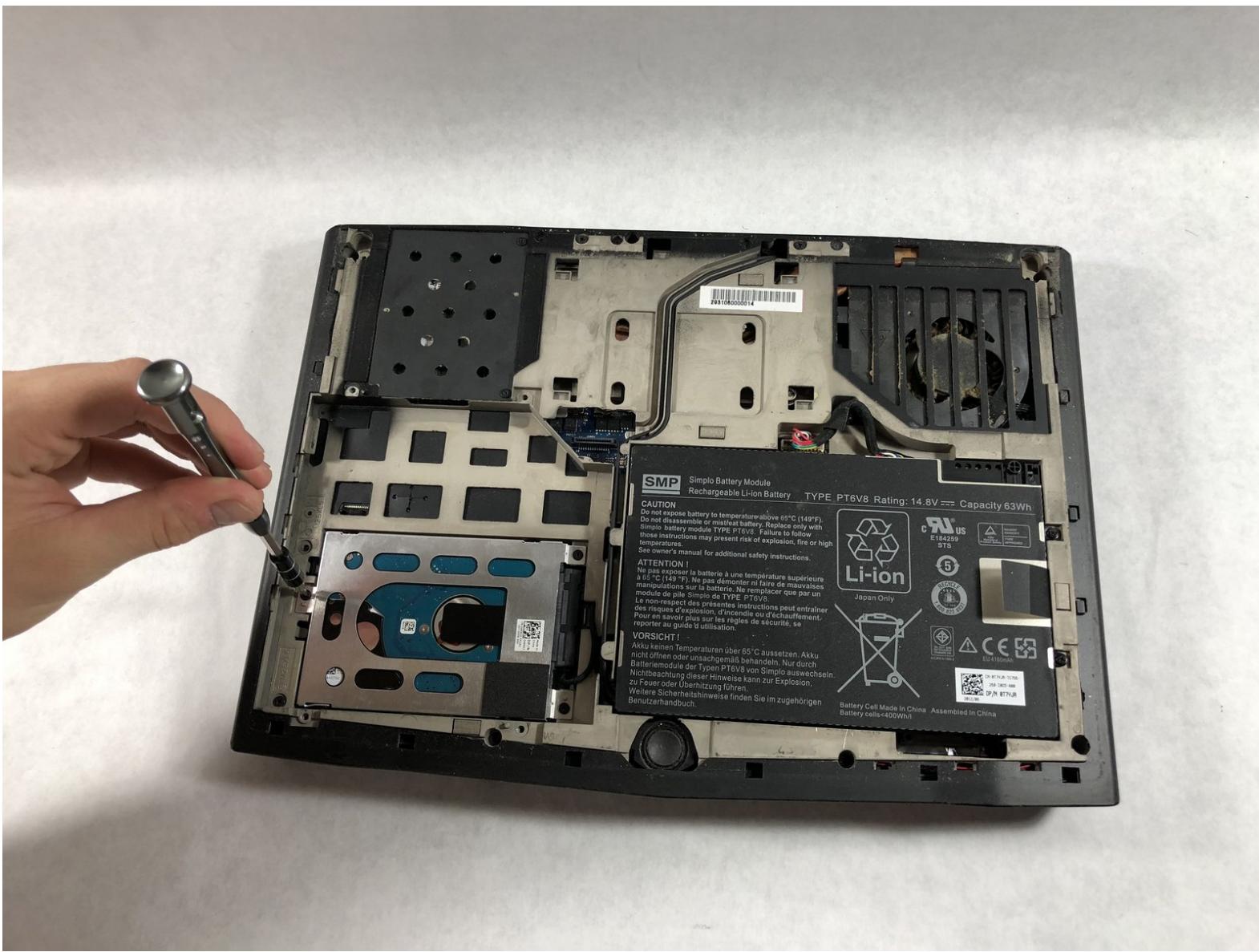




# Alienware P18G M14X R1 Hard Drive Replacement

How to replace the hard drive in the Alienware P18G M14X R1.

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## INTRODUCTION

This guide will show you how to replace the hard drive for the Alienware P18G M14X R1. To replace the hard drive you will need to remove the battery and the Optical drive.

### TOOLS:

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

## Step 1 — Back Cover



- Loosen the top left and top right 6.5mm PH1 screws that hold down the back cover.
- (i)* The screws will not be able to be removed from the back cover. They can only be loosened or tightened.

