Dell Alienware M18x R2 Hard Drive Replacement

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INTRODUCTION
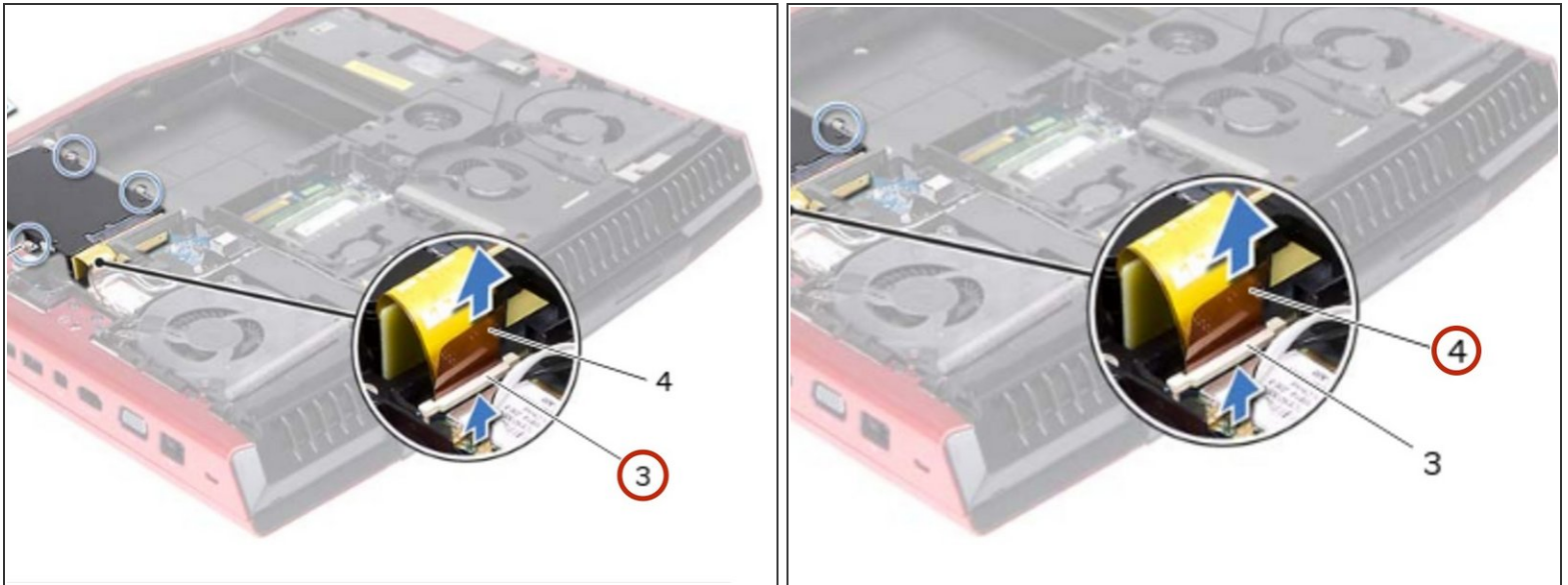
In this guide, we will show you how to remove and replace the Hard Drive.

⚒ TOOLS:

- Phillips #0 Screwdriver (1)

