



Asus ROG G53SW-XT1 Optical Drive Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

This guide will demonstrate how to replace the optical drive in the ASUS ROG G53SW-XT1.

TOOLS:

- [Spudger](#) (1)
- [Phillips #0 Screwdriver](#) (1)

Step 1 — Battery



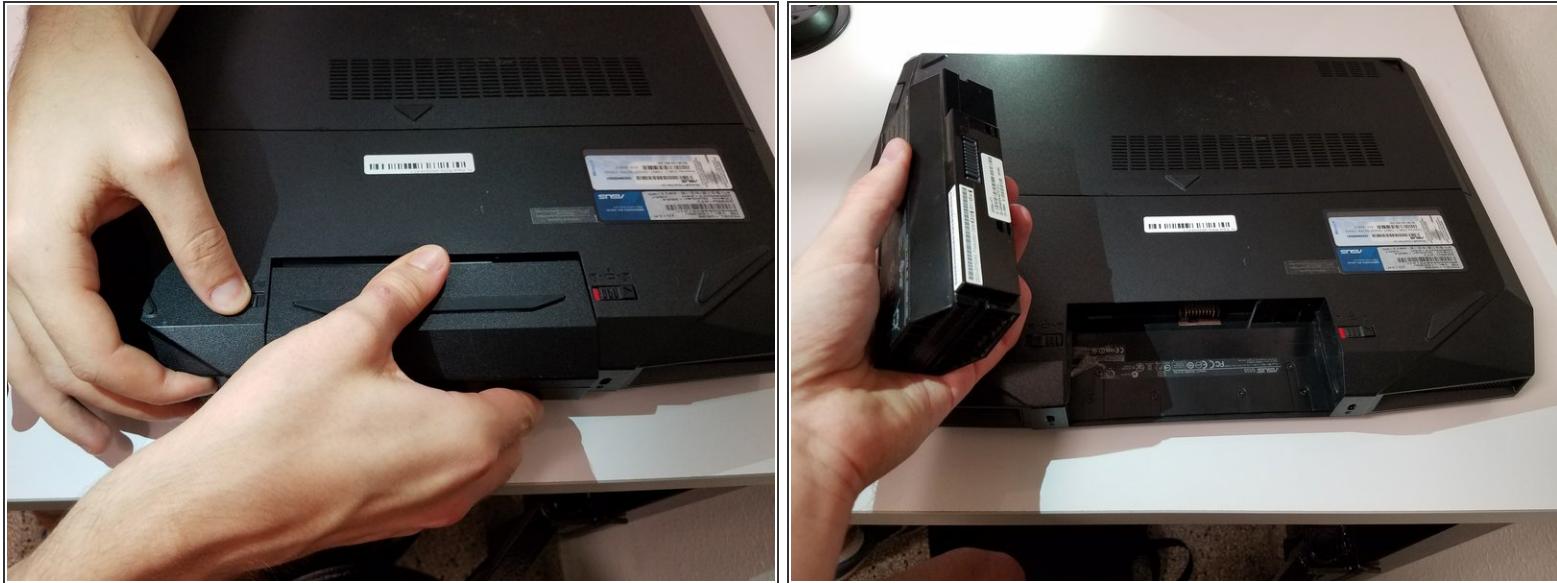
- Unplug the power cable and flip the computer over.

Step 2



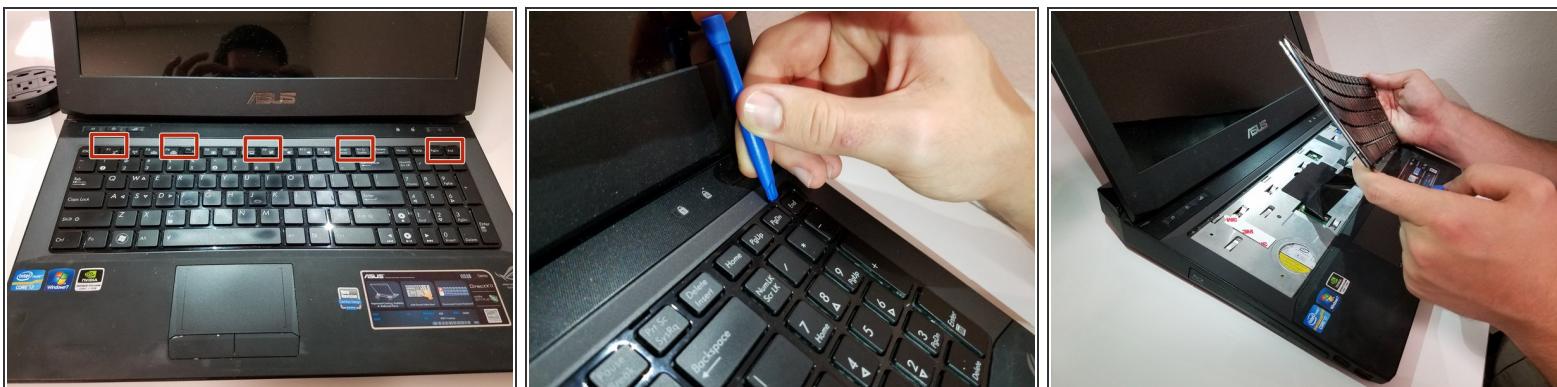
- Unlock the battery by pushing the switch to the right.

Step 3



- Push and hold the left switch, then pull the battery out.