## Step 2



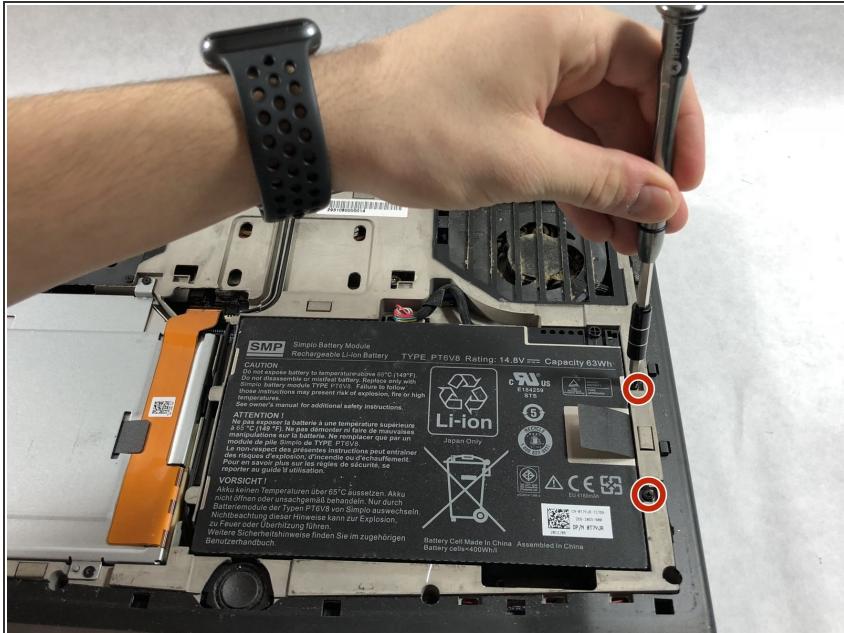
- Slide back cover forward using your thumbs.

## Step 3



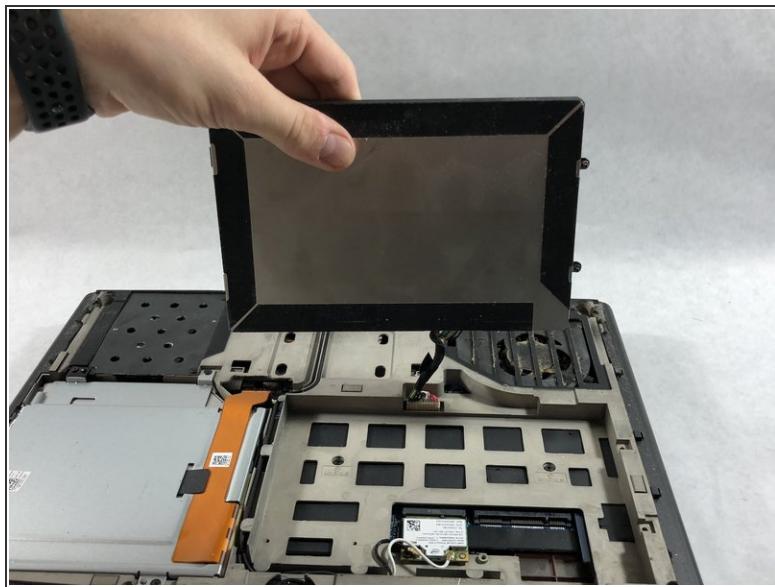
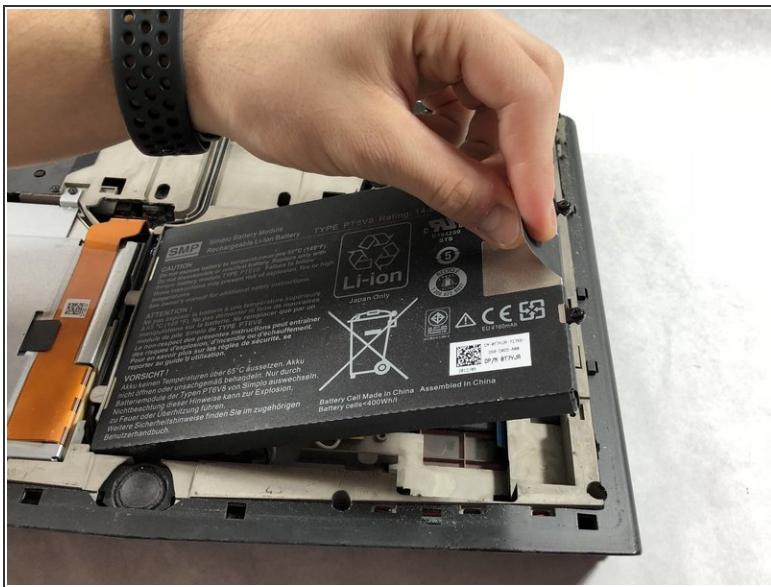
- Lift up the cover and set aside exposing the internals of the computer.

