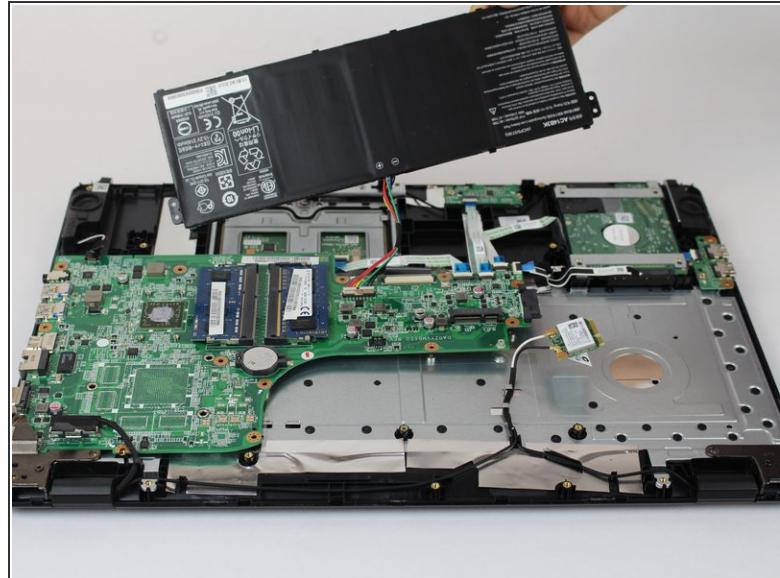
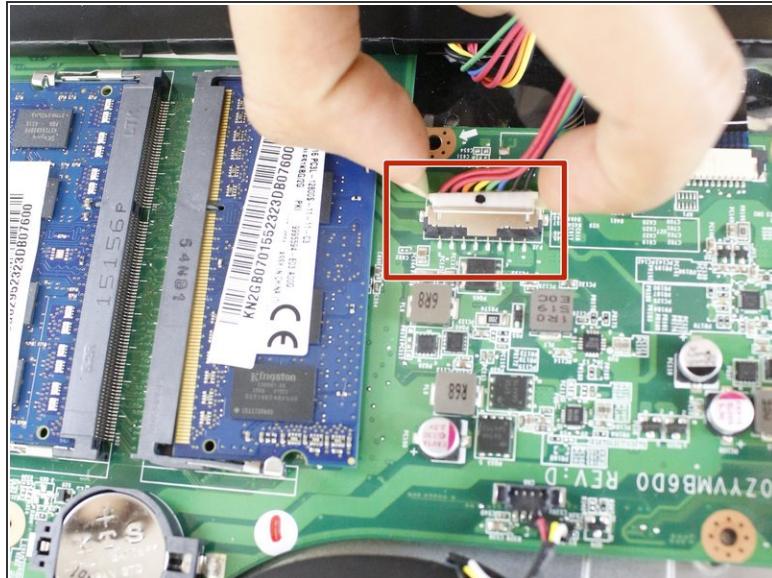
- Using the plastic opening tool, lift up on the side opposite of the Ethernet connector.
- With the plastic opening tool under the bottom panel, work your way around the perimeter until the panel separates.

Step 3



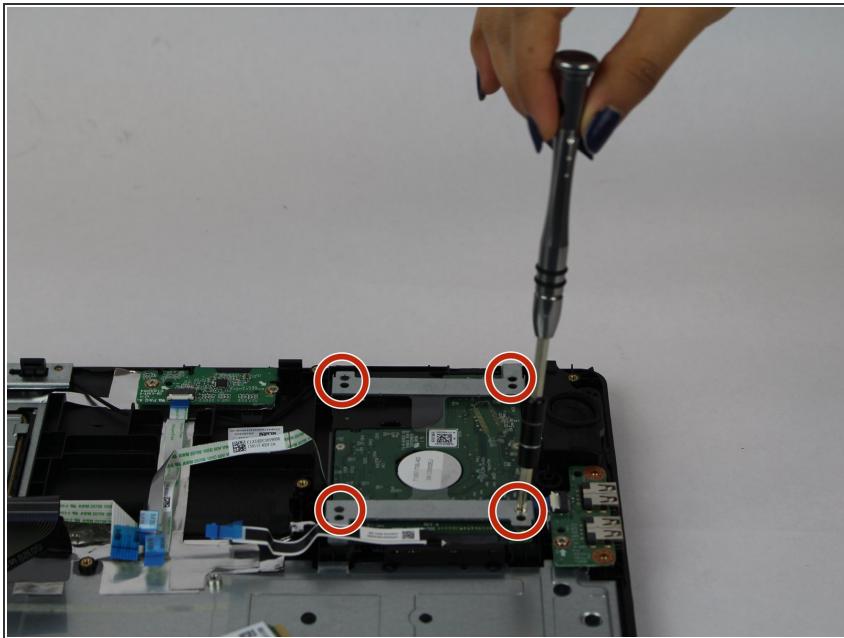
- Remove the two 6mm Phillips #0 screws from the battery.

Step 4



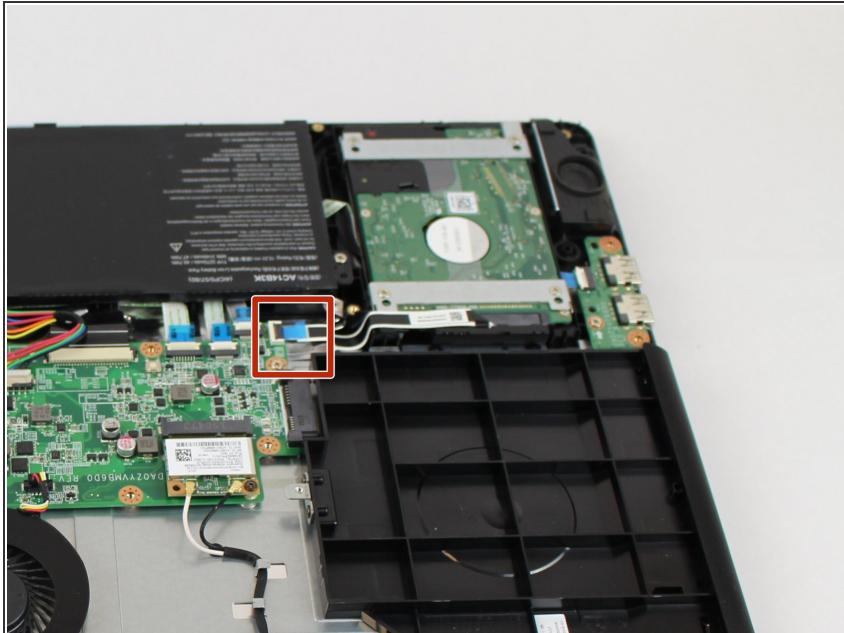
- Disconnect the battery from the motherboard.
- Pull the battery up and out of the laptop.

Step 5 — Hard Drive



- Remove the four 3mm Phillips #0 screws from the hard drive.

Step 6



- Use a spudger to flip up the retaining flap on the hard drive ribbon cable [ZIF](#) socket.
- Pull the ribbon cable out of the ZIF connector and remove the hard drive from the laptop.

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