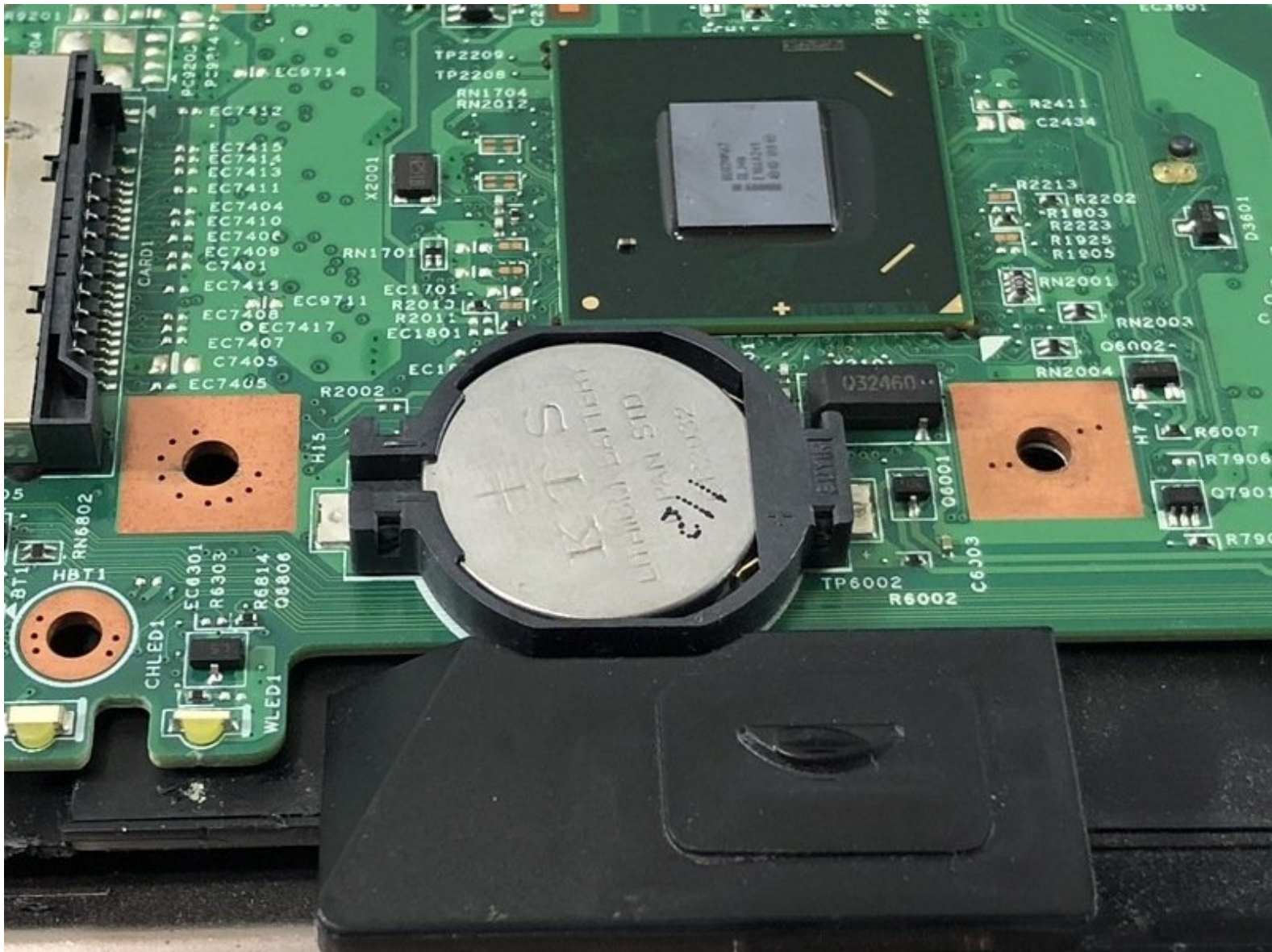




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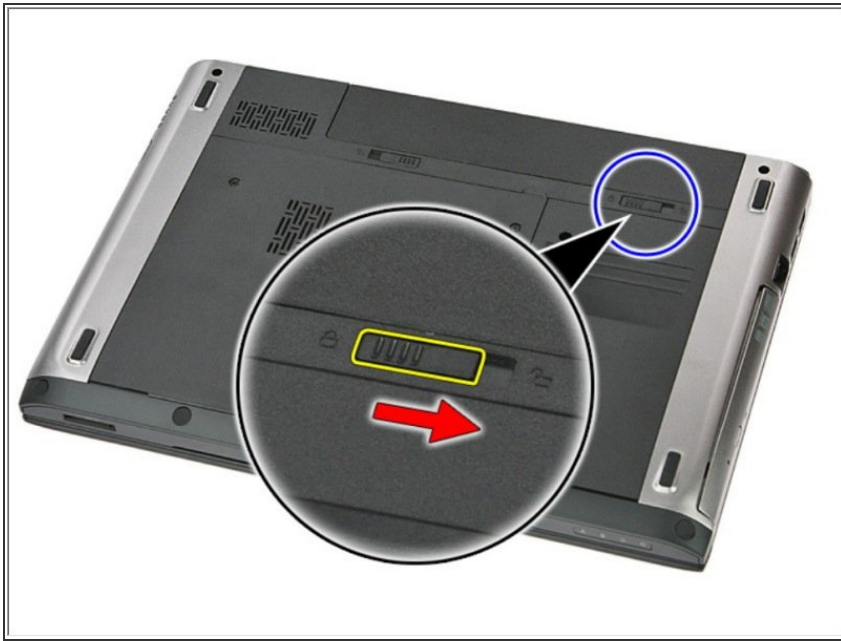
INTRODUCTION

This guide will explain in detail how to replace the CMOS battery in the Dell Vostro 3550. An easy way to tell whether the CMOS battery on your device needs to