Atari 5200 Controller Start/Pause/Reset Buttons Replacement

A guide to disassembling the Atari 5200 Controller to give its user access to repairing the Start/Pause/Reset List.

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INTRODUCTION

The START/PAUSE/RESET buttons of the Atari 5200 controller can become unresponsive due to dirty/overused connections. Opening the controller and reseating/cleaning the interfaces to these sensors can improve the button's responsiveness.

🔧 TOOLS:

- Soft Cloth (1)
- Isopropyl Alcohol (1)
- Heavy-Duty Spudger (1)

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Step 1 — Opening up the module

- Using a plastic or metal spudger, pry open the face of the button module.

Step 2 — Removing the parts.

- Take off the plate and the rubber buttons.

- Clean the exposed contacts.

- Reassemble by following the steps in reverse.

Test the controller. If these step don't improve connectivity, take a look at the circuitry replacement guide.

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