



# Dell Inspiron 17-3721 Optical Drive Replacement

This guide will be showing how to replace a broken or malfunctioning optical drive on the Dell Inspiron 17-3721.

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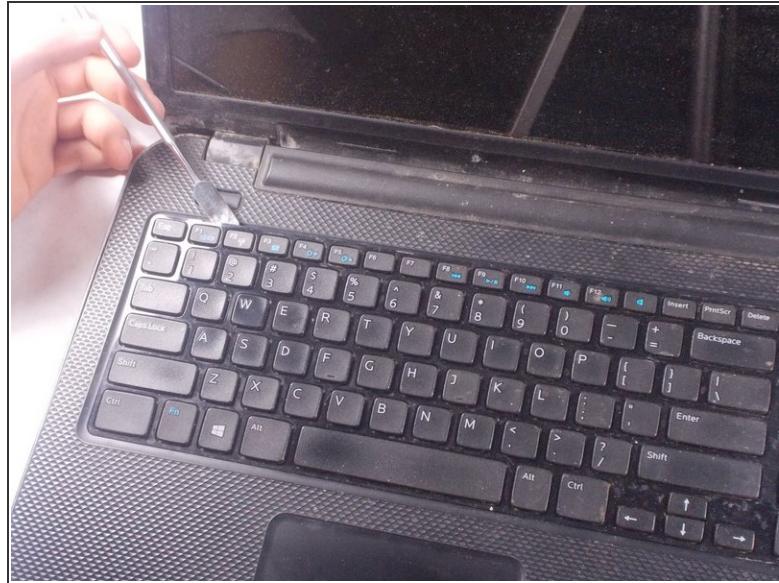
## INTRODUCTION

A broken optical drive will prohibit users from reading or loading anything from a disk onto their laptop. This guide will show the steps to replace the optical drive on this device.

### TOOLS:

- [Metal Spudger \(1\)](#)
- [iFixit Opening Tools \(1\)](#)
- [Phillips #0 Screwdriver \(1\)](#)
- [Phillips #1 Screwdriver \(1\)](#)

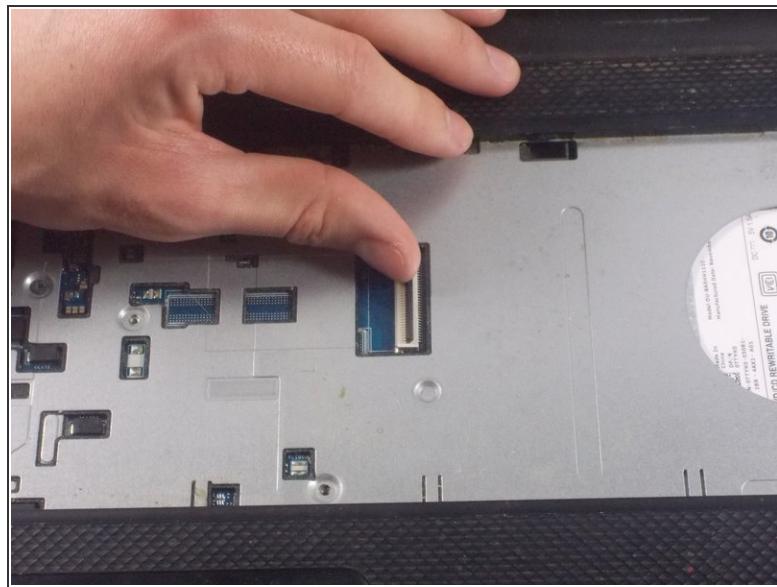
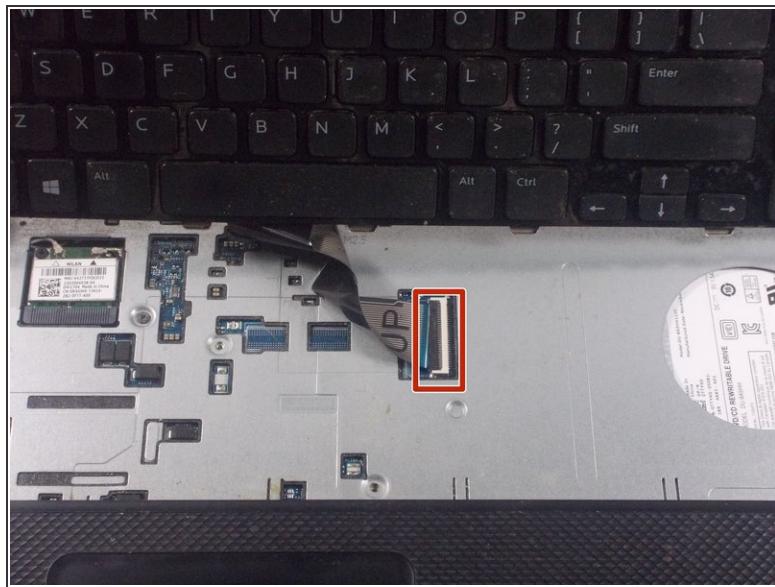
## Step 1 — Keyboard