be changed is if your computer suddenly forgets the current day and time.

TOOLS:

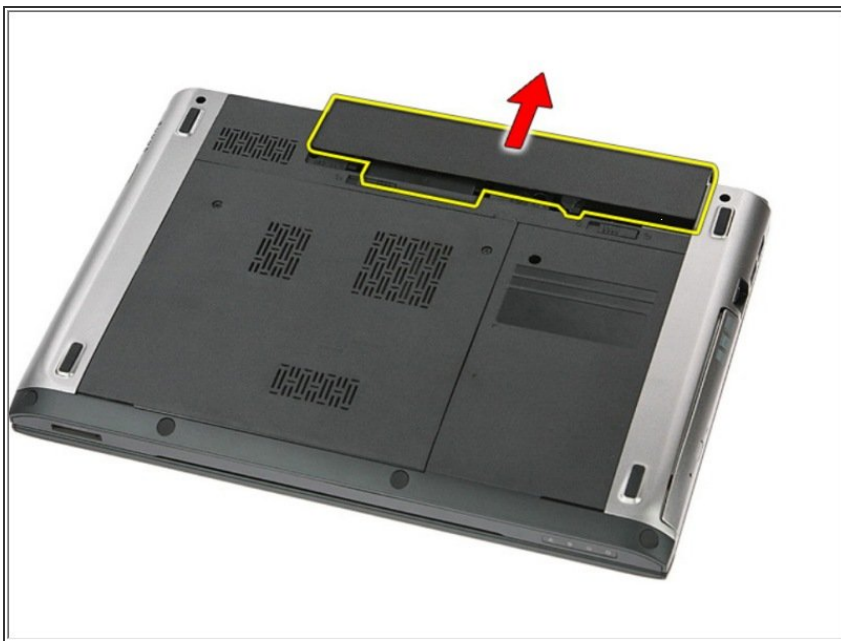
- [Metal Spudger](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Unlocking the Battery



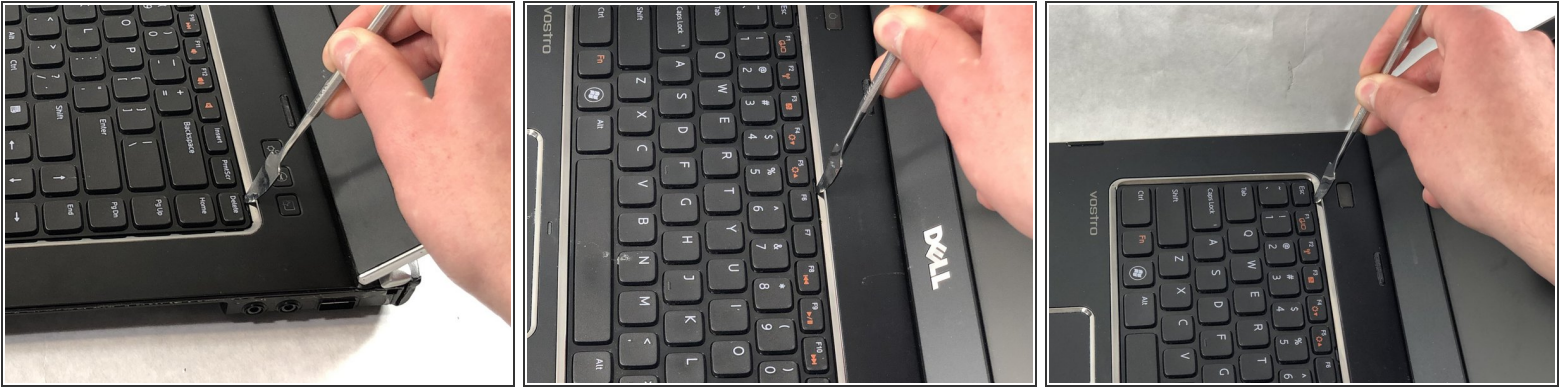
- Slide the release latches to unlock the battery.

