



Asus G73JW-XT1 Optical Drive Replacement

This guide will demonstrate how to remove the optical drive from an Asus G73Jw-XT1 Laptop.

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INTRODUCTION

Is your optical drive no longer reading discs? If so, here is the guide to fix the problem by simply removing the disc, buying a new one and installing it. All you need is the standard Phillips #0 screwdriver in order to remove the screws and plastic opening tools to remove covers.

TOOLS:

- Phillips #0 Screwdriver (1)
- iFixit Opening Tools (2)

PARTS:

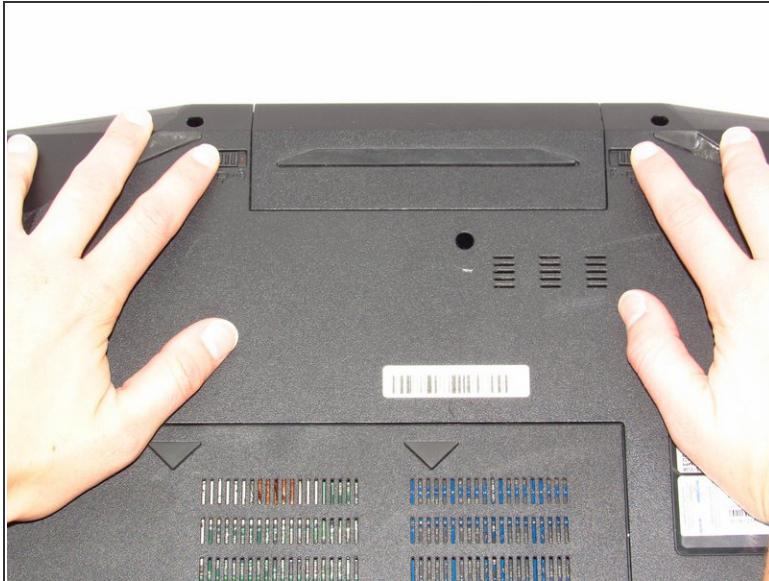
- Optical Disk Drive (1)

Step 1 — Battery



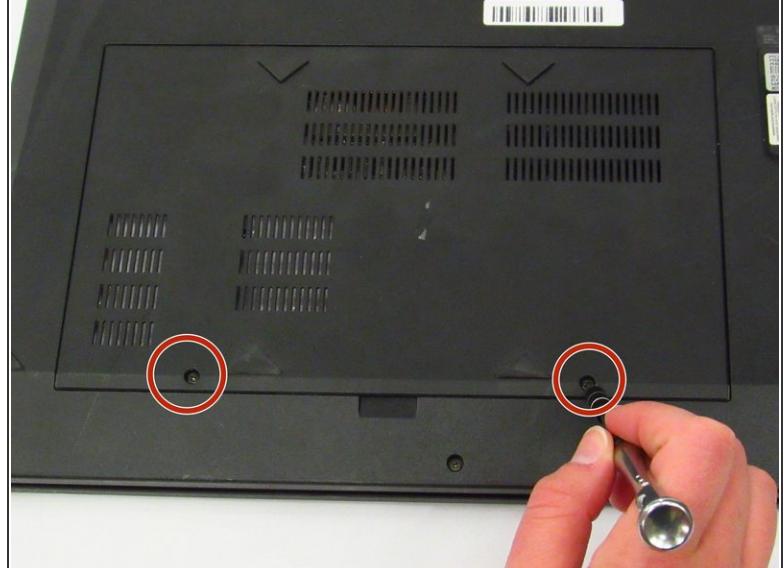
- Flip the device over so the battery port is easy to access.

Step 2



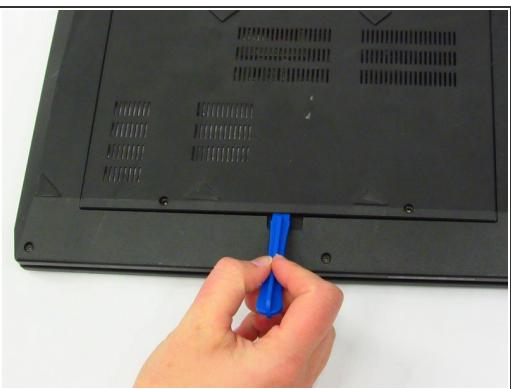
- Slide the left slider to the left so that it locks in place.
- Slide the right slider to the right while pushing the battery away from you. The battery should disconnect.

