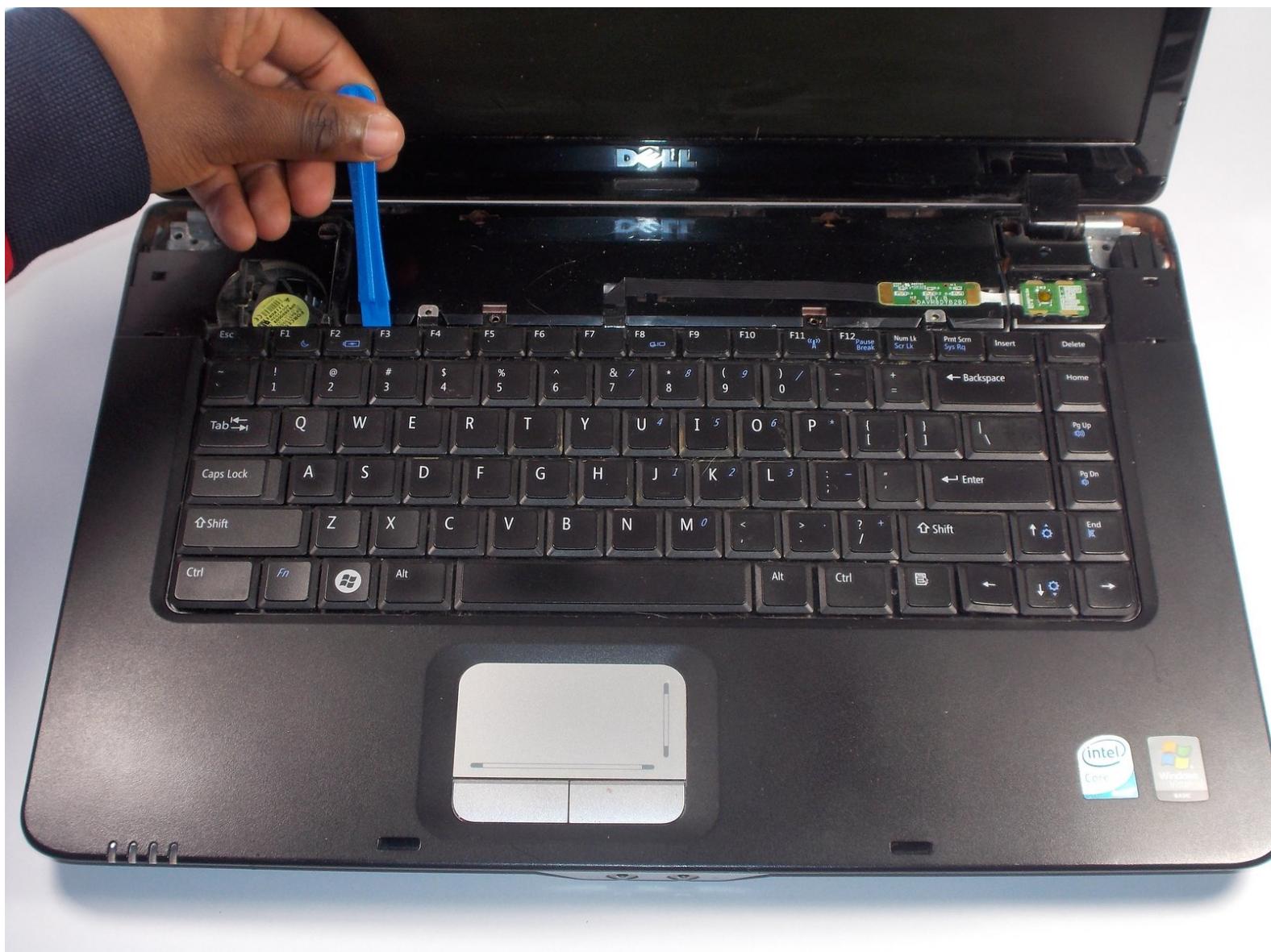




Dell Vostro A860 Keyboard Replacement

This guide will show the steps necessary to replace the keyboard on a Dell Vostro A860. The keyboard is removed as a single unit.

