Dell Optiplex SX280 Heat Sink Replacement

Heat Sink removed from computer

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INTRODUCTION

Replace the Heat Sink on the Motherboard to maintain optimal performance

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Step 1 — Panel Cover

⚠️ Make sure the computer is turned off, by selecting the start menu and choosing "Shut Down".

⚠️ Ensure all cables, speakers and other devices are unplugged and turned off before opening the computer case.
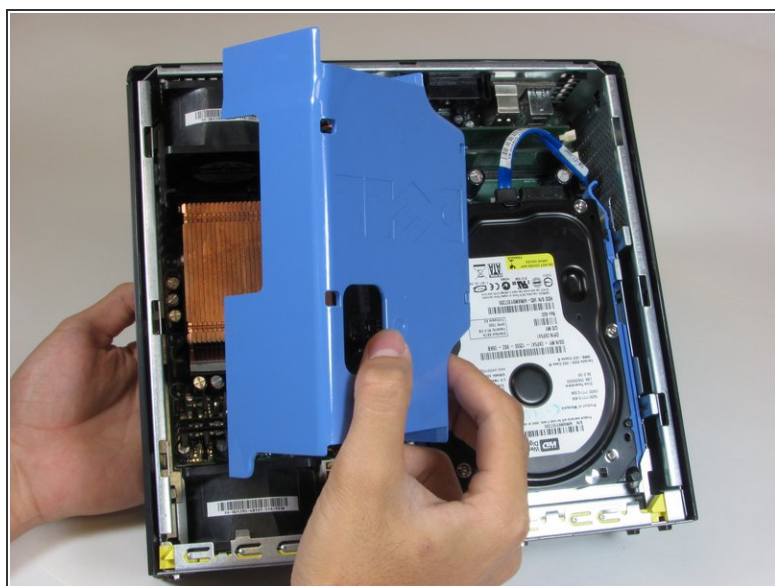
Step 2

- Lay the computer on its side; you will see a blue knob.

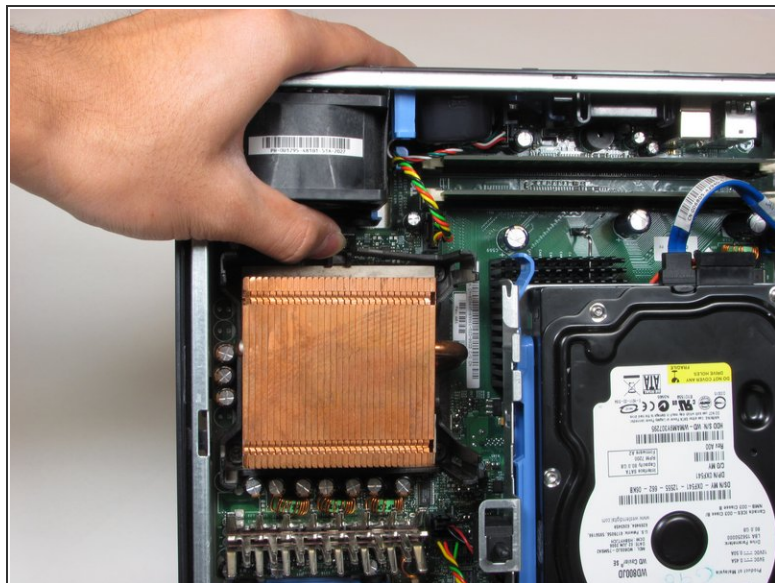- Turn this knob 90 deg clockwise.

Step 3

- Slide the panel case forward about 1/2 inch while knob is turned.

- Lift panel case off computer.
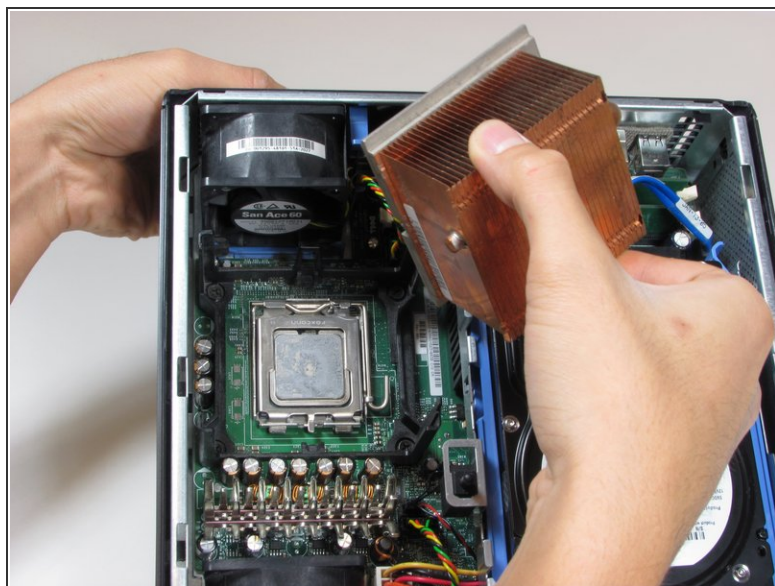
Step 4 — Heat Sink

- Remove the large blue cover from the computer, there are no screws or tabs keeping it in place.

Step 5

- Press down on the release tab above the heat sink.

Step 6

- Pull the heat sink out of the computer while pressing on the release tab.

- ⚠ When reassembling make sure to clean the processor and heat sink of all old thermal paste and apply new paste to the processor

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