



# Dell Inspiron 14z-5423 Speaker Replacement

This guide will teach users to remove the speakers from the Dell Inspiron 14z-5423 laptop.

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# INTRODUCTION

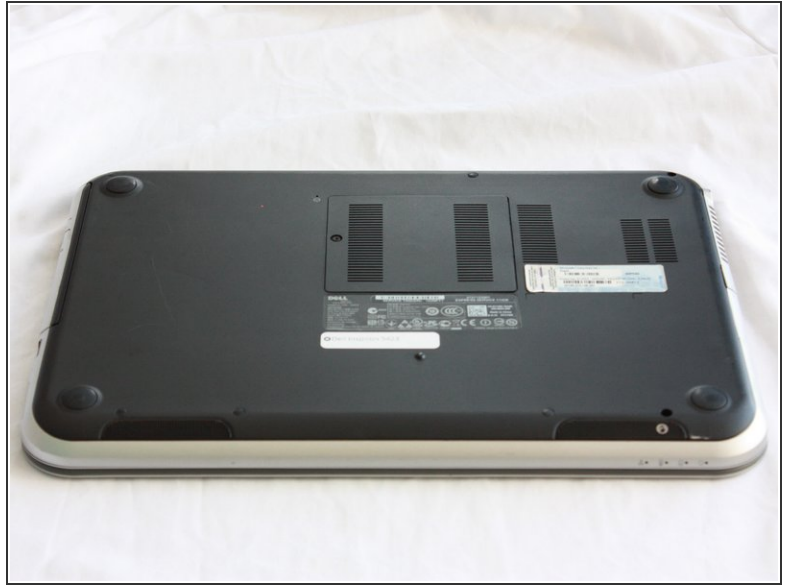
This computer utilizes Skullcandy speakers that are located along the front of the laptop.



## TOOLS:

- [JIS Driver Set](#) (1)
  - [Spudger](#) (1)
  - [Tweezers](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — RAM



- Close the display and turn over the computer.

⚠ Make sure your device is powered down and unplugged before beginning the replacement.

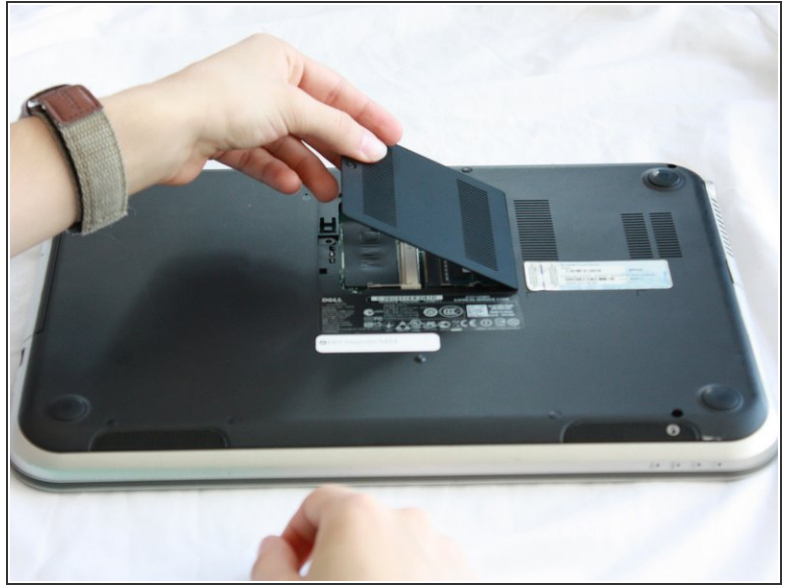
## Step 2



- Use a J0 bit tipped screwdriver to unscrew the one 6 mm Phillips screw on the RAM cover.

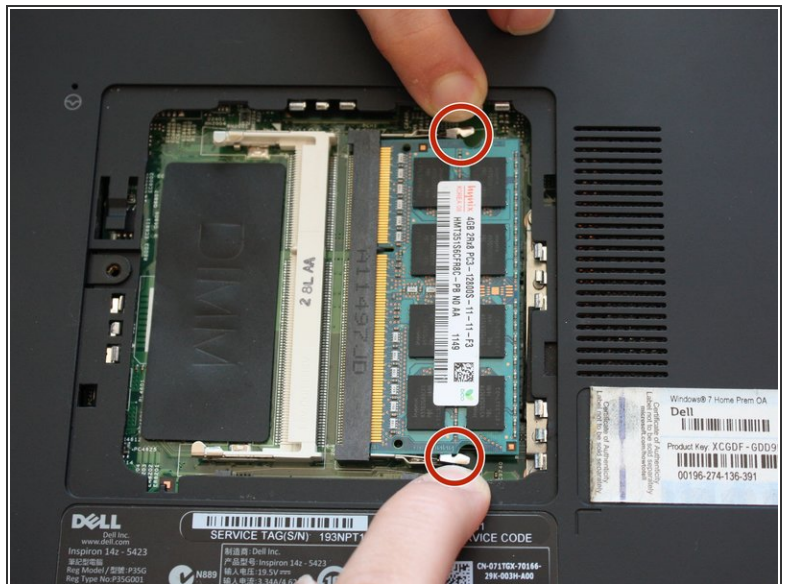


## Step 3



- Lightly lift the RAM cover up and at an angle, away from the computer.