Step 2 — Sliding the Battery



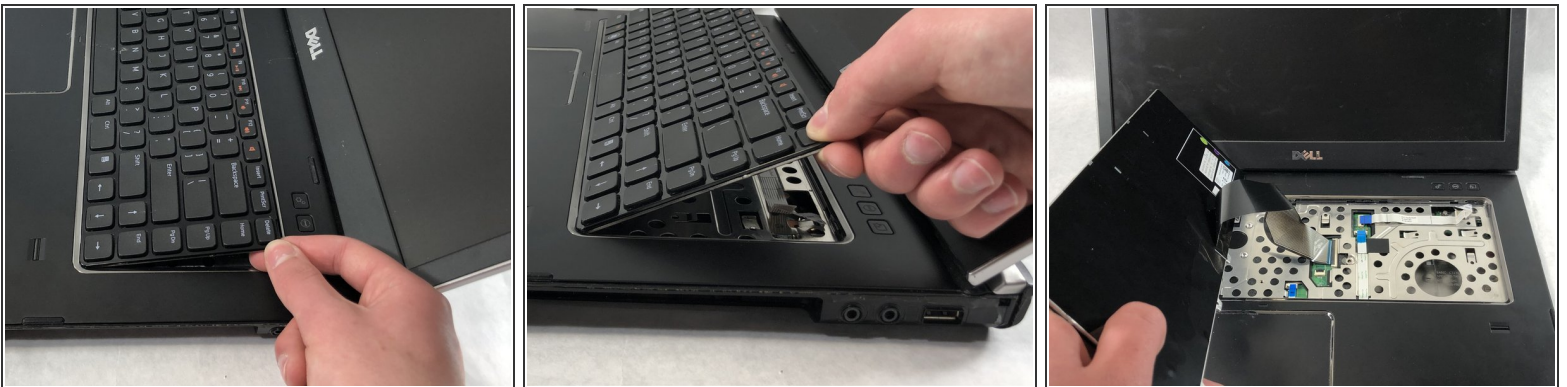
- Slide the battery and remove it from the computer.

Step 3 — Keyboard



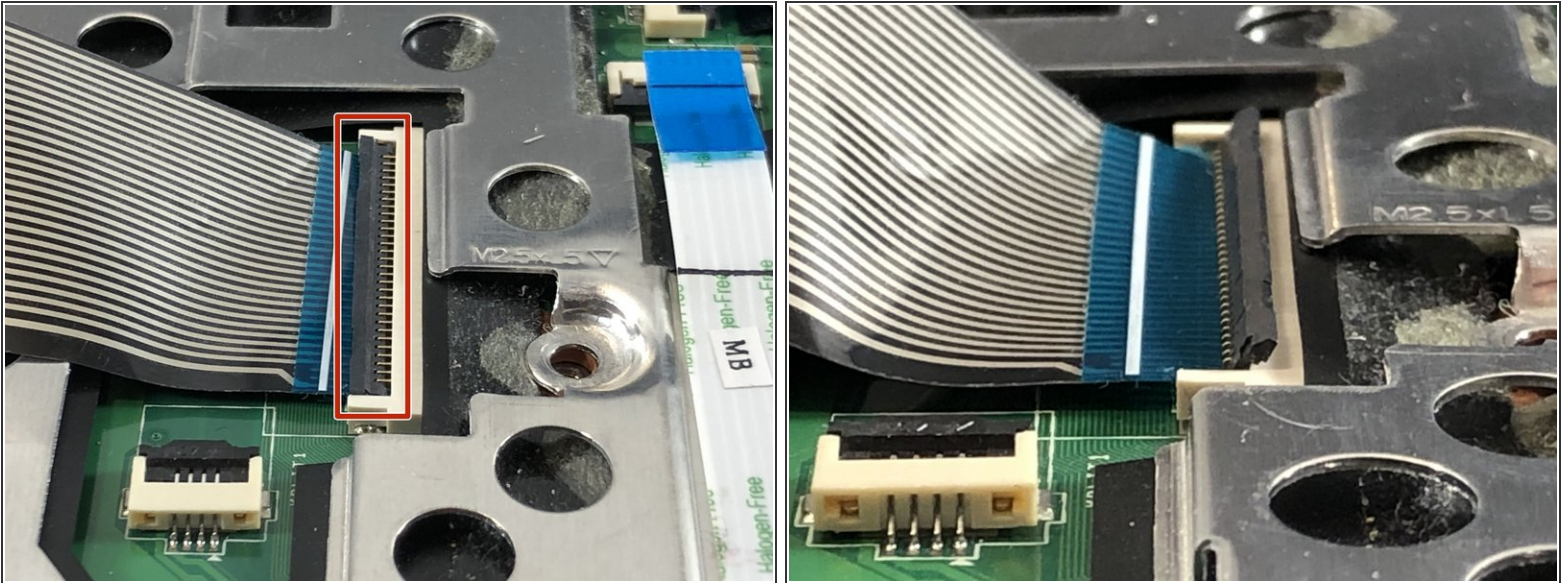
- Turn the laptop right side up. Open the display to reveal the keyboard.
- Use the metal spudger to pry the keyboard upward from the base. Make sure to pop each of the three clips keeping the keyboard in place.

