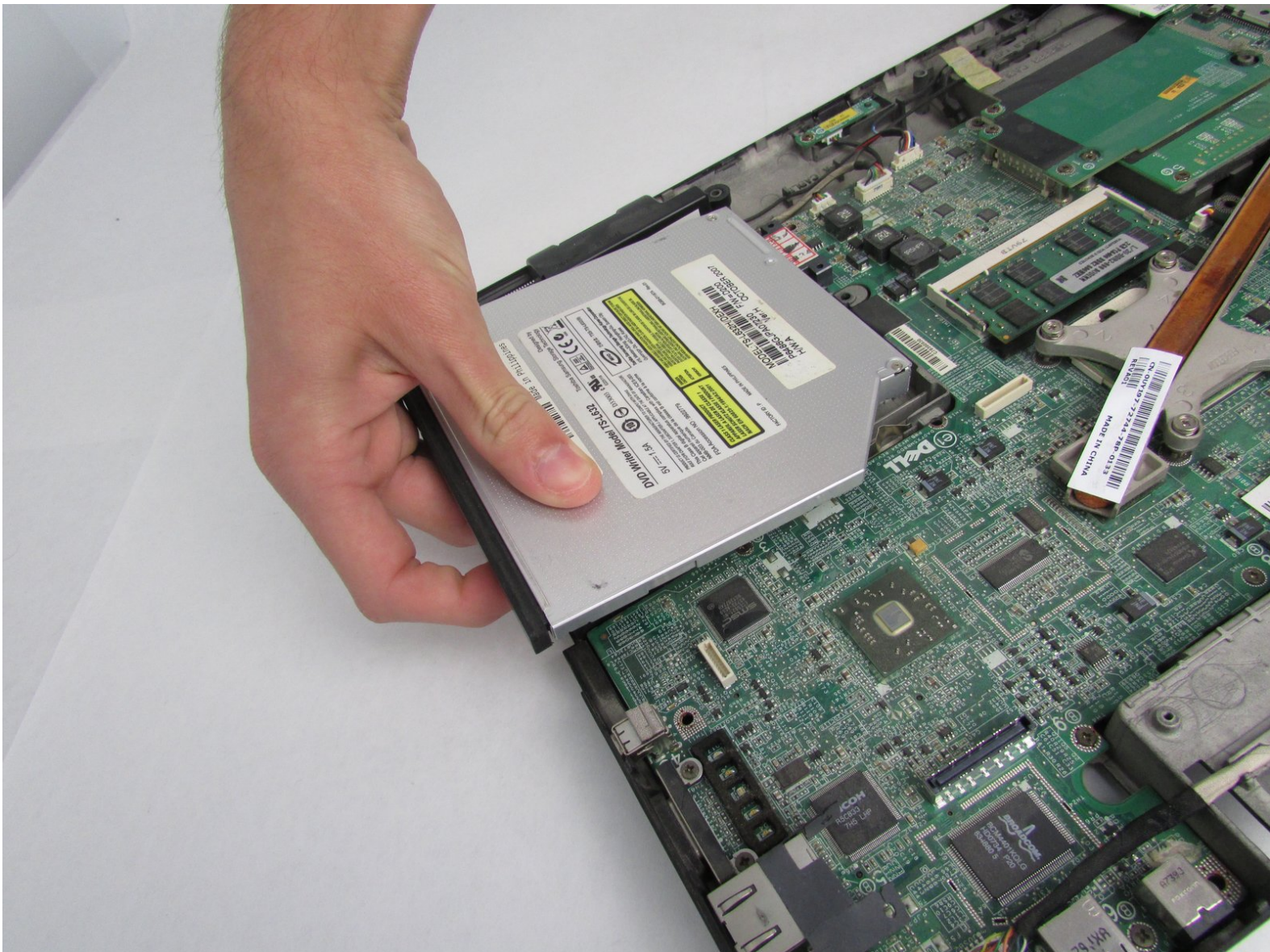




# Dell Inspiron 1721 DVD Drive Replacement

This guide covers the step for how to access and remove the DVD drive in the Dell Inspiron 1721.