Step 4 — Keyboard



- Insert a spudger, or plastic opening tool, into these five slots and pry upwards to pop up the keyboard.

Step 5



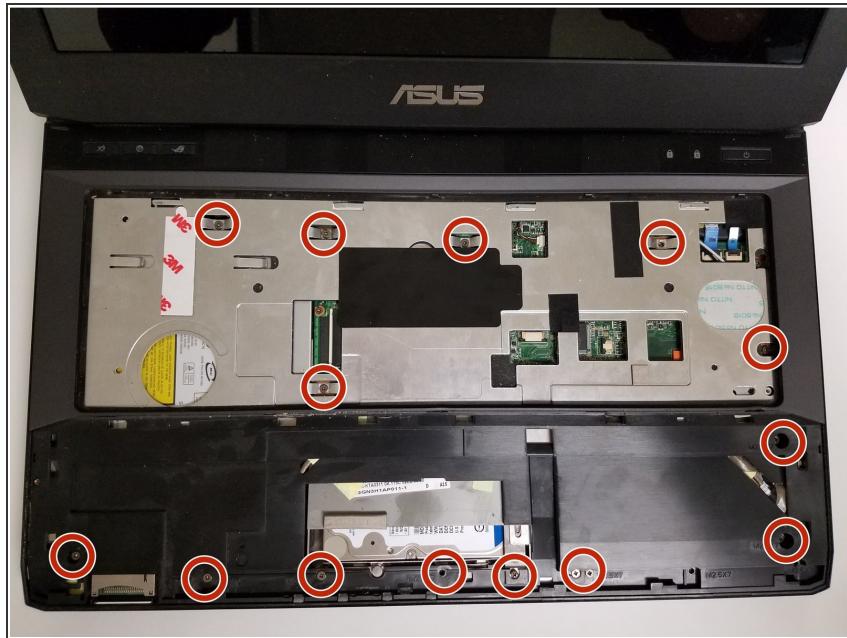
- Disconnect the keyboard ribbon cables from the motherboard.

Step 6 — Back Panel



- Insert your screwdriver into the locking mechanism and slide it to the left. This will unlock the hand rest and allow you to pull it free.

Step 7



- Remove the fourteen Phillips #0 screws.

Step 8



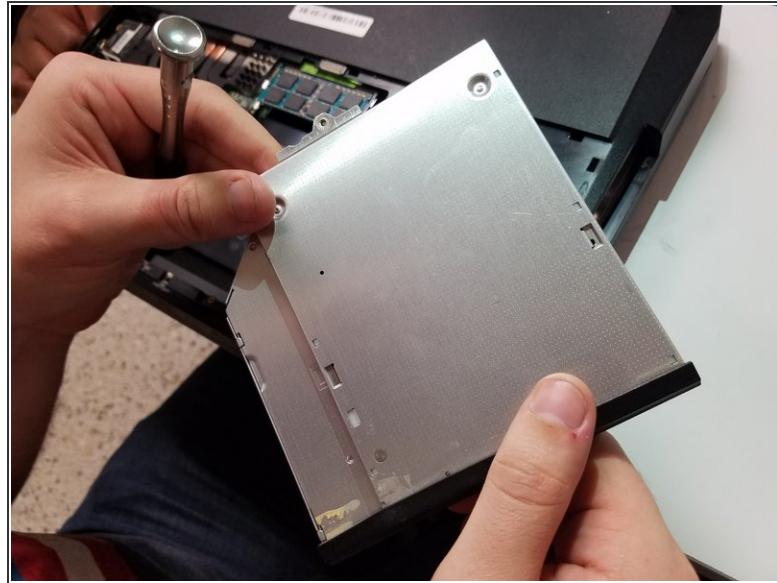
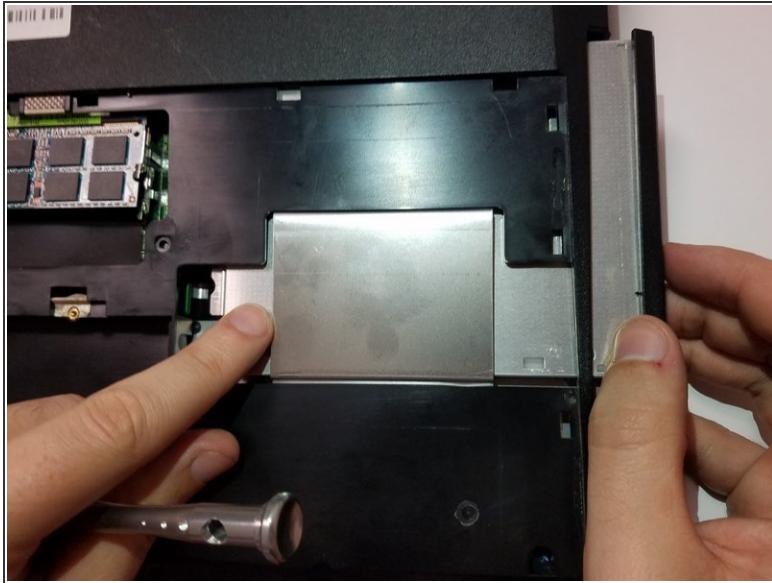
- Flip the laptop over and pull off the bottom cover.

Step 9 — Optical Drive



- Remove the single 7mm Phillips #0 screw holding the hard drive in place.

Step 10



- Slide the hard drive out of the casing.

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