## Step 4



- Use your fingers to carefully pull the securing clips on the RAM away from each other.

**i** The RAM should pop up when the clips are released.

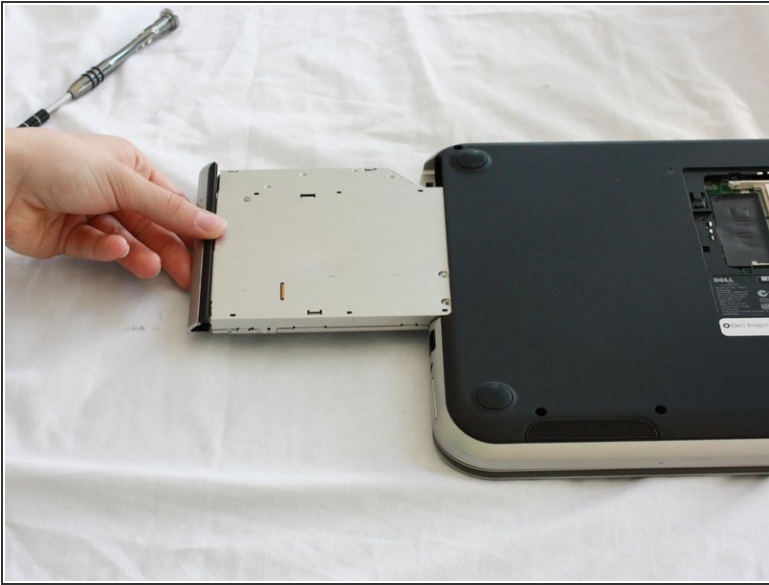
## Step 5



- Remove the popped up RAM by pulling it away from the connection.
- ⓘ If it does not pop up pry it out in a steady and straight direction.

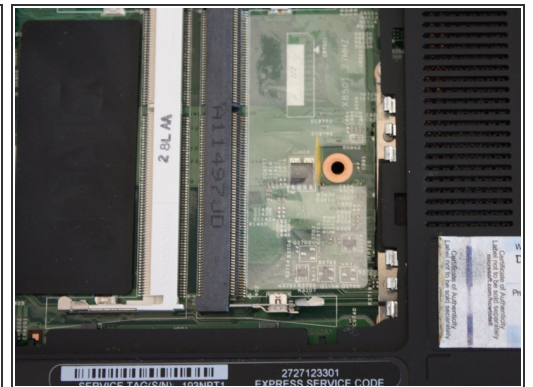
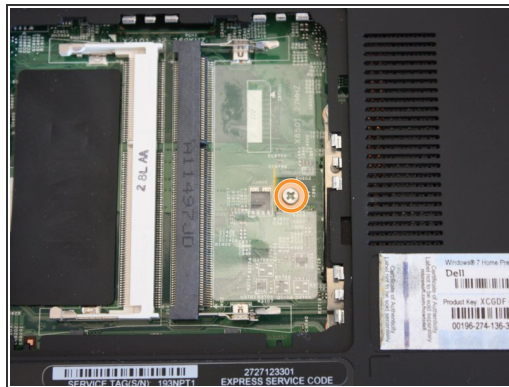
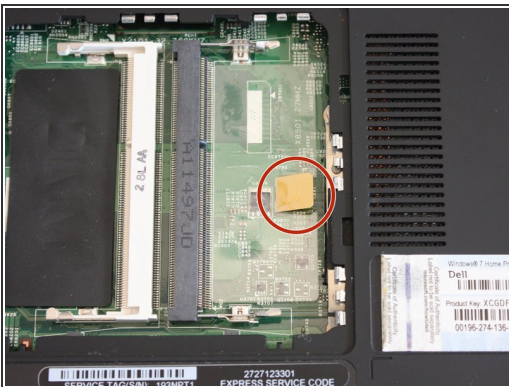


## Step 6 — Optical Drive



- Slide the CD/DVD drive on the side of the laptop out using your fingers.
- Using a J0 bit screwdriver, unscrew the one 2 mm Phillips screw.
- ⓘ You only need to unscrew this screw if you are using this as a prerequisite guide.