## Step 4 — Battery



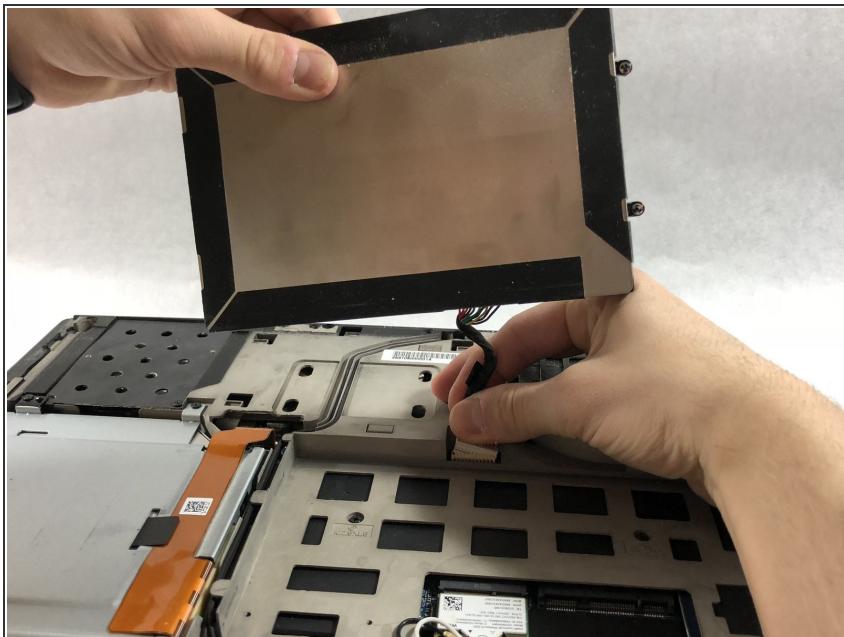
- Make sure the laptop is turned off before starting.
- Using PH1 screwdriver loosen the two screws on the right of the battery.
- The screws will not be able to be removed from the battery. They can only be loosened or tightened.

## Step 5



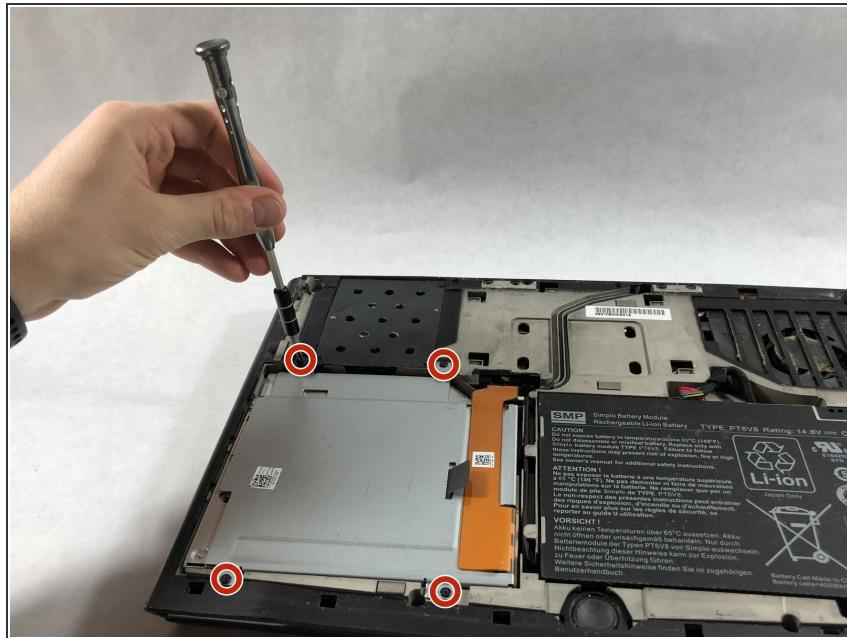
- Pull battery up using the tab provided.