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## INTRODUCTION

If your Dell Inspiron 1721 is unable to properly read any disk, or if your device does not recognize the DVD drive, this guide will help lead you through the process of removing and replacing the DVD drive and any related components.

Be sure the device is completely turned off before starting the removal process.

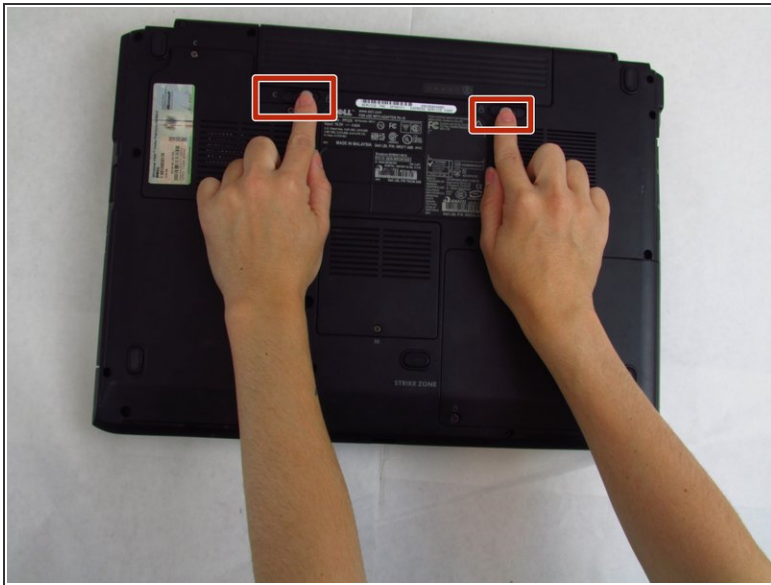


### TOOLS:

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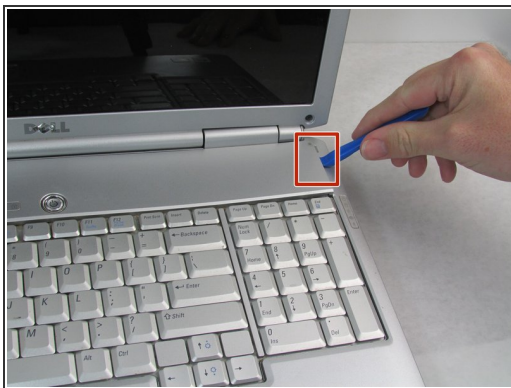


## Step 1 — Battery



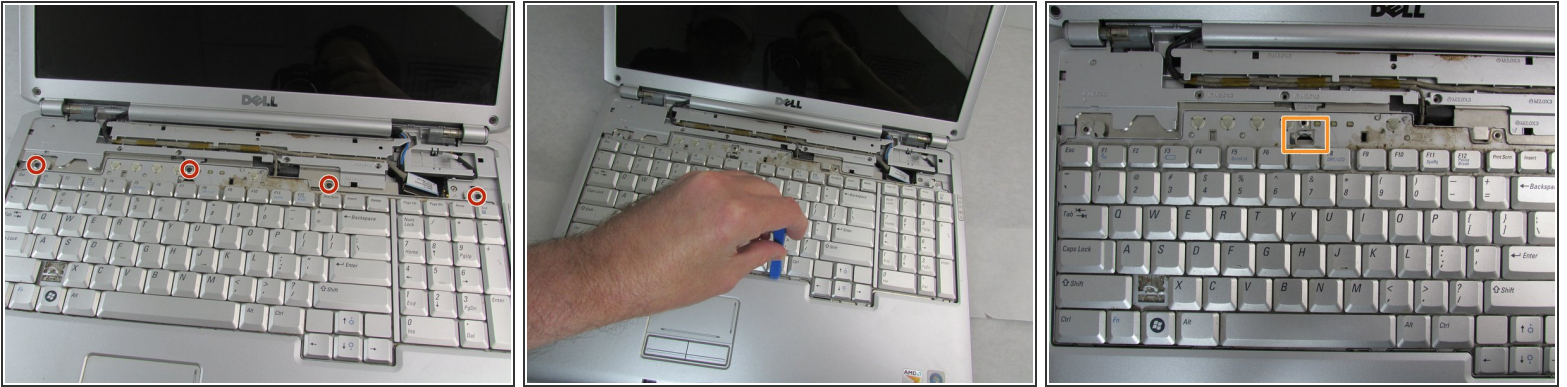
- Slide tabs outward to undo the locks.
- Grab and pull the battery away from the device to remove.