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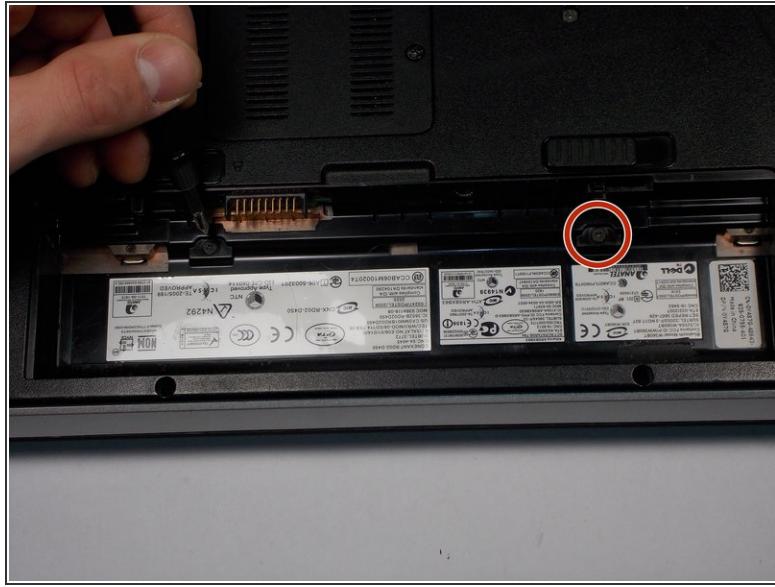
INTRODUCTION

Careful not to mix the screw sizes, some may be too shallow or too deep if inserted into the wrong holes upon reassembly. The keyboard is a single unit and is removed as one piece at the appropriate step.

TOOLS:

- [Phillips #000 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)

