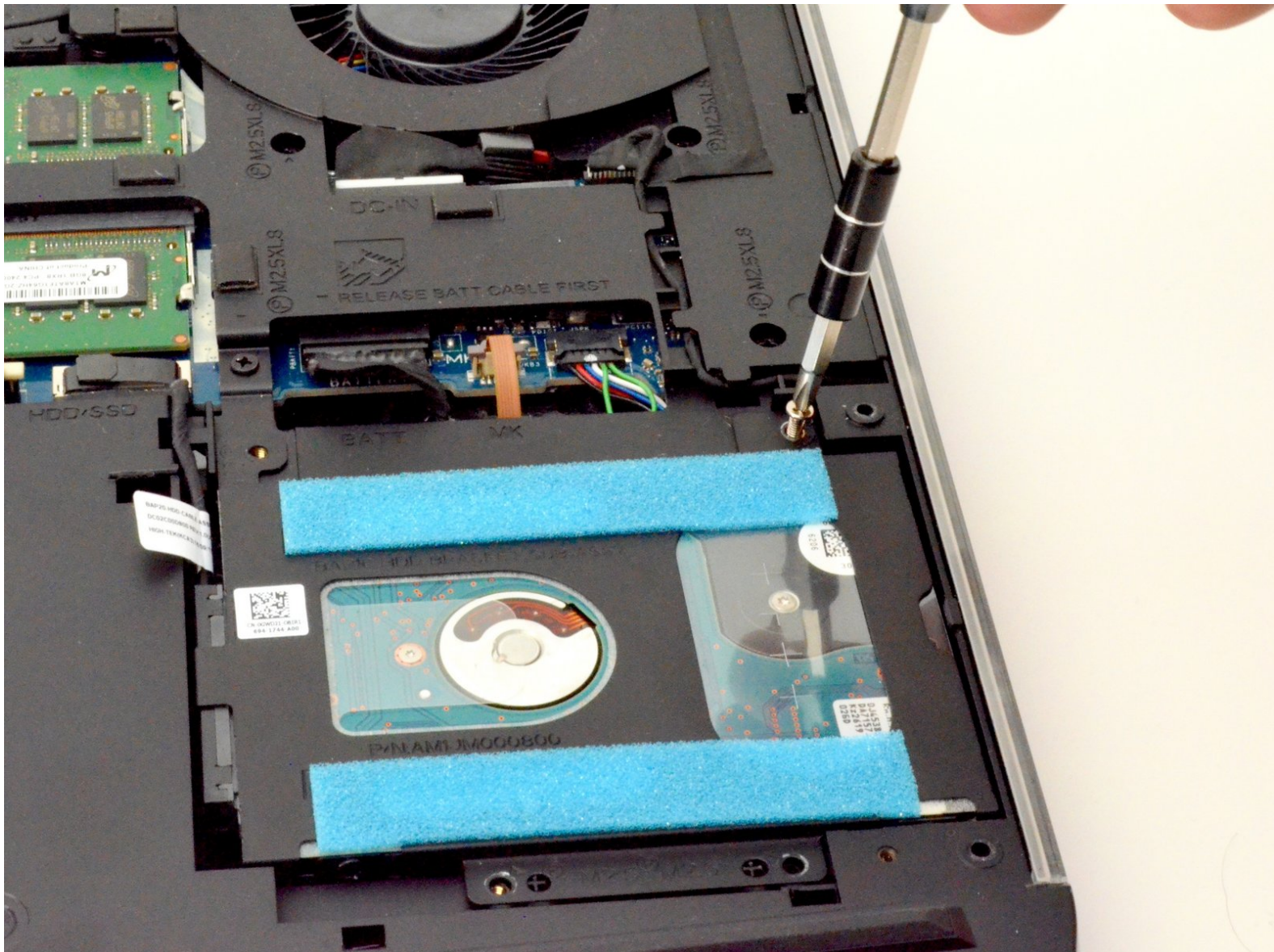




Alienware 17 R4 Hard Disk Drive (HDD) Replacement

Replacement of the Alienware 17 R4 hard disk drive.

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INTRODUCTION

This guide will show you how to replace the hard disk drive (HDD) for your Alienware 17 R4.



TOOLS:

- [Phillips Head Screwdriver: Size PH1](#) (1)
 - [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Base Cover



- Use a **PH1 screwdriver bit** to remove the **six M2.5x13 screws (2.4 mm)** on the back of the laptop.
- Use a **PH1 screwdriver bit** to loosen the **one M2x3 screw (1.9 mm)**.
- ⓘ The **M2x3 screw (1.9 mm)** does not come out completely.