## Step 7 — Keyboard



- Lift the plastic yellow flap on the system board.
- Use the J0 Bit screwdriver to remove the one 6 mm Phillips screw in center of the system board that is connected to the keyboard.

## Step 8



- Flip over the computer and open the display.

## Step 9



- Insert a spudger next to the plastic indents located at the top of the keyboard and gently pry to release the securing clips.
  - Lift the keyboard off of the computer.
- ⚠ Be careful not to tear the ribbon that attaches the back of the keyboard to the computer when lifting it.

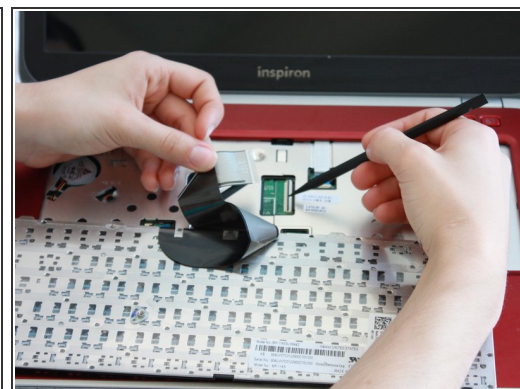
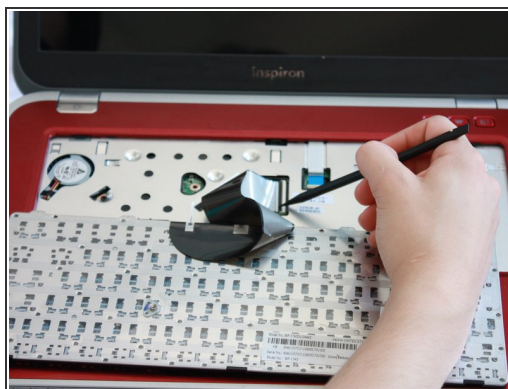
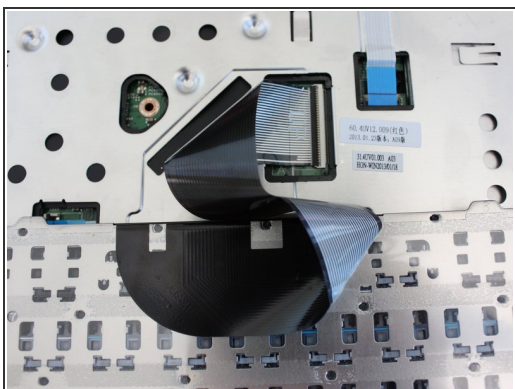


## Step 10



- Flip the keyboard over onto the palm-rest assembly.

## Step 11



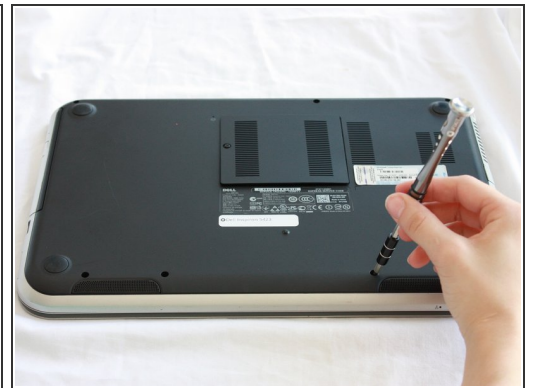
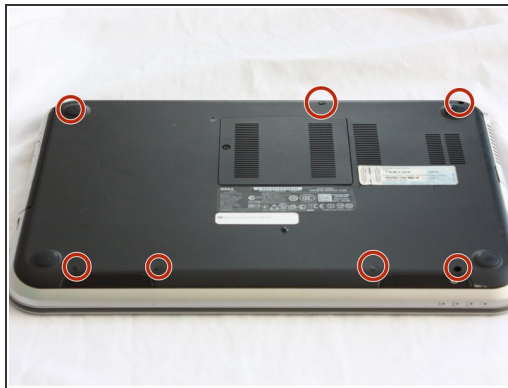
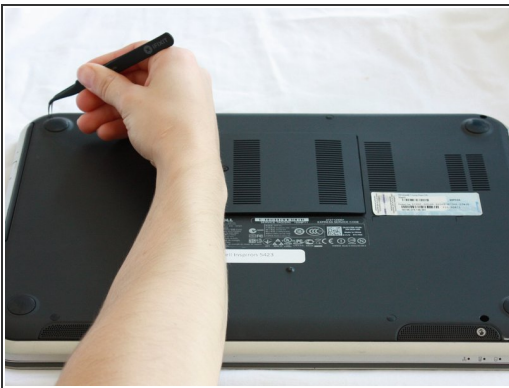
- Flip the little black securing bar near the base of the ribbon with a spudger to release the ribbon from the computer.

