



Back Panel Removal

This guide is a necessary step in order to complete a number of the other repair guides. This will walk the user through the removal of the back plate in order to access different components of the computer.

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INTRODUCTION

After determining the problem on the Troubleshooting guide, the Back Panel guide will show you how to remove the back of the laptop. This guide will be used as a precursor to the hard drive, keyboard, and RAM removal.



TOOLS:

- [Phillips #1 Screwdriver](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Battery



- Power down the computer and unplug the power adapter.

Step 2




- Flip the laptop upside down. Locate the two latches on both sides of the battery.

Step 3



- Slide the latch on the right outwards, releasing the lock. The latch stays unlocked once moved.
- Simultaneously slide the latch on the left outwards while pulling the battery towards you.

 Do not touch the metal connectors on the laptop and the battery.

Step 4 — Back Panel Removal



- Remove the single captive screw on the back panel with your Phillips #1 screwdriver.

Step 5



- Pry the removal tab up. You will feel and hear the first clip release, popping up slightly.
- Work your way around the border of the panel, releasing the rest of the clips.
- Once all clips are released, lift the cover up and pull towards you.

To replace the back panel, follow the steps in reverse.