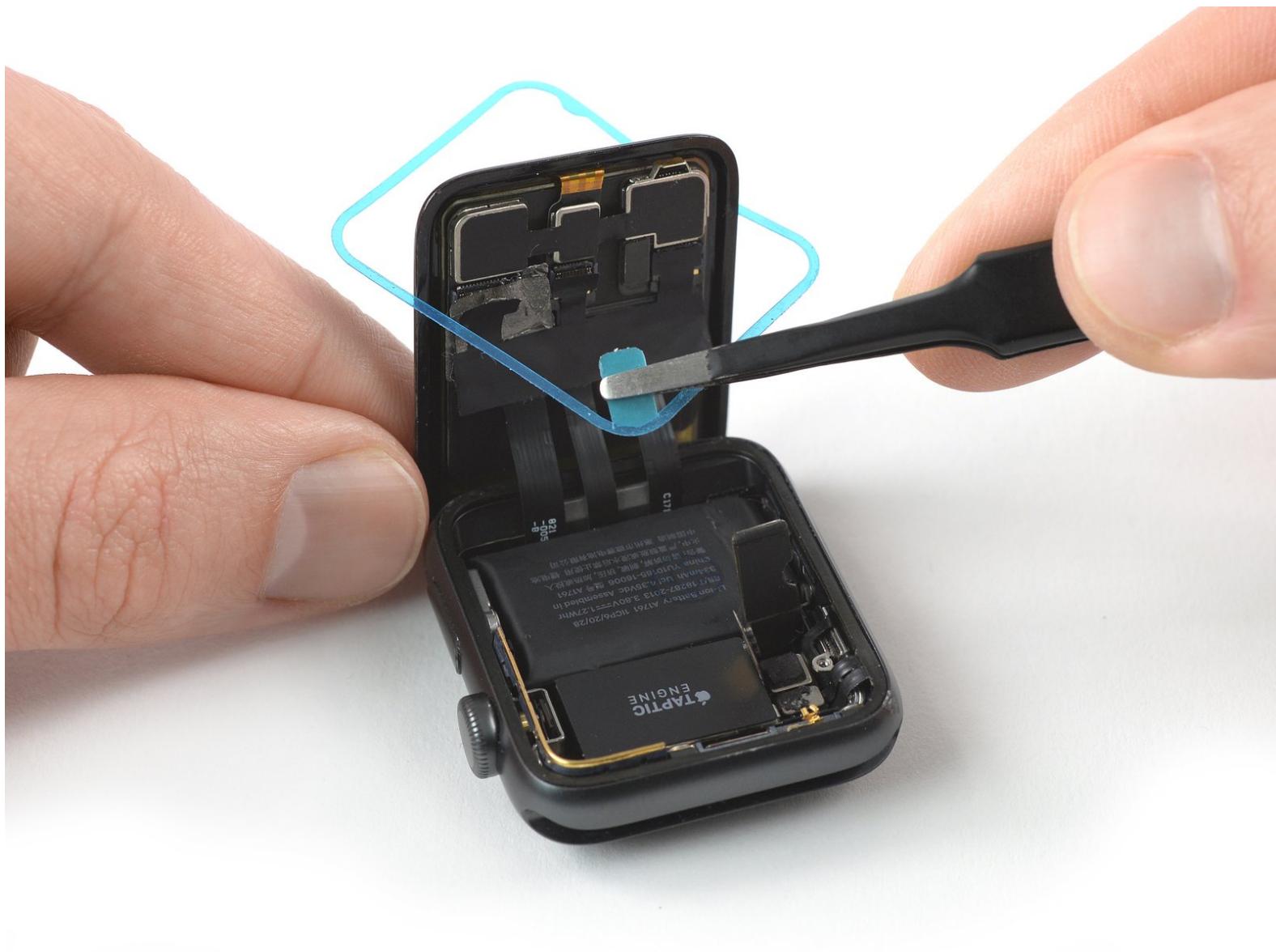




Apple Watch Series 3 Adhesive Replacement

This guide shows you how to replace the adhesive and reseal your Apple Watch Series 3.

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INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace the adhesive of your Apple Watch Series 3 and reseal it.

This guide shows the procedure on the standard, GPS-only version of the watch, but the cellular/LTE version is similar. Any important differences are noted in the text.

TOOLS:

- Q-Tips (1)
- Spudger (1)
- Tri-point Y000 Screwdriver Bit (1)
- Tweezers (1)

PARTS:

- [Adhesive Cleanup Kit](#) (1)
- [Apple Watch \(42 mm Series 3\) Adhesive Strip](#) (1)
- [Apple Watch \(38 mm Series 3\) Adhesive Strip](#) (1)