## Step 12 — Palm Rest Assembly



- Close the display and turn over the computer.

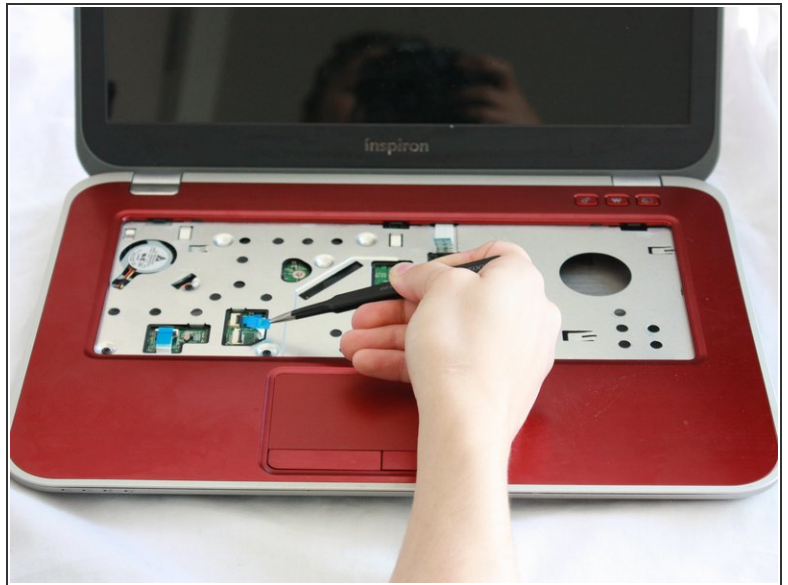
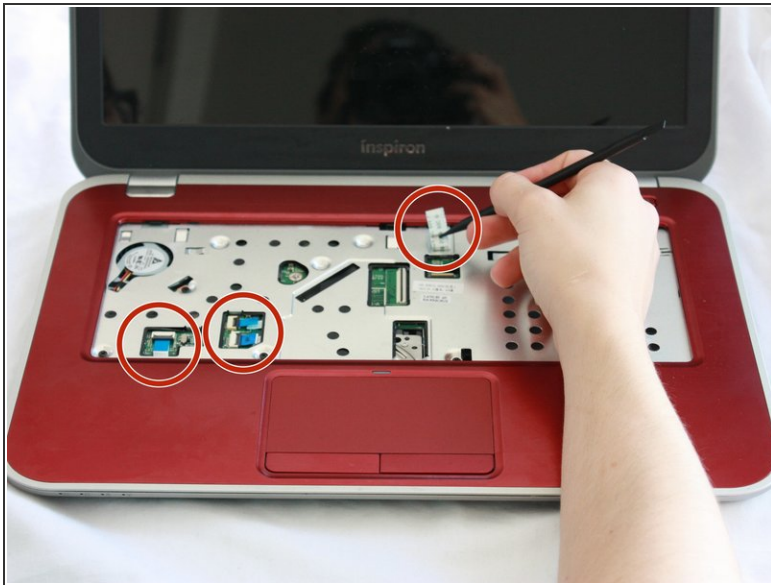
## Step 13



- Remove all 7 rubber screw caps with tweezers.
- Use a J0 Bit tipped screwdriver unscrew the seven 6 mm Phillips screws on the back casing of the laptop.

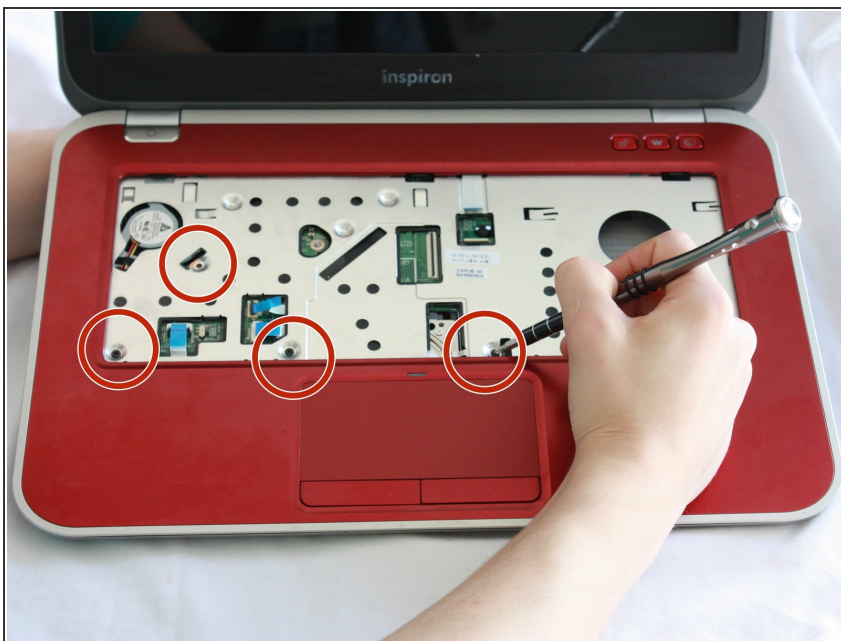


## Step 14



- Flip the computer over and open the display.
- Pull on the blue tabs to disconnect the palm rest assembly from the computer.