- Use a plastic opening tool or a metal spudger to pry out the tabs on top of the keyboard.
- After prying the tabs up, carefully pull the keyboard out of the laptop.

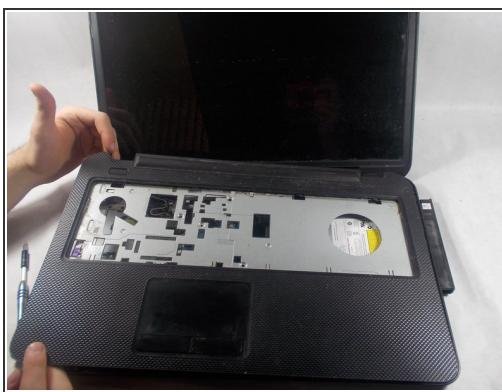
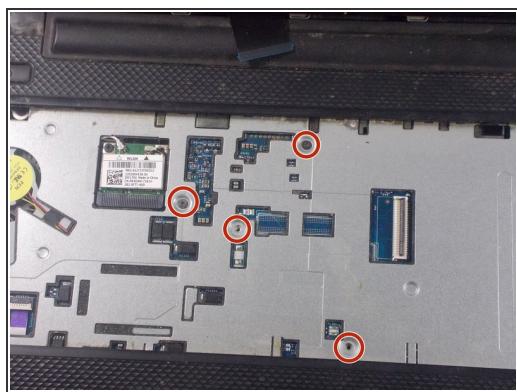
**⚠** Use caution when prying the tabs up or lifting the keyboard up, as the plastic material and the strip on the keyboard can easily break.

## Step 2



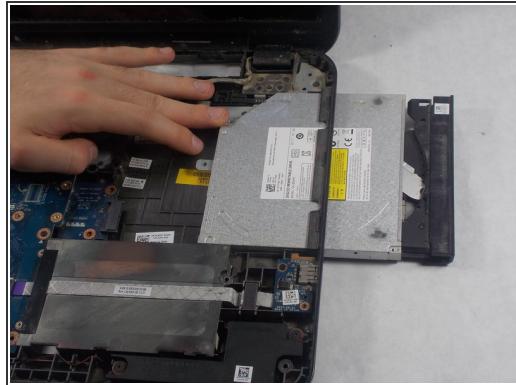
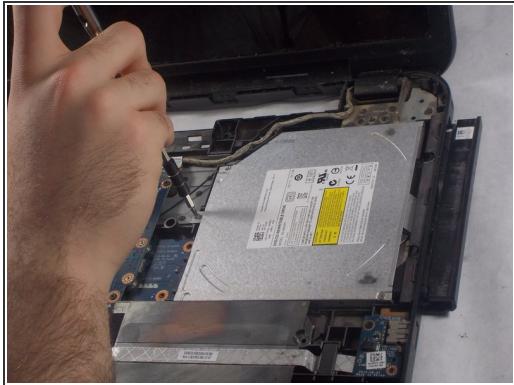
- Once the keyboard is lifted, locate the release tab.
- Using a plastic opening tool or your finger, lift the tab so that it opens .
- Once the tab is open, the strip on the keyboard can be removed.

## Step 3 — Optical Drive



- Remove the four 6 mm PH1 Philips head screws under the keyboard.
- Carefully pop off the cover using the plastic opening tools and your hands.

## Step 4



- Remove the 4 mm PH1 Philips head screw holding down the optical drive.
- Use your hand to slide the drive out of the device.

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