Step 4



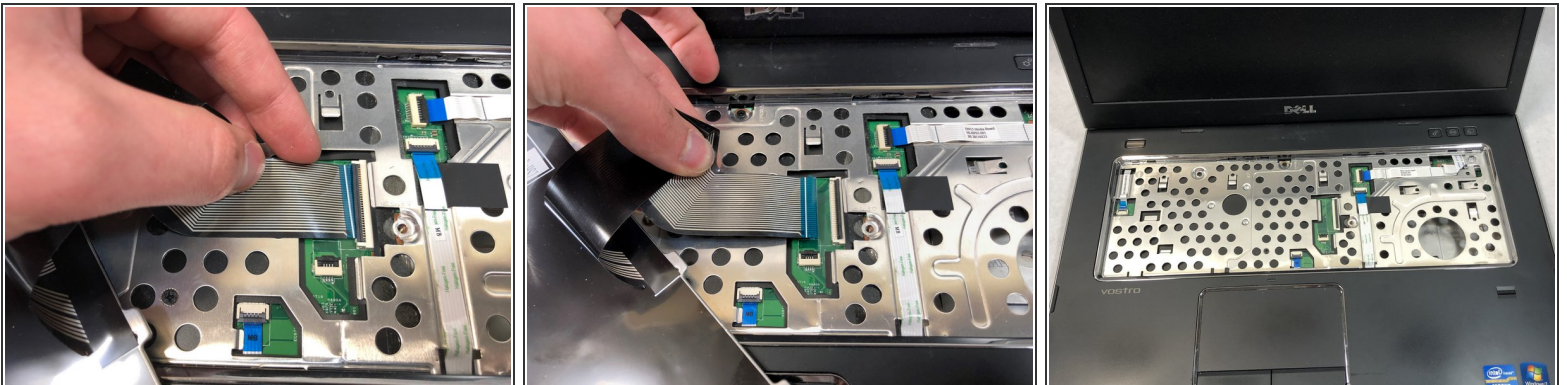
- Carefully lift the keyboard upward to reveal the keyboard ribbon cable.

Step 5



- Lift the black tab on the keyboard cable connector upwards to release the cable.

