



# Dell Inspiron 1521 DVD Drive Replacement

The DVD drive is the component of a computer that uses lasers and optics to read data from and write data to optical discs such as CDs.

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# INTRODUCTION

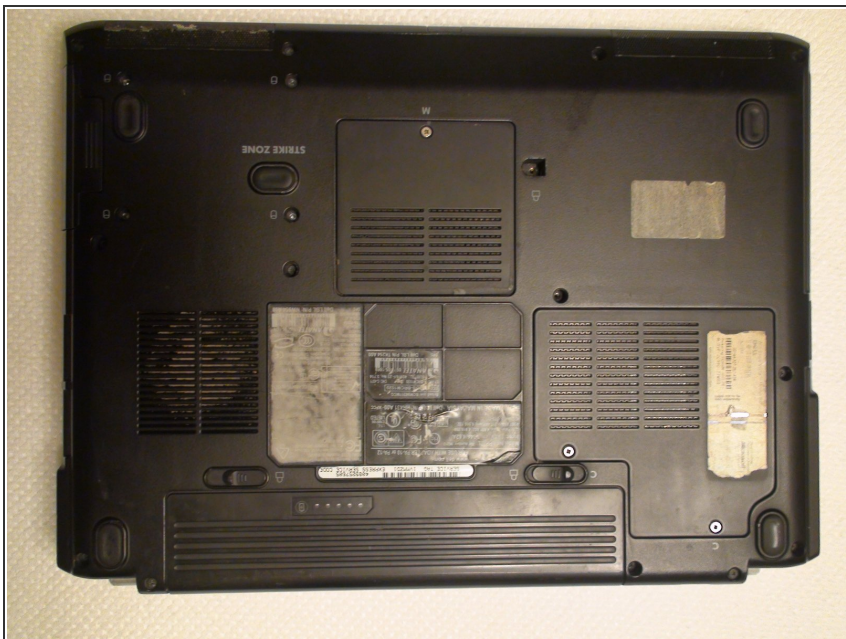
This guide will show how to access your DVD drive.



## TOOLS:

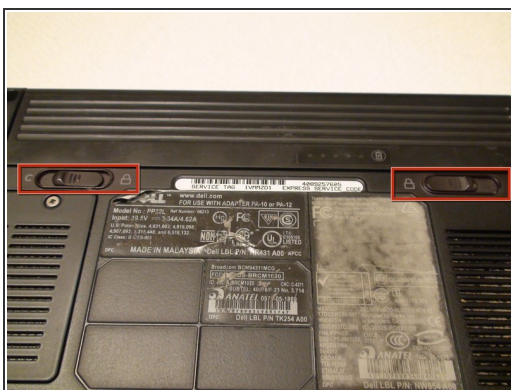
- [Phillips #1 Screwdriver](#) (1)
  - [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — Battery



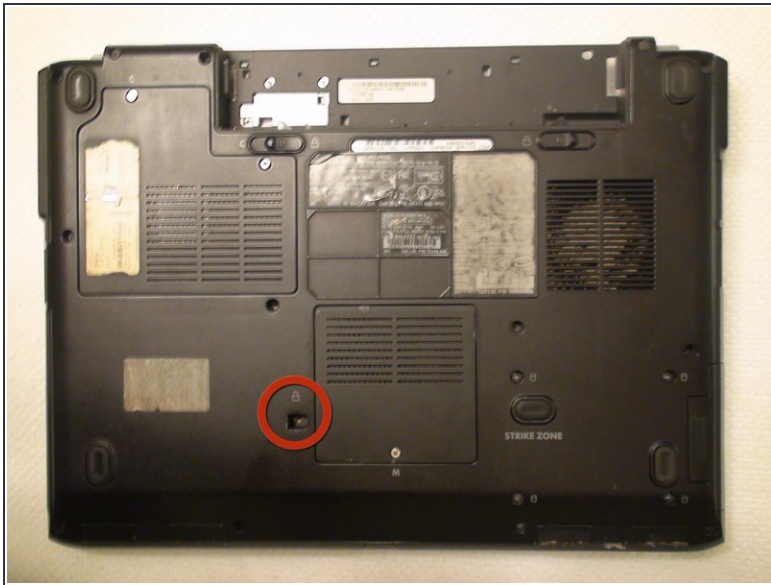
- Rotate the laptop so its bottom is facing up.

## Step 2



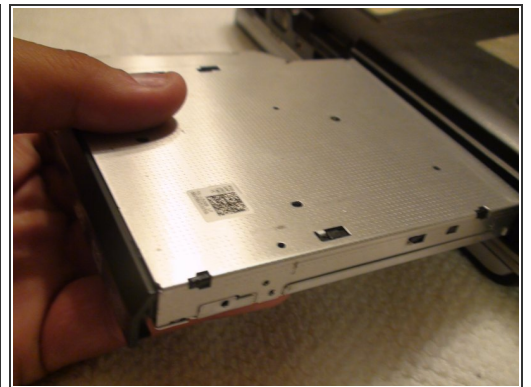
- Identify the lock mechanisms holding the battery in place.
- Slide each button outward with your fingers to disengage the battery.
- Pull the battery off with your hand to separate it from the laptop.

### Step 3 — DVD Drive



- Locate the 4 mm Phillips #1 screw next to the white padlock image that holds the DVD drive in place.
- Remove this screw with a Phillips #1 screwdriver.

### Step 4



- Use a plastic opener tool to carefully pry the DVD drive out of its pocket on the side of the laptop.
- Once sticking out, pull the DVD drive the rest of the way out with your hand.

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