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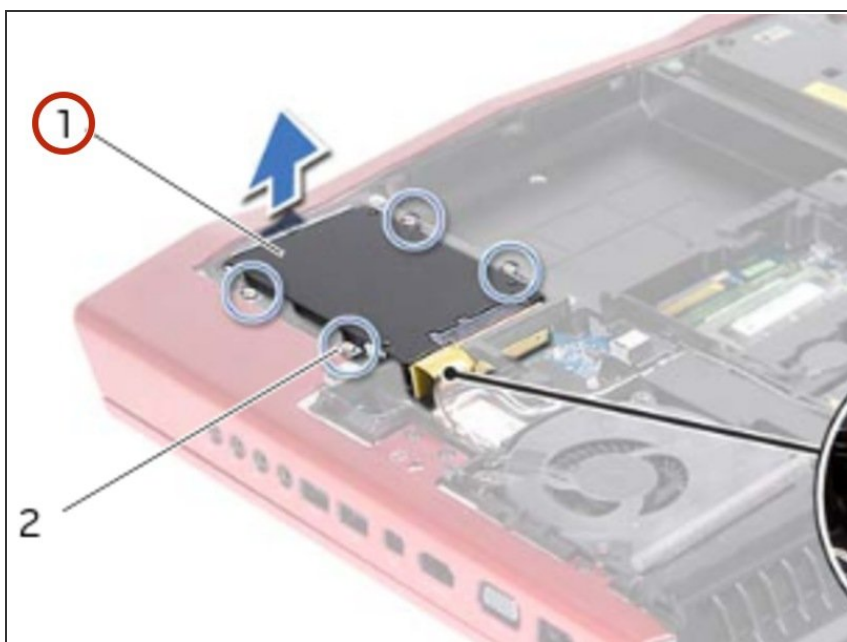www.iFixit.com

Step 1 — Lifting the Connector Latch

⚠ WARNING: Before working inside your computer, read the safety information that shipped with your computer and follow the steps in [Before You Begin](#).

⚠ CAUTION: Hard drives are extremely fragile. Exercise care when handling the hard drive
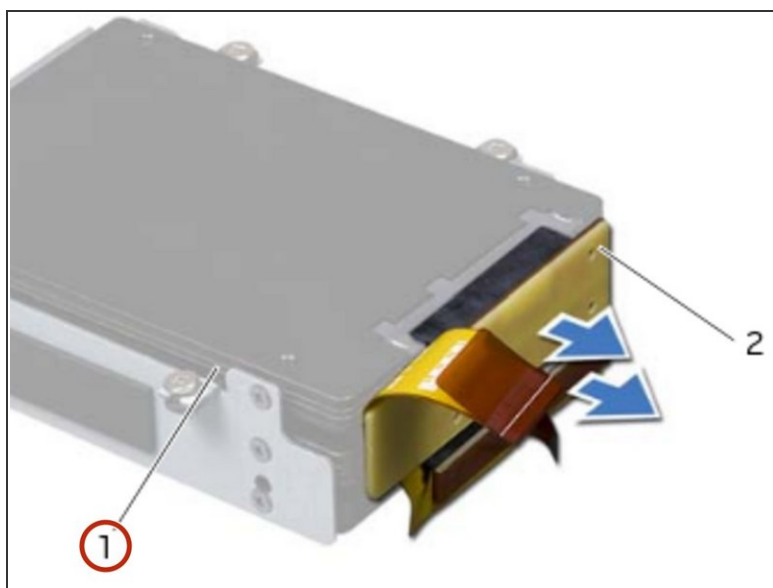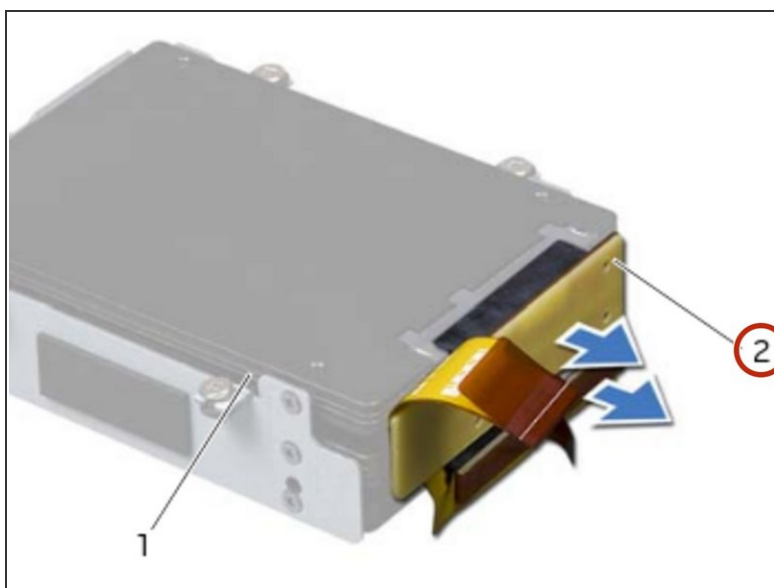
- Lift the connector latch that secures the hard-drive cable to the connector on the system board, and then disconnect the hard-drive cable from the connector on the system board.