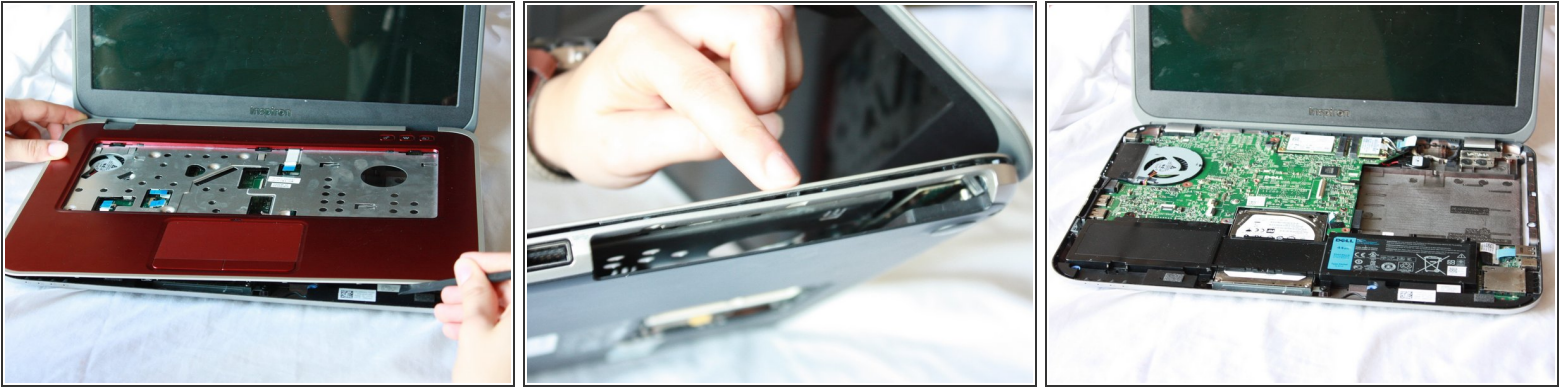
## Step 15



- Use J0 Bit screwdriver to remove all four 6 mm Phillips screws.