## Step 6



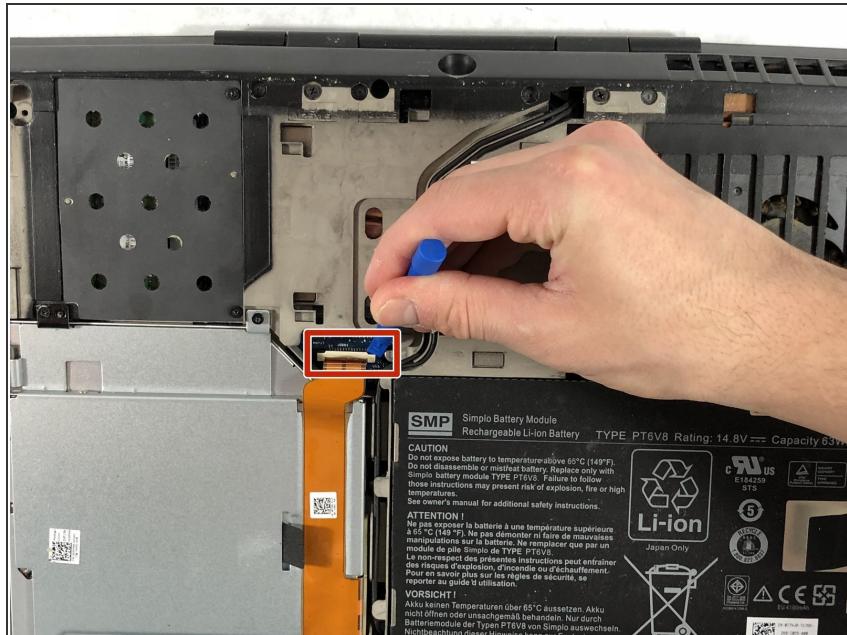
- Disconnect the clip connecting the battery to the computer.
- Set battery aside.

## Step 7 — Optical Drive



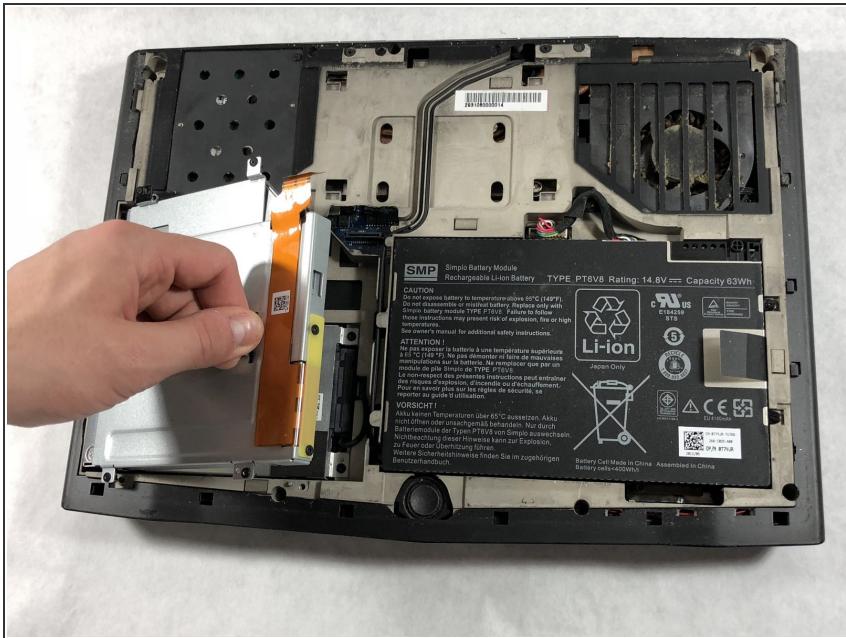
- Unscrew the four 6.35mm screws using the PH1, that hold down the optical drive.

## Step 8



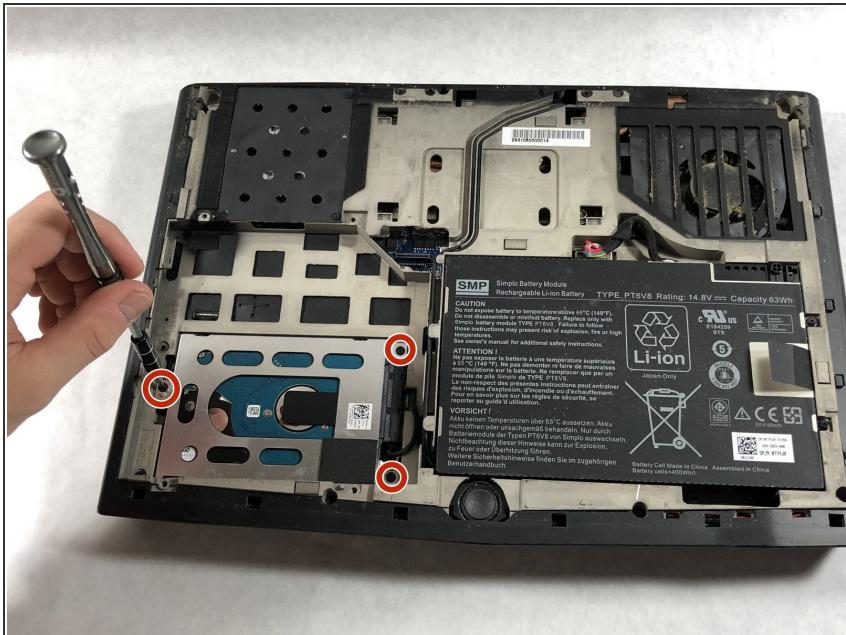
- Using the plastic opening tool unclip the white connector holding down the orange cable.