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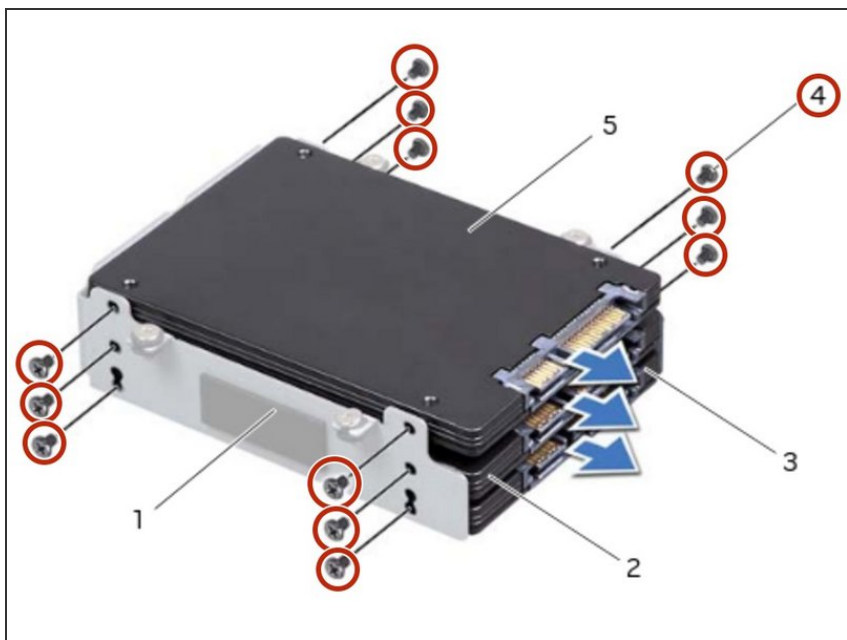## Step 2 — Lifting the Hard-Drive Assembly

- Using the pull-tab, lift the hard-drive assembly out of the computer base.
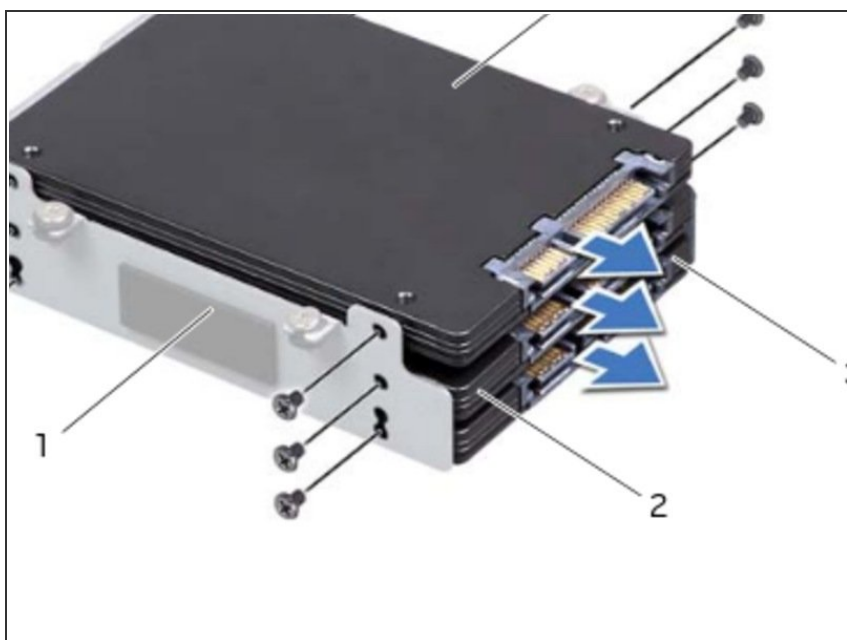
Step 3 — Disconnecting the Interposer

- Disconnect the interposer from the hard drives.

