



Dell Inspiron 1521 Keyboard Replacement

The keyboard is used to type characters and numbers into word processors and other programs.

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INTRODUCTION

These steps will show you how to remove the keyboard from your laptop.

TOOLS:

- [Phillips #1 Screwdriver \(1\)](#)
- [iFixit Opening Tools \(1\)](#)

Step 1 — Battery



- Rotate the laptop so its bottom is facing up.

Step 2



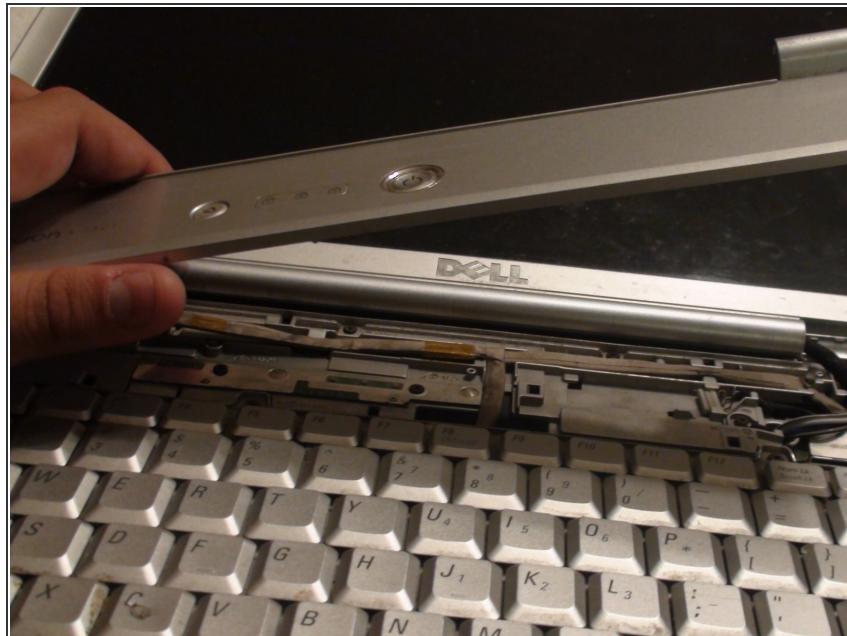
- Identify the lock mechanisms holding the battery in place.
- Slide each button outward with your fingers to disengage the battery.
- Pull the battery off with your hand to separate it from the laptop.

Step 3 — Keyboard



- Find the two small indentations of the sides of the panel covering the power button.
- Pry up both sides of the panel by sticking the plastic opener tool in each indentation and prying up.

Step 4



- Now that the panel is loose simply pull the panel off with your hand.

Step 5



- Locate the two 5 mm Phillips #1 screws holding down the keyboard that were underneath the panel.
- Remove these screws with a Phillips #1 screwdriver.
- With the screws removed pull the keyboard up with your hand.

Step 6



- Locate the connector that links the keyboard to the laptop.
- Gently pull the connector toward the screen of the laptop with your fingers to disconnect it.

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