Step 1 — Cleaning the gasket



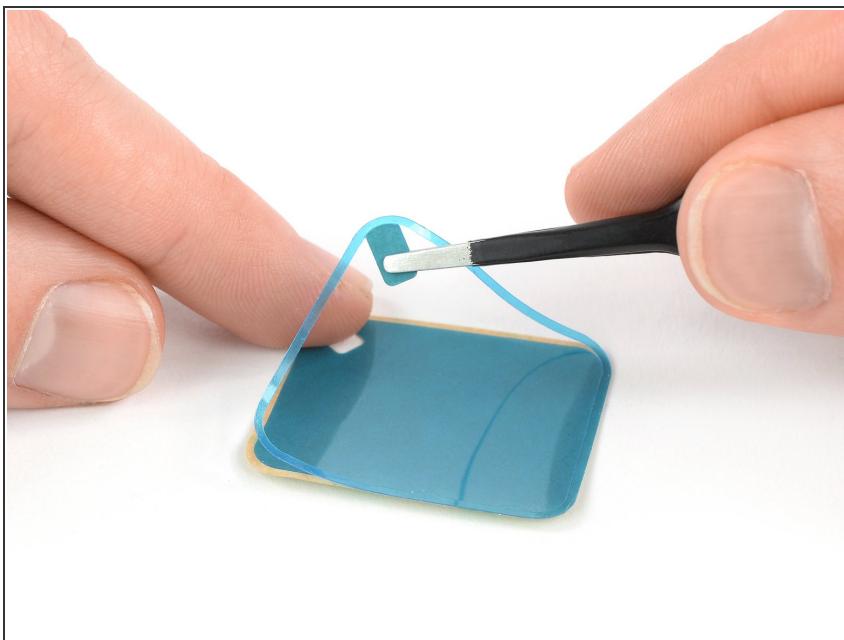
- Apply a little bit of isopropyl alcohol (>99%) to a Q-tip or use a [cleaning pad](#) to gently remove the adhesive leftovers on top of the force touch gasket.
- *(i)* To remove the adhesive on the side where the display cables are running, fold down the display and carefully pull it away from the frame so there's enough space.

Step 2 — Cleaning the display



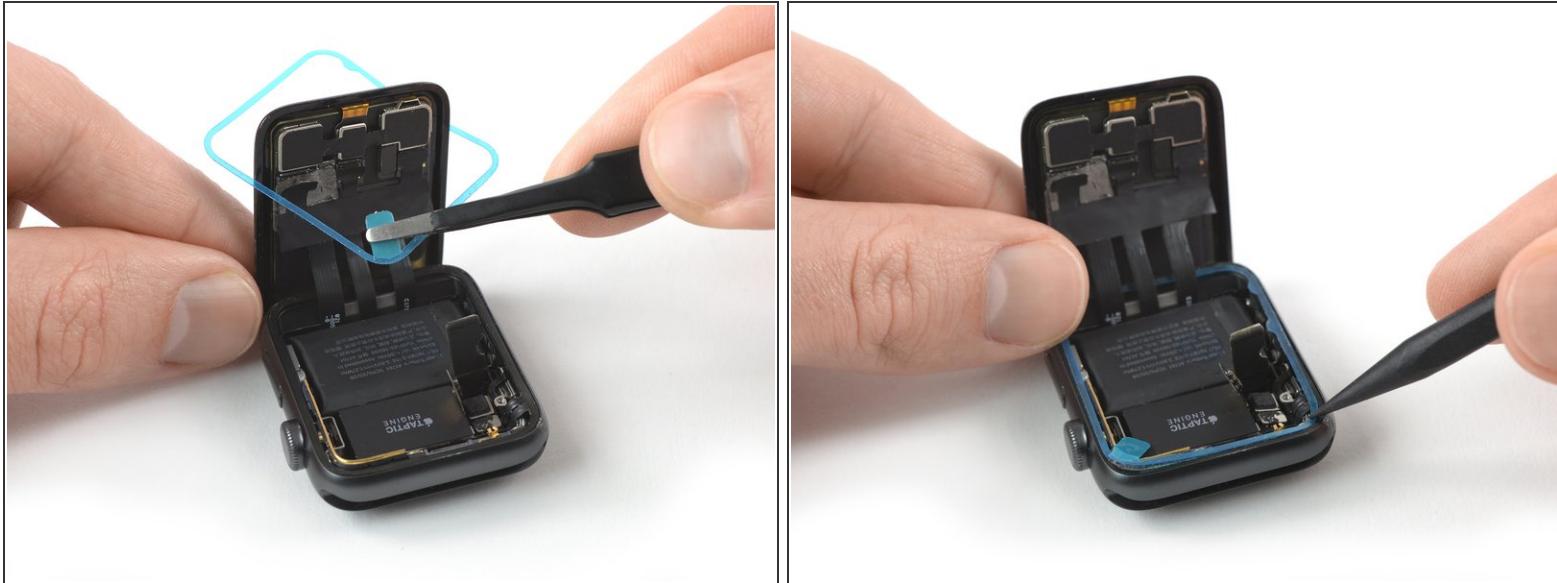
- Flip the Apple Watch upside down so the display lays flat while lifting up the case.
- Remove the leftovers on the back of the display.

Step 3 — Applying the new adhesive



- Use a pair of tweezers to carefully remove replacement adhesive with the blue protective film from the backing paper.

Step 4



- Hold the replacement adhesive diagonally to thread it over the display.
- Slightly tilt the display forward so you can align the adhesive with the frame.
- Position the replacement adhesive on top of the force touch gasket and use the pointed end of a spudger to move and press it into place.

Step 5



- Reconnect the battery as seen in the replacement guide you came from.
- Remove the protective film from the adhesive.

Step 6



- Align the screen and press it down firmly onto the adhesive.

☞ To improve bonding of the adhesive you can use an iOpener to warm up the display. Then apply some pressure for a few hours (placing it under one or two heavy books overnight might be a way).