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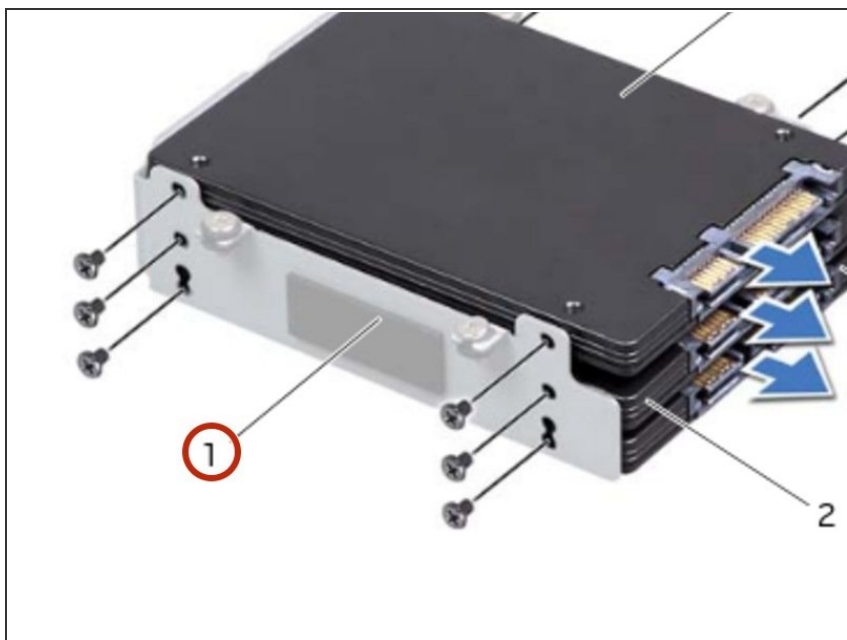
Step 4 — Remove the Screws

- Remove the screws that secure the hard drive(s) and slide the hard drive(s) out of the hard-drive bracket.
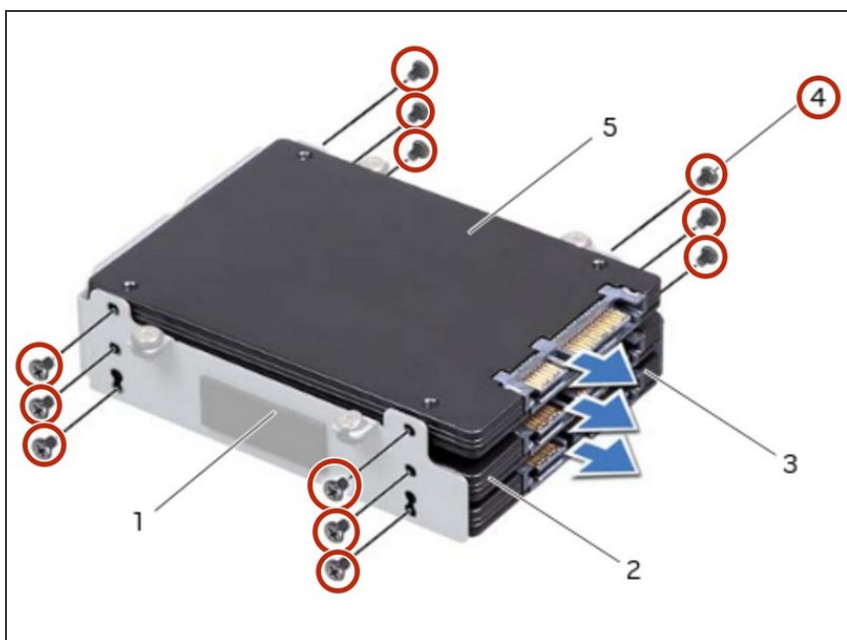
Step 5 — Placing the Hard Drive

- Place the **NEW** primary hard drive (HDD 0) in the hard-drive bracket.