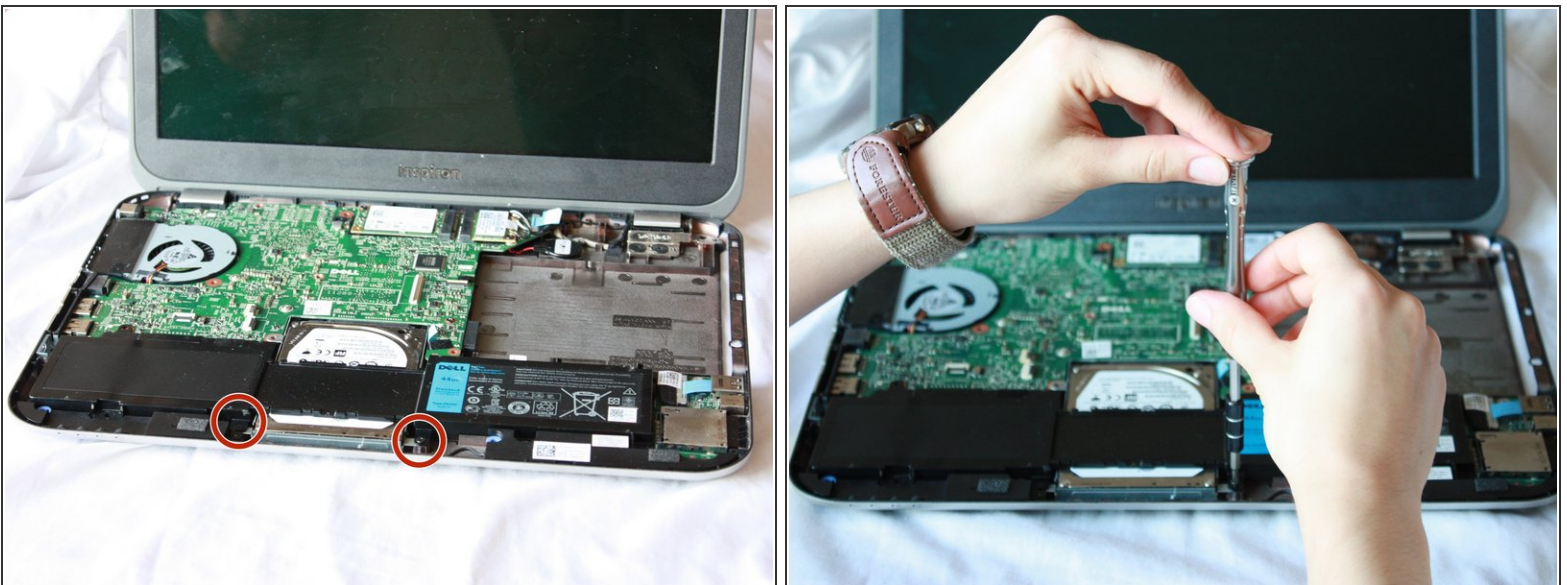


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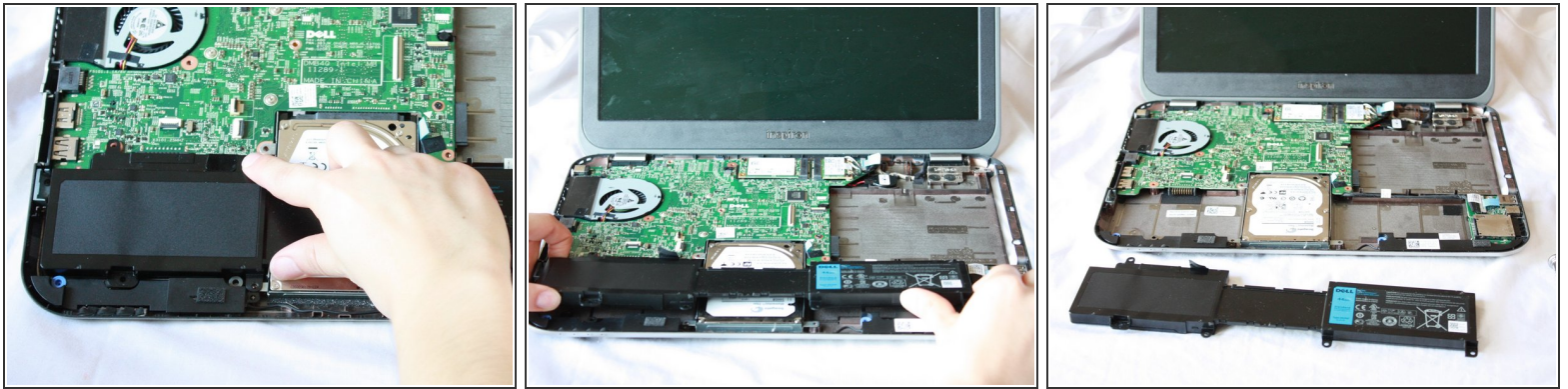
- Gently wedge the nylon spudger underneath the palm-rest assembly to release the latches.
  - Continue this process on all sides of the computer edges until the assembly pulls off.
  - Remove the palm rest assembly.
- i** If you have difficulty lifting up the assembly, you might not have taken out all 7 screws on the bottom of the computer.

## Step 17 — Battery



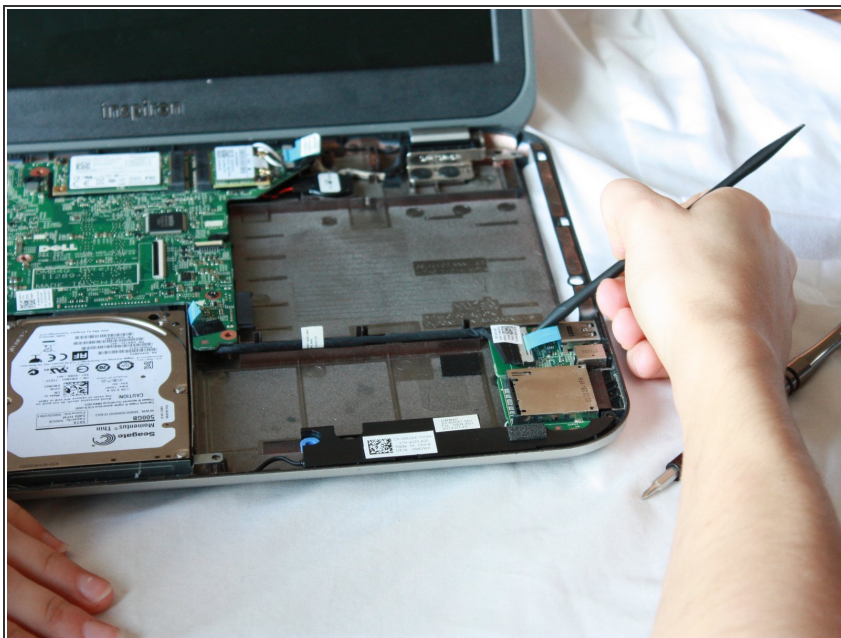
- Use a J0 Bit screwdriver to remove the two 6 mm Phillips screws securing the battery located near the bottom of the laptop.

