Apple Powerbook 5300 Keyboard Replacement

How to remove and replace the keyboard on the Apple Powerbook 5300.

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INTRODUCTION

Removal of the keyboard requires little technical skill, and only the removal of three screws.

🔧 TOOLS:

- T8 Torx Screwdriver (1)

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Step 1 — Battery

- Position the Powerbook towards you with the monitor closed.

- Press the battery removal latch located on the right side of the front panel.
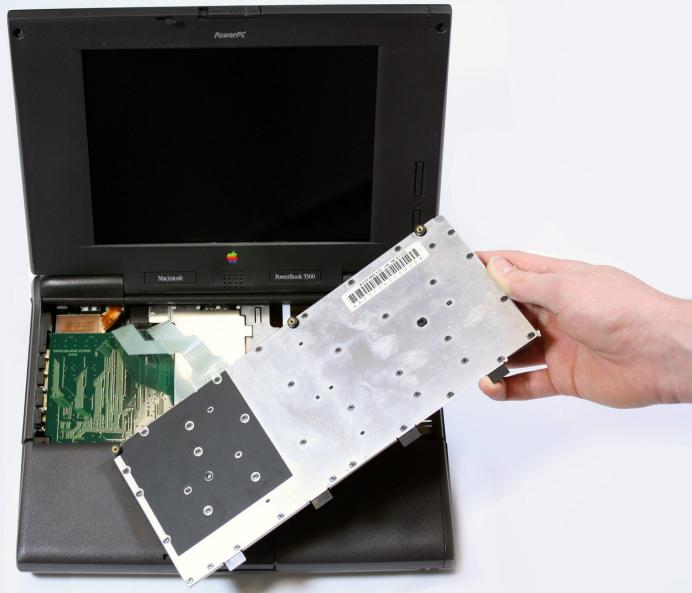
- Gently slide the battery out.

⚠️ The keyboard, front pane, and hard drive are connected to the laptop's logic board via a ribbon cable. Lift up slowly on each component with one hand and disconnect the ribbons from their ports on the logic board.

Step 2 — Keyboard

- Turn the laptop over and remove the three T8 torx screws from the bottom panel.

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Step 3

- Turn the laptop back over and open the monitor.

- With the monitor facing towards you, gently pull up on the keyboard panel from the bottom.

- ⚠ With the keyboard turned over as pictured, carefully remove its ribbon cable from the connection port on the logic board. Use a spudger to lift the white plastic retainer about 1/16" to release the cable.

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