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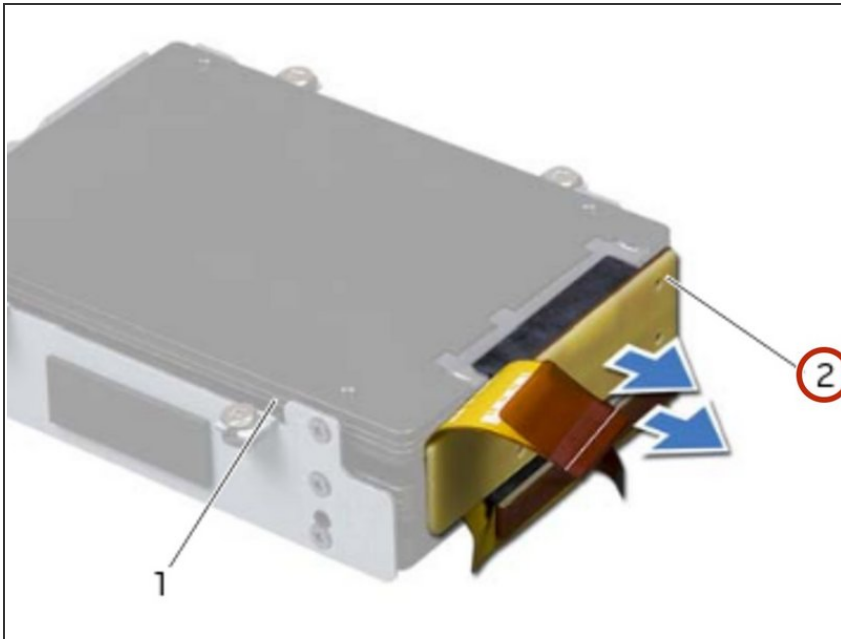
Step 6 — Sliding the Hard Drives

- If applicable, slide the secondary and tertiary hard drive(s) into the hard-drive bracket.
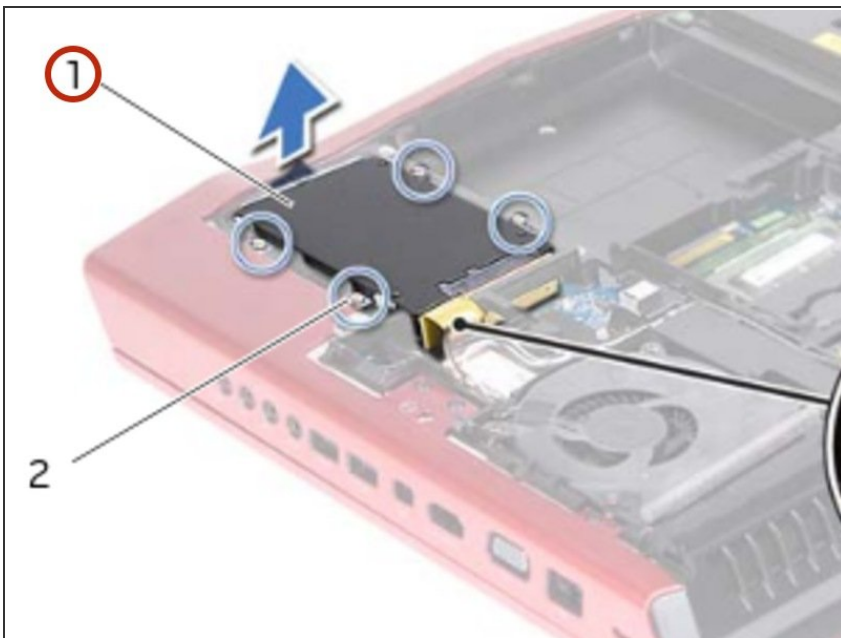
Step 7 — Replace the Screws

- Replace the screws that secure the primary hard drive (HDD 0).