## Step 18



- Lift the tiny black tab and pull the battery out at a slight angle.

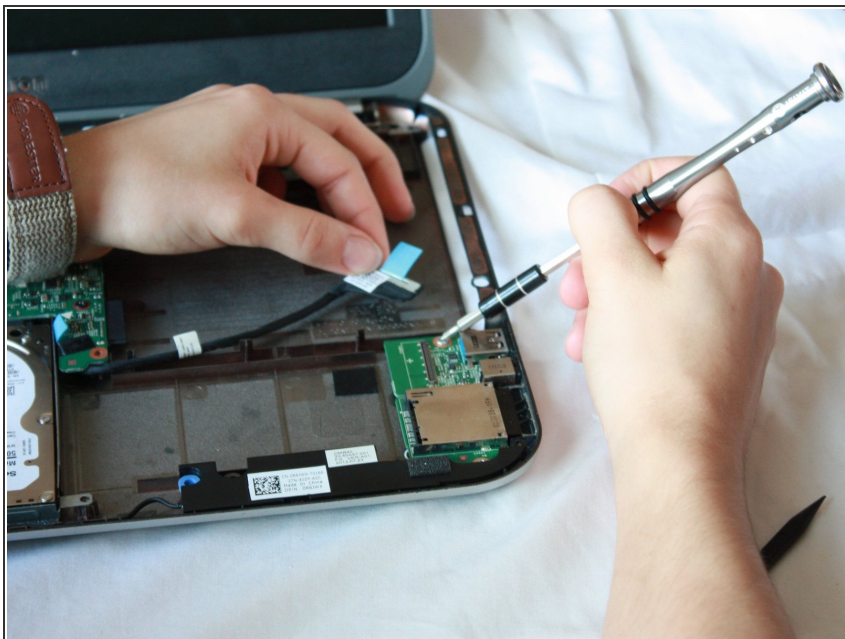
## Step 19 — Daughter Board



- Locate the black cord that was underneath the battery.
- Carefully lift up the chip connected to the end of the cord on the daughter board.
- ⓘ Use a nylon spudger as leverage if you are having trouble.

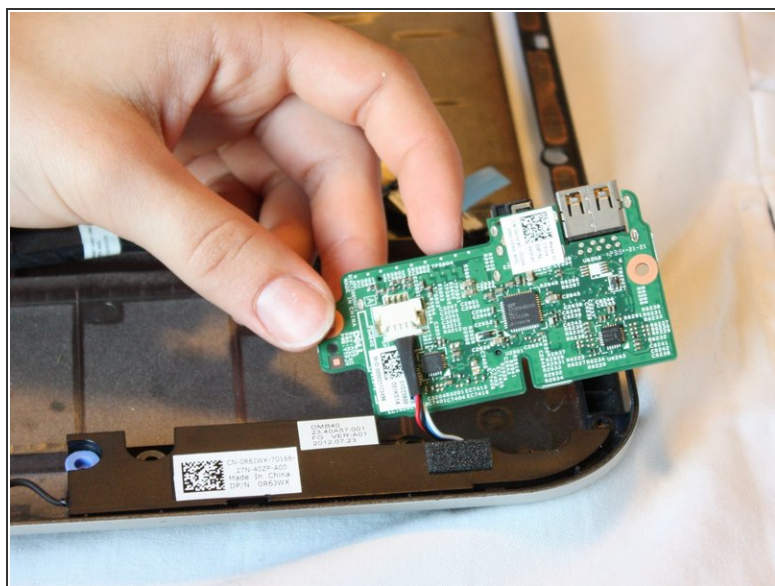
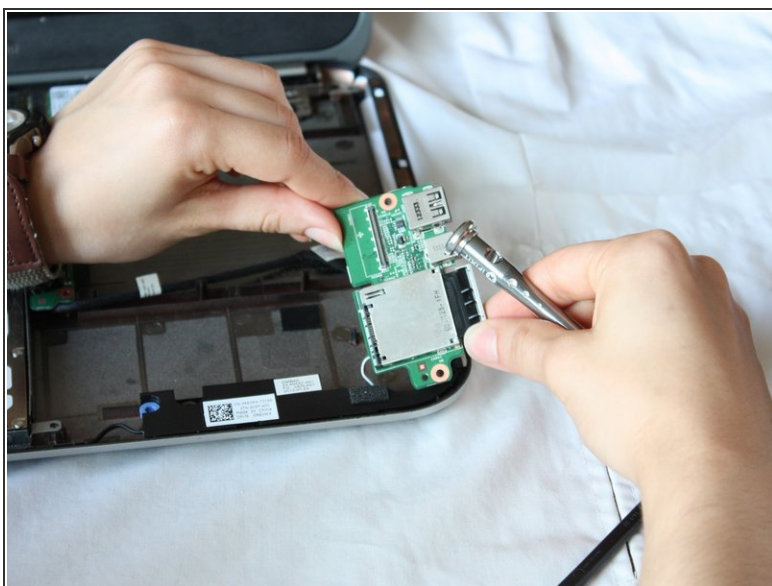