Step 3 — Optical Drive



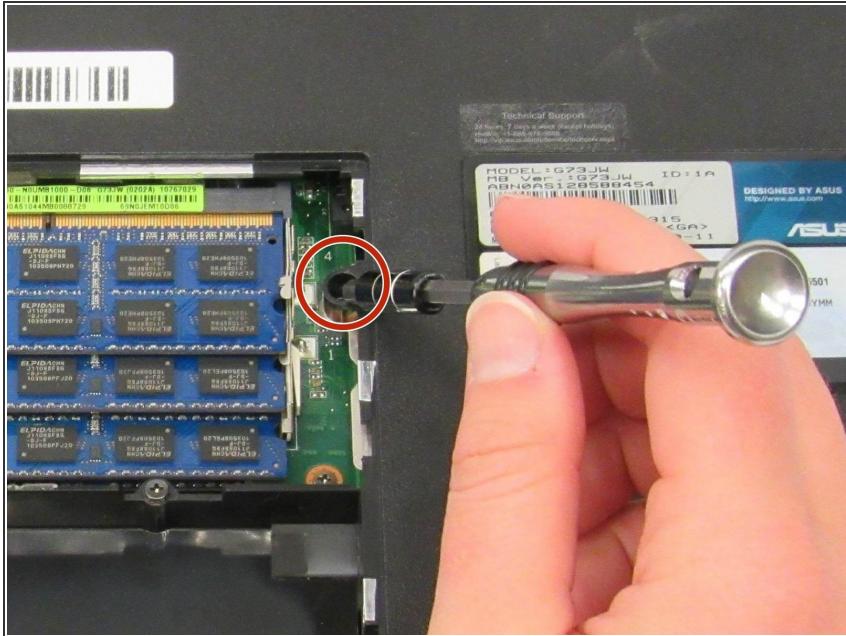
- Turn the device off and remove any power cords. Dissassembling the device while it is under power may result in electric shock and potential damage to the device.
- Rotate the device so the battery port is facing away.
- Remove two 5.5 mm Phillips #0 screws on the back panel.

Step 4



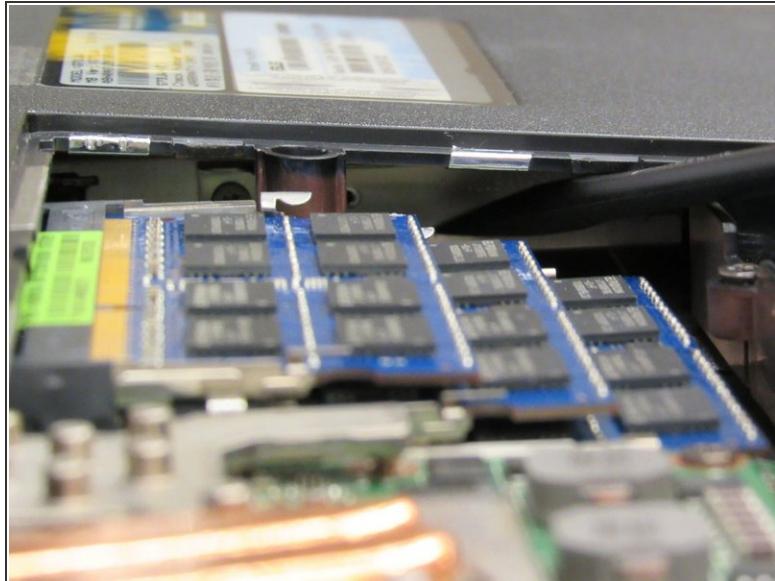
- Insert the opener tool into the small groove at the edge of the panel.
- Using opener tool, gently pry the back panel upward until it lifts free from the device.
- Gently lift the panel off with your fingers.

Step 5



- Remove one 5.5 mm Phillips #0 screw directly to the right of the RAM cards.

Step 6



- Insert the plastic opening tool in the gap between the motherboard and the back panel, directly to the right of the RAM cards.
- Gently push the optical drive outwards. This should require very little pressure.
- Grab the loose optical drive with your fingers and pull it free.

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