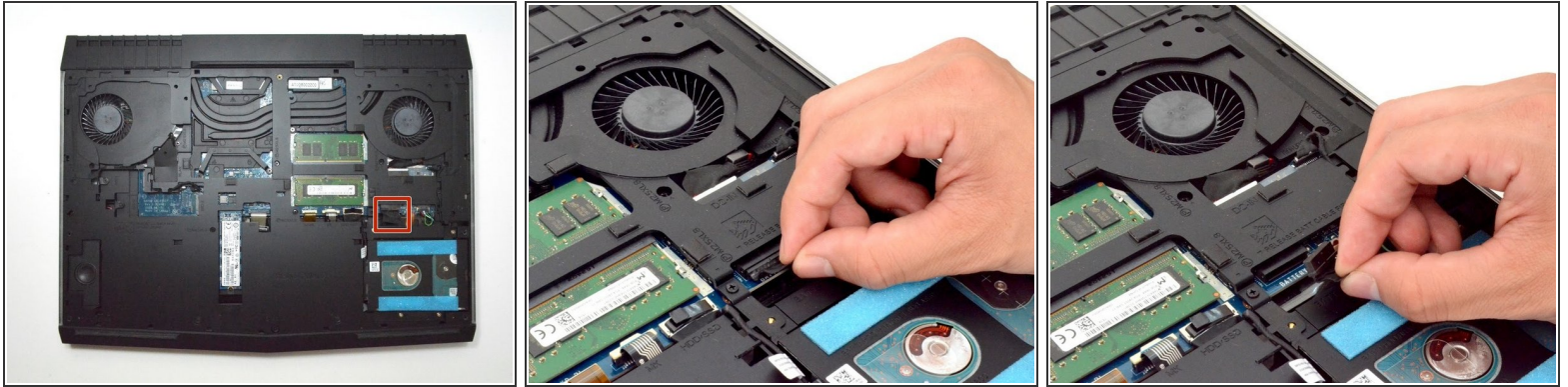
Step 2



- Pull the base cover up to remove it.
- If you are having trouble, insert a **plastic opening tool** into the divots along the laptop's edges to loosen.
- ⓘ Removing the cover may require some force.

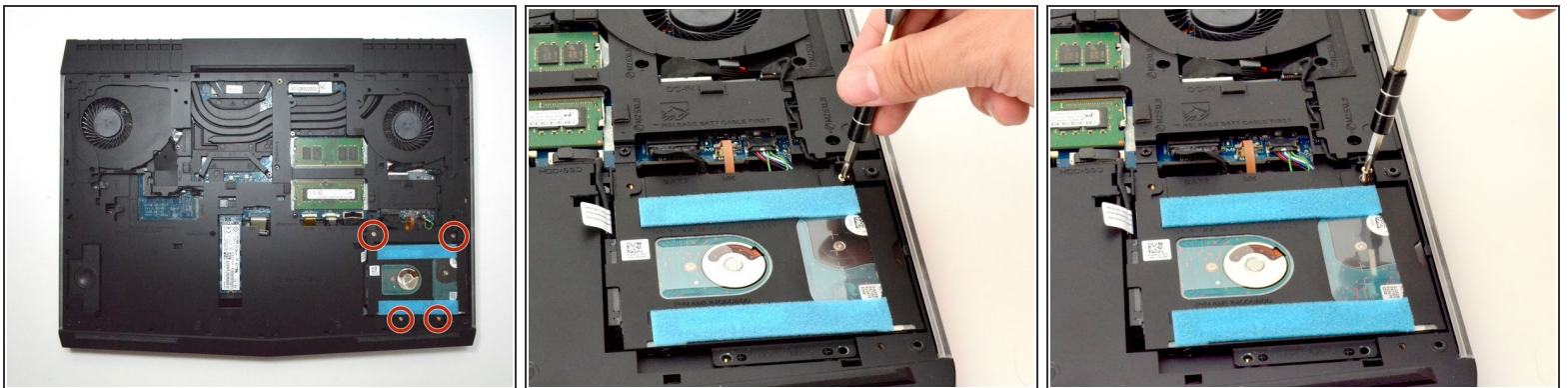
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Step 3 — Hard Disk Drive (HDD)



- Disconnect the **battery connector cable**, located on the right side of the laptop, above the hard disk drive.
- ⓘ Once you have removed the cable, wait **5-10 minutes** to allow the laptop to power down.
- ⚠ Failure to remove the battery connector cable properly may damage other parts of the laptop.

Step 4



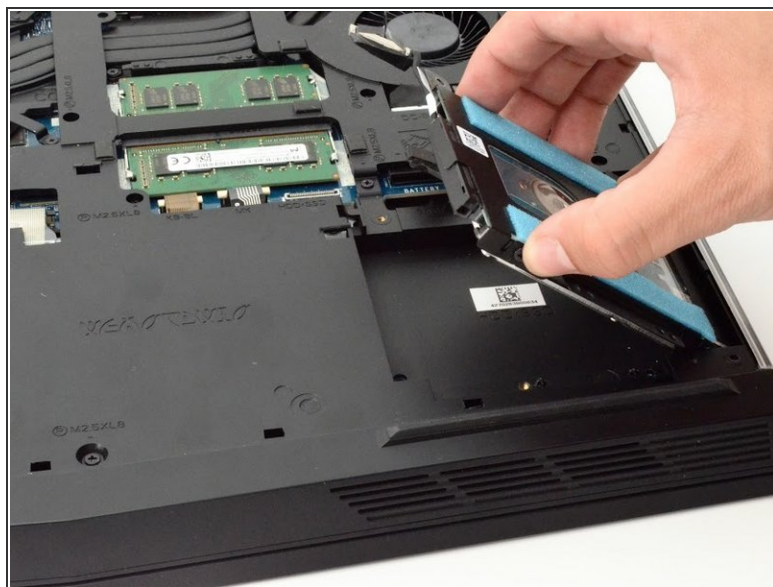
- Use a **PH1 screwdriver bit** to remove the **four M2.5x5 screws (2.4 mm)** on the hard disk drive.

Step 5



- **Gently** lift the HDD cable to disconnect it from the laptop.

Step 6



- Pull the hard drive up to remove.

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