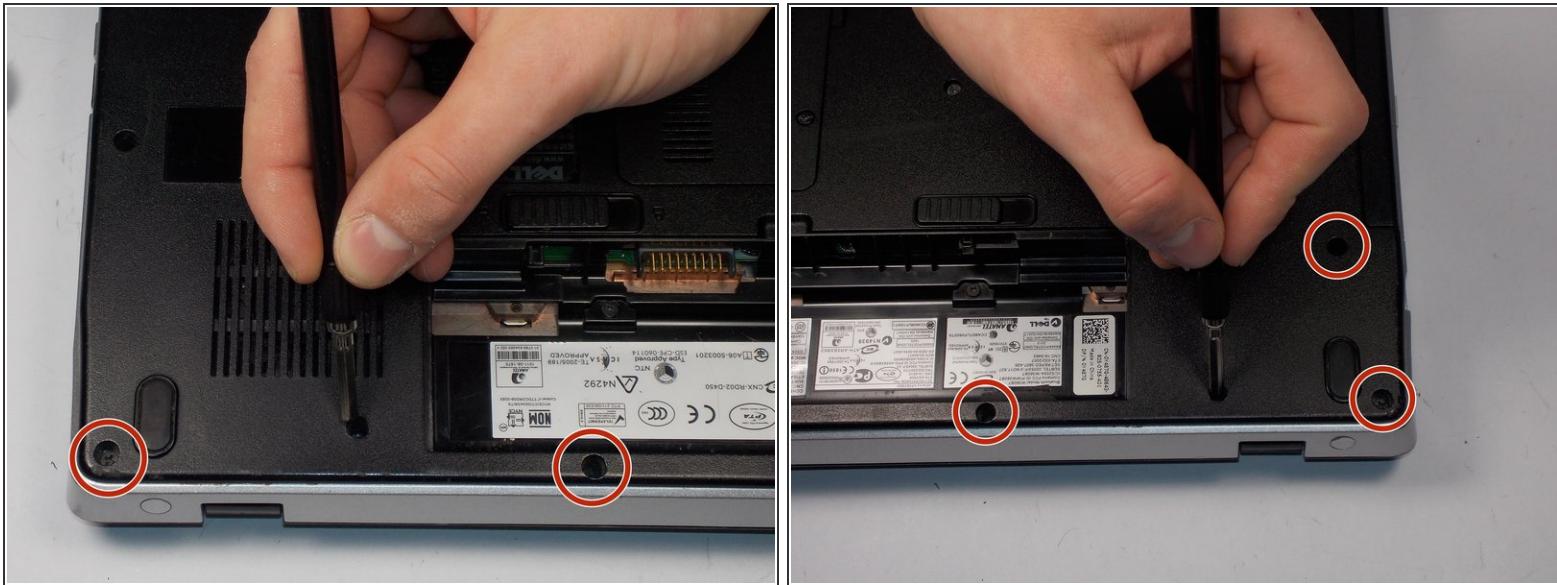
Step 1 — Keyboard



(i) Make sure the computer is powered down before beginning your work

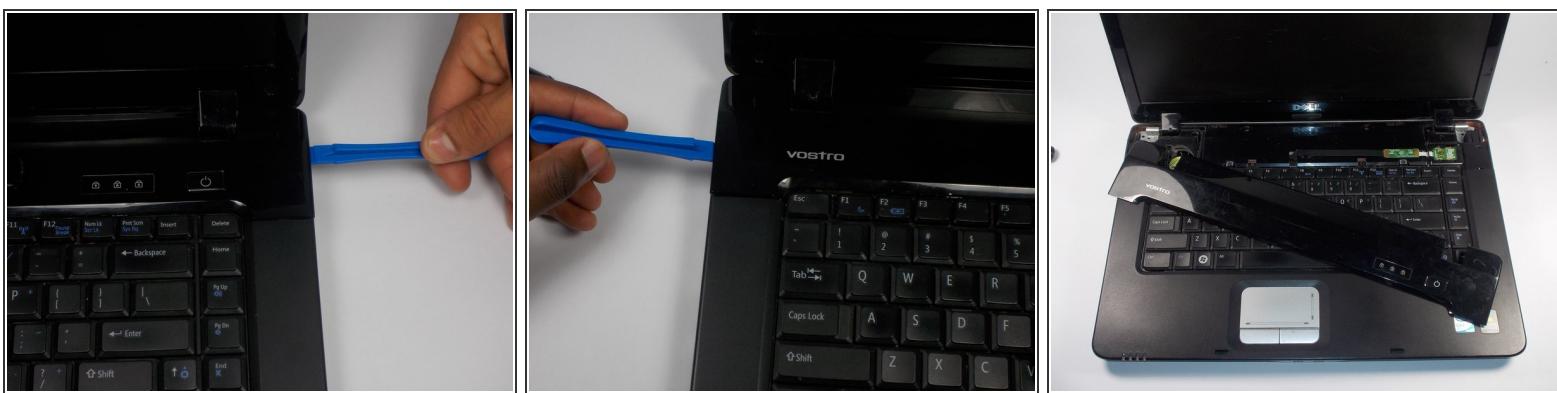
- Remove the battery and set it aside, there is a small clip that slides to free the battery.
- Unscrew the two 4.7mm screws below the battery.

Step 2



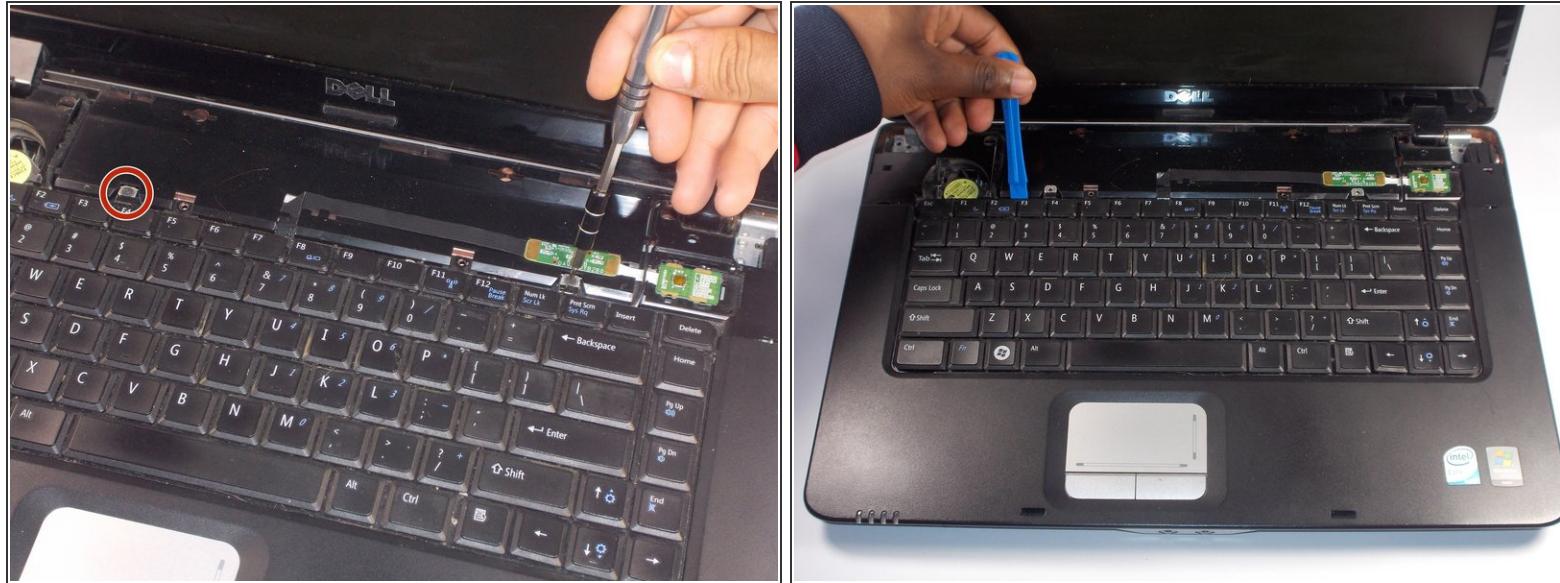
- Remove seven 8.6mm screws from the left and