Step 6



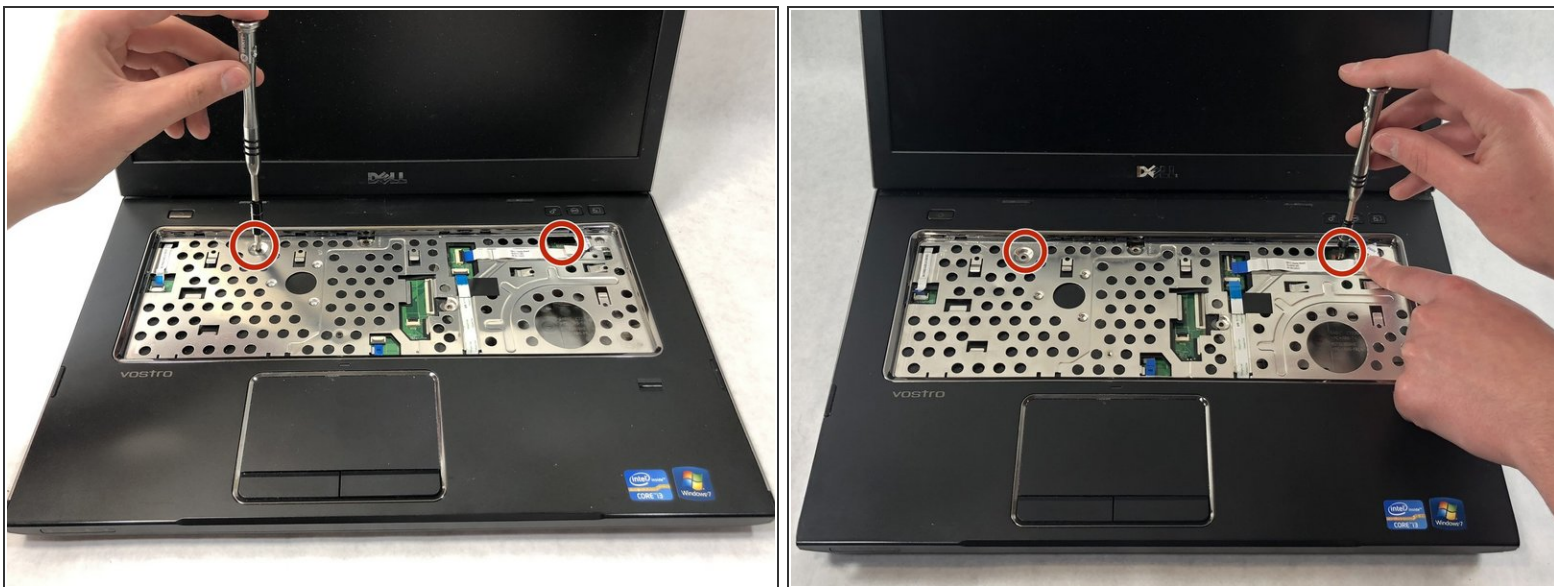
- Pull the ribbon cable away from the connector.
- Remove the keyboard.

Step 7 — CMOS Battery



- Remove the small cable connected to the left side of the casing.
- Repeat this step for the three remaining cables on the casing.

Step 8



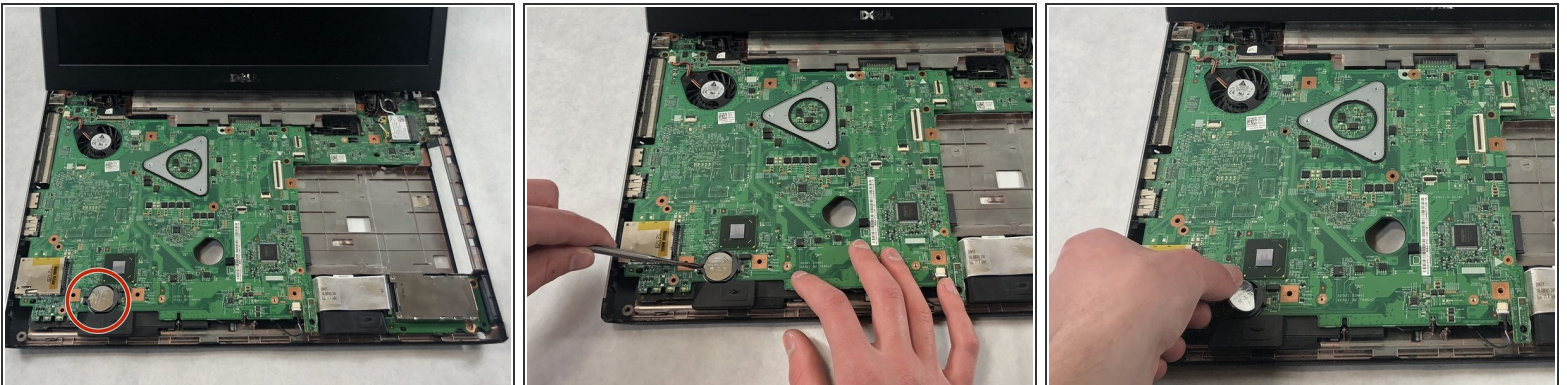
- Remove the two 5mm Phillips #0 screws to the far right and far left of the motherboard casing.

Step 9



- Using the metal spudger, pry the palmrest assembly from the lower case.
- Lift off the palmrest assembly to reveal the motherboard.

Step 10



- Use a nylon spudger to pry the CMOS battery from the motherboard.
- Remove the CMOS battery.

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