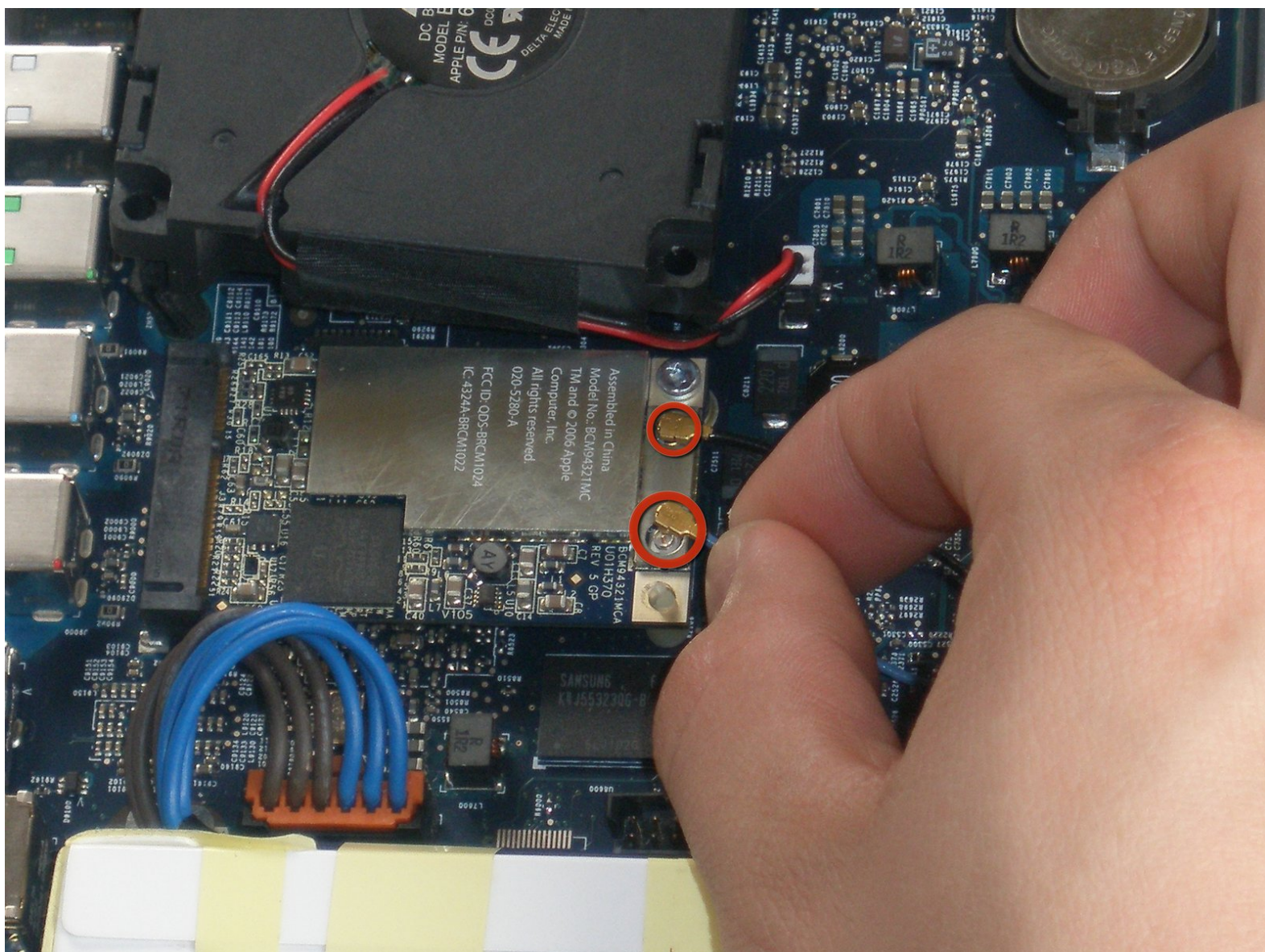# Apple TV 1st Generation AirPort Card Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

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🔧 TOOLS:

- T10 Torx Screwdriver (1)
- T8 Torx Screwdriver (1)