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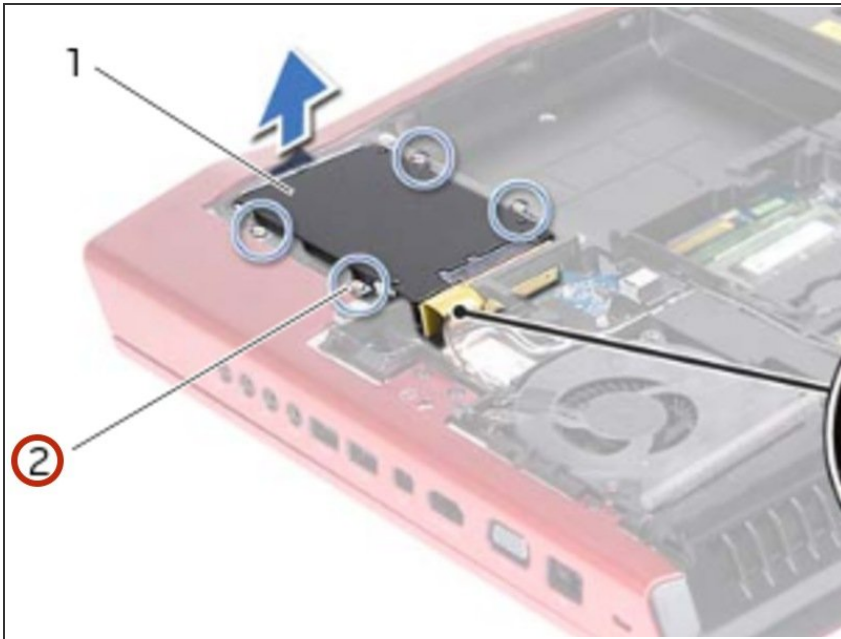
Step 8 — Connecting the Interposer

- If applicable, replace the screws that secure the secondary hard drive (HDD 1) and tertiary hard drive (HDD 2) to the hard-drive bracket.

- Connect the interposer to the hard drive(s).

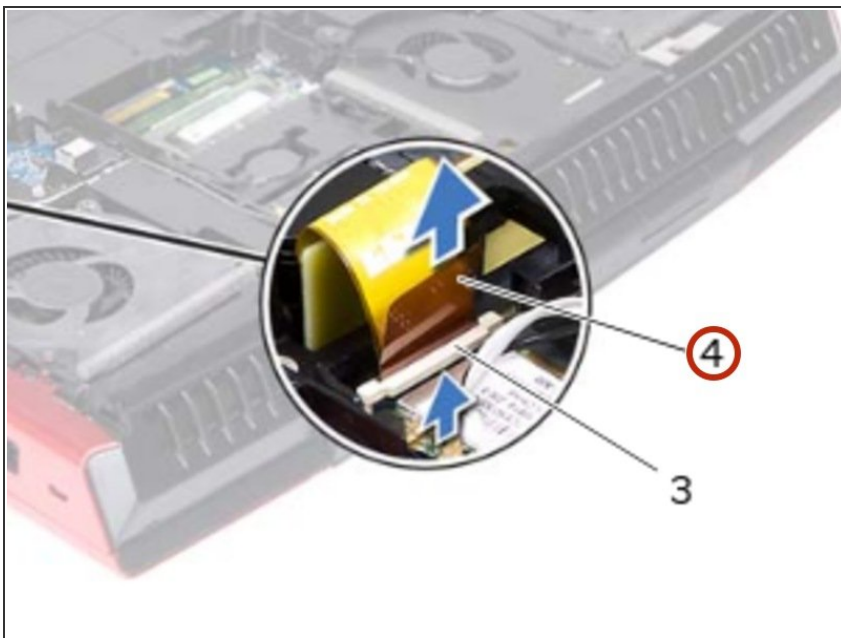## Step 9 — Placing the Hard-Drive Assembly

- Place the hard-drive assembly in the computer base.

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Step 10 — Tighten the Captive Screws

- Tighten the captive screws that secure the hard-drive assembly to the computer base.

Step 11 — Sliding the Hard-Drive Cable

- Slide the hard-drive cable into the connector on the system board and press down on the connector latch to secure the cable.

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

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