



# Asus A53U-ES21 Optical Drive Replacement

In this guide, we will replace the optical drive in your Asus A53U-ES21.

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## INTRODUCTION

If your computer is having trouble reading or writing on optical discs such as CDs and DVDs, and you have also ruled out software difficulties, this guide will show how to replace your optical drive.

### TOOLS:

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

## Step 1 — Battery



 Make sure the laptop is off.

- Flip the laptop upside down so that the battery is facing you.

## Step 2



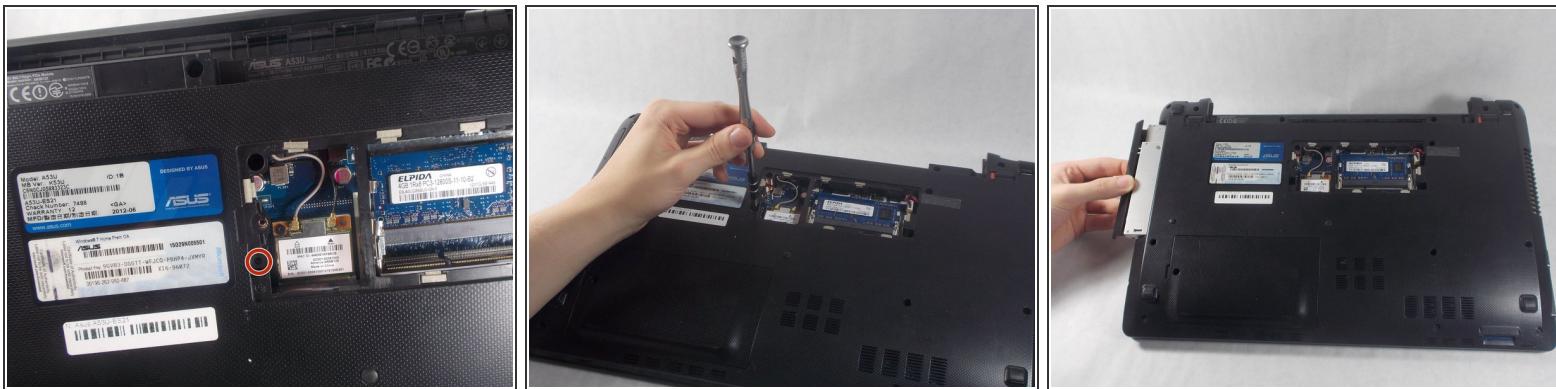
- Move the two sliders towards the outer edge of the laptop.
- Pull the battery out with your left hand while holding the right slider.

## Step 3 — Optical Drive



- Remove the 5mm screw using a Phillips #1 screwdriver.
- Use the iFixit opening tools to remove the RAM panel.

## Step 4



- Remove the 7mm screw using a Phillips #1 screwdriver.
- Pull the optical drive out from the side of the laptop.

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