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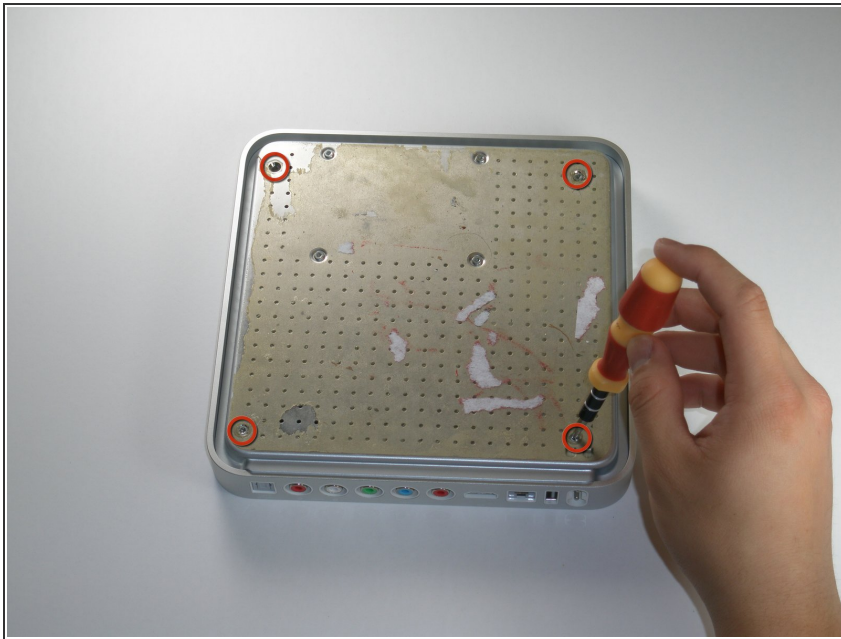
Step 1 — Lower Case

📌 Flip the Apple TV over so that the bottom of the unit is facing up.

ⓘ You need to remove the rubber base to get access to the screws.

● Starting at one side of the device, use a hairdryer or a heat gun to soften the adhesive holding the rubber base in place.

⚠️ The rubber base will be hot after heating, take extreme caution while proceeding to avoid personal injury.

● While the adhesive is still warm, peel the bottom of the rubber base upwards to detach it from the metal plate.

● Repeat the procedure described above until the rubber base has been completely removed.
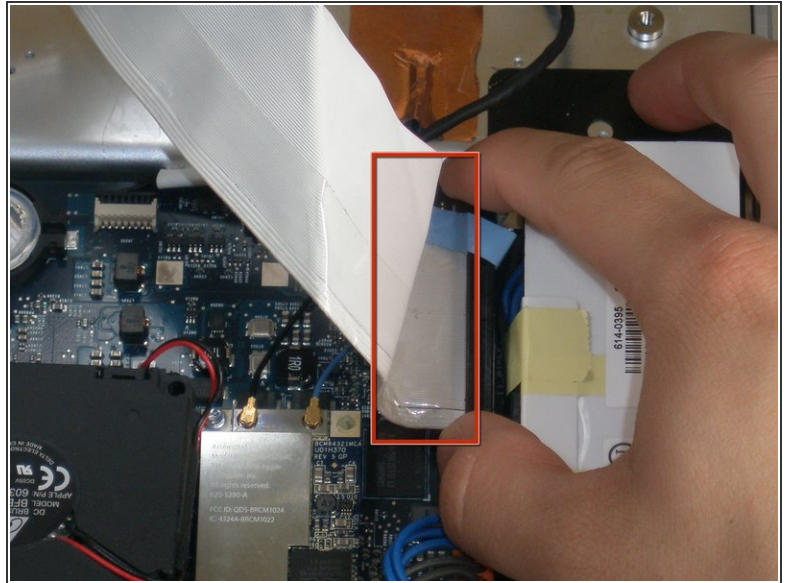
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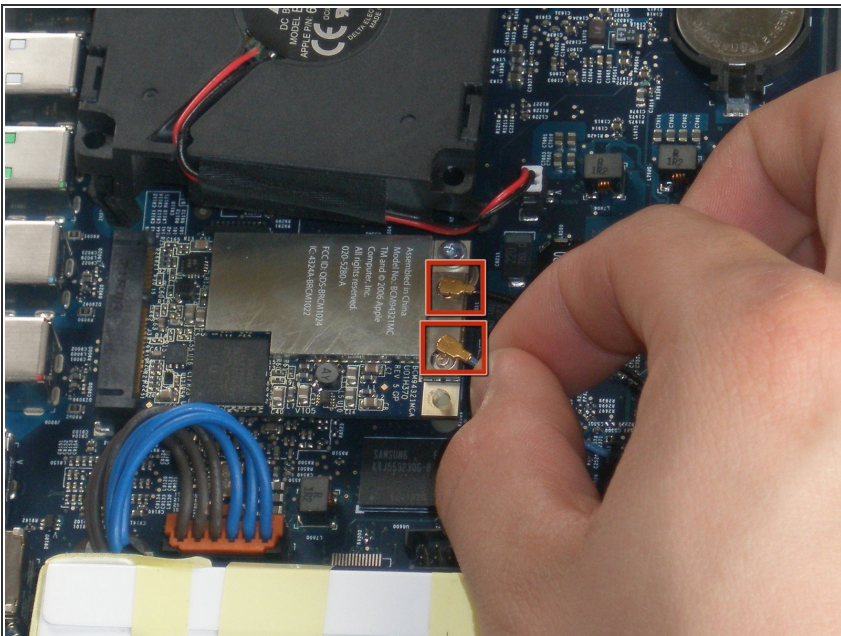- Remove the four T10 Torx screws that secure the lower case to the upper case.