## Step 9



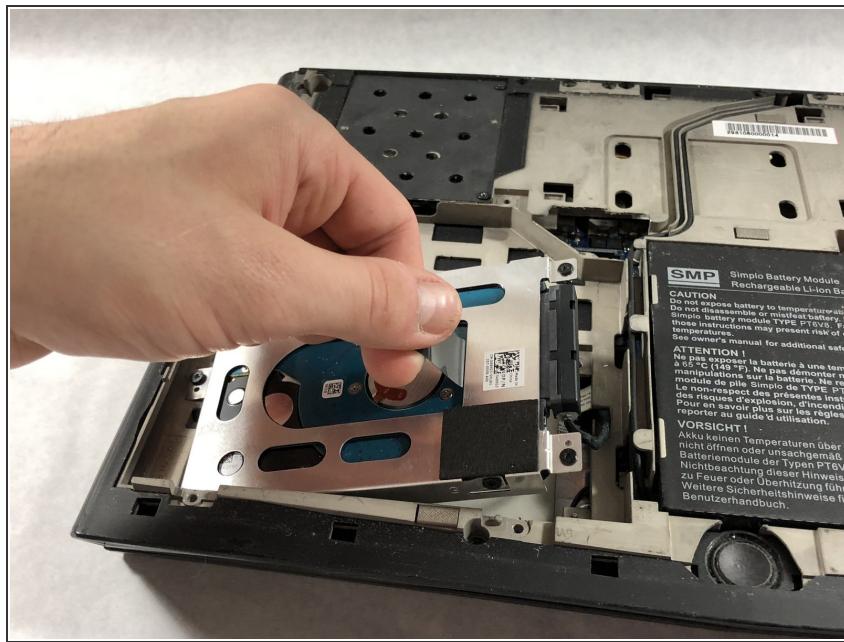
- Using the tab on the optical drive, lift the optical drive out of the computer and set it aside.

## Step 10 — Hard Drive



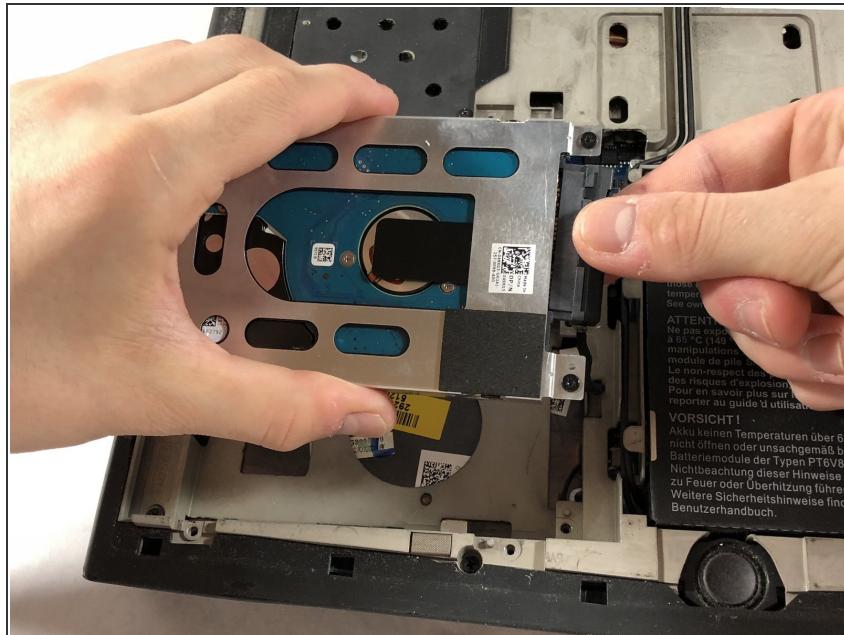
- Loosen the three 6.35 mm screws using the PH1 screw driver, to release the hard drive.
- The screws will not be able to be removed from the hard drive. They can only be loosened or tightened.*

## Step 11



⚠ Pull the tab on the hard drive slowly and carefully because there will be a cable attached to it.

## Step 12



- Pull the clip away from the hard drive to remove it.

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