## Step 2 — Hinge Plate Cover



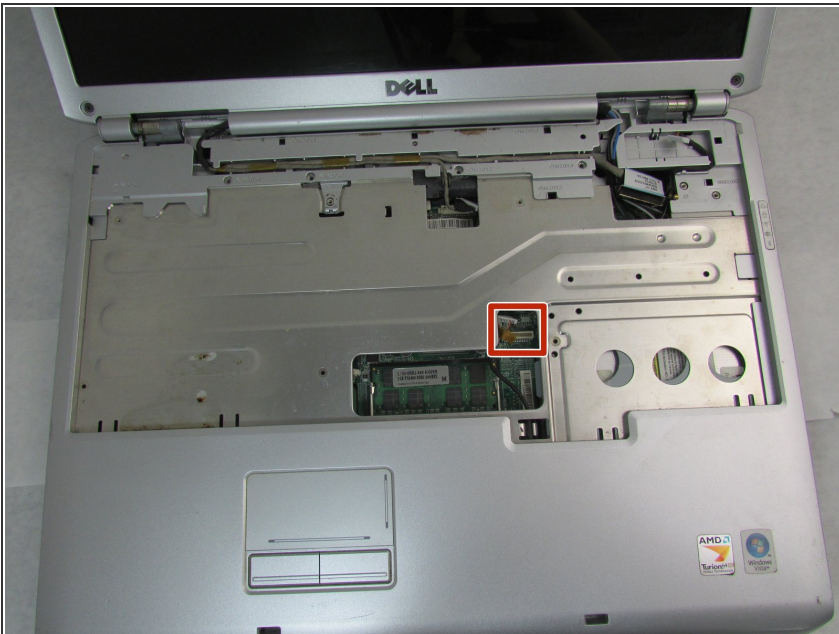
- Pry up on the corner of the hinge cover with an iFixit opening tool.
- Use the iFixit opening tool along both sides and the front of the hinge cover to release it.
- Lean the display back as far as it goes and lift up on the hinge cover to remove.

## Step 3 — Keyboard



- Remove four 3mm Phillips #1 screws from the top of the keyboard.
- Use an iFixit opening tool to slide the keyboard upwards toward the display.
- Slide the keyboard until it is clear of the lock tab, and lift it up to remove.