Step 3

- Carefully lift the lower case from the upper case enough to allow access to the internals of the Apple TV.

⚠️ Be aware that the hard drive is physically attached to the lower case and that a ribbon cable runs from the drive to the logic board in the upper case.

Step 4

- Carefully pull the hard drive data cable straight up from its socket on the logic board.

- During reassembly, make sure the hard drive data cable is firmly seated in its socket on the logic board; otherwise, during boot-up you will see a flashing question mark "?".

Step 5 — AirPort Card

- Pry the AirPort antenna cables straight up from their sockets on the logic board.
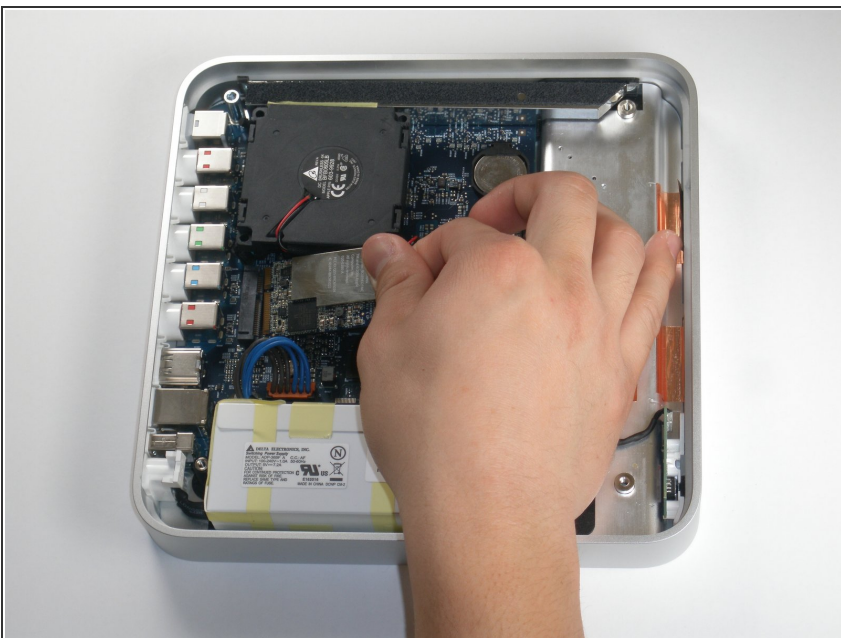
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Step 6

● Remove the single T8 Torx screw securing the AirPort card to the logic board.

Step 7

● Cautiously lift the AirPort card and pull it straight away. Slide it from its socket on the logic board.

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

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