## Step 20



- Use a J0 Bit screwdriver to remove the two 6 mm Phillips head screw located on the daughter board.

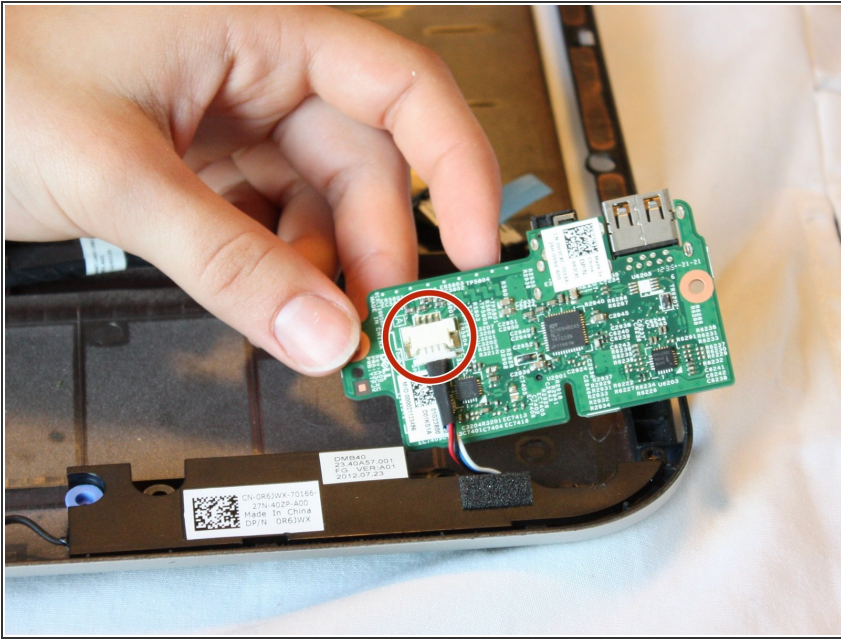
## Step 21



- Pick the daughter board up and flip it over.



## Step 22



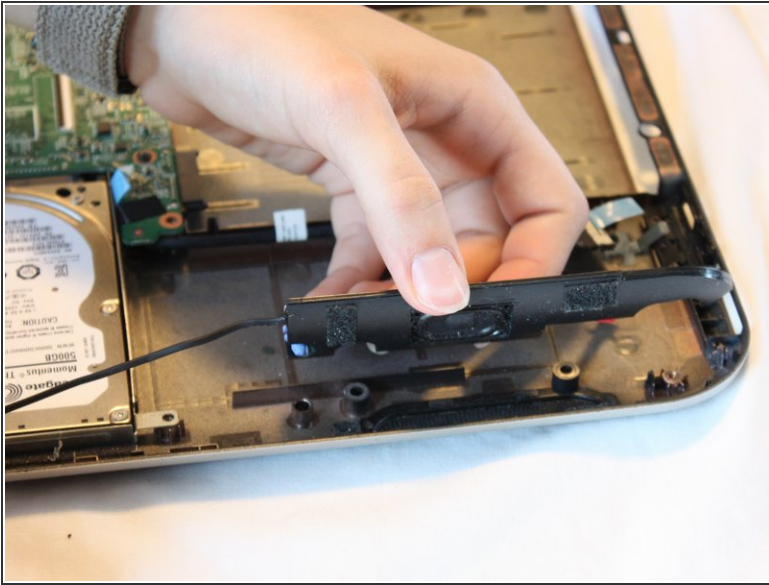
- Disconnect the black cable from the white connector by pulling the speaker cord from the daughter board.

## Step 23 — Speaker



- Release the wire connecting the speakers from the securing clips by pulling them upward.

## Step 24



- Using a rolling motion, remove the speakers from the base of the computer
- ⓘ Adhesive foam secures the speakers to the base so you may encounter some resistance.

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