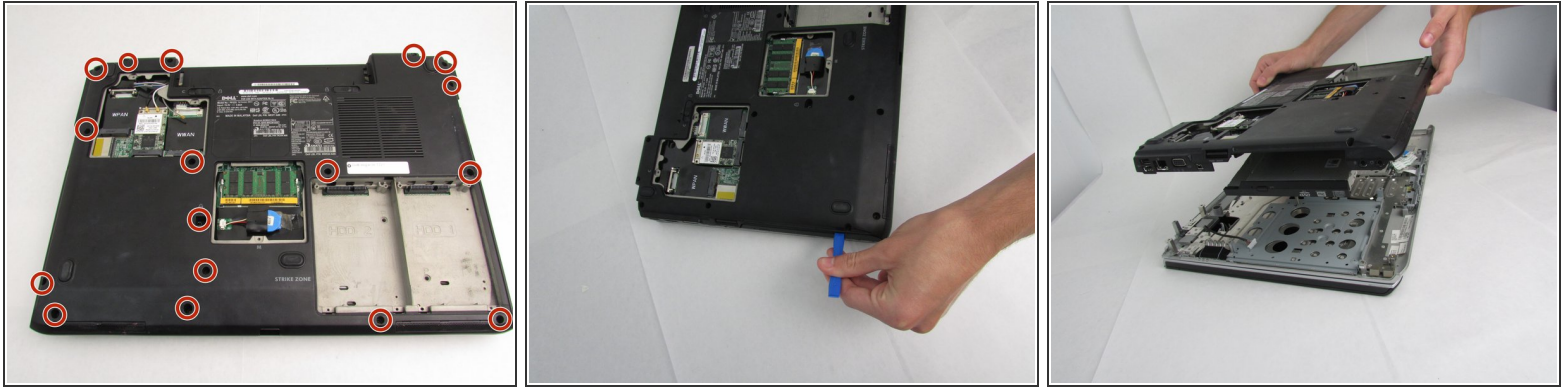
## Step 4 — Back Cover



- Disconnect the touch pad connector.

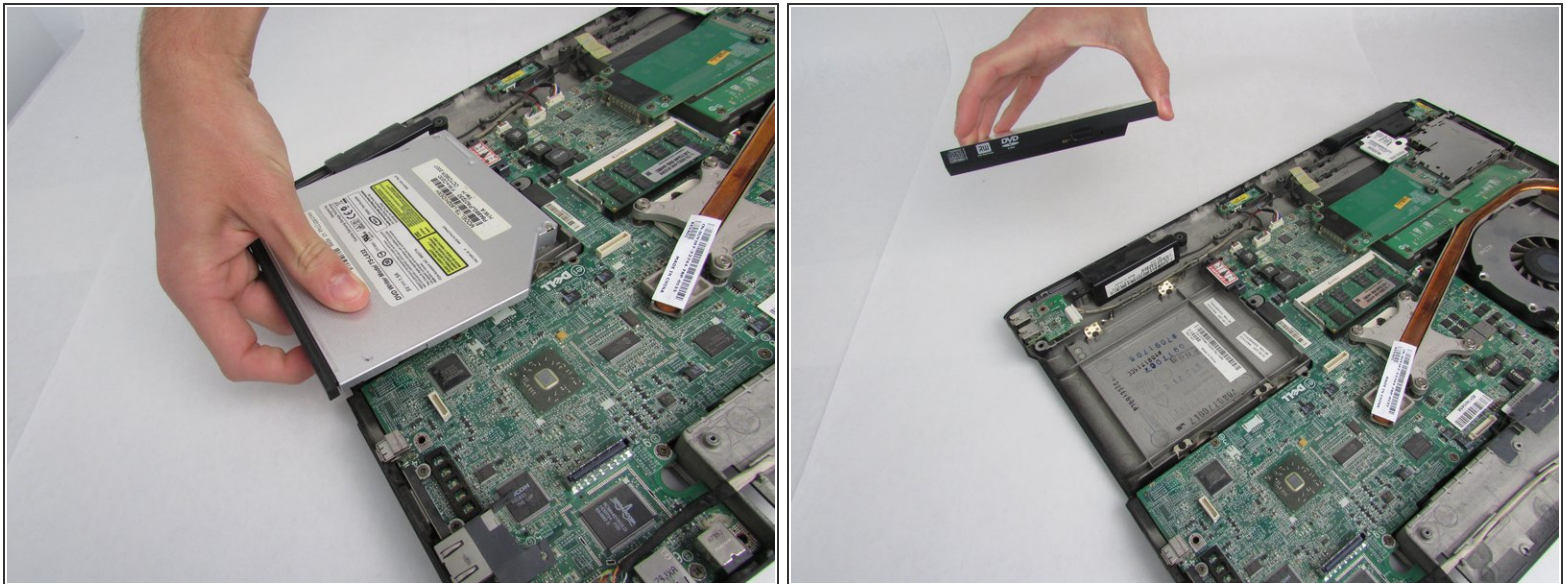


## Step 5



- Lay the device flat and remove the 17 7mm Phillips #0 screws.
- Use an iFixit opening tool to separate the back cover.
- Remove the back cover.

## Step 6 — DVD Drive



- Grab the DVD drive and pull straight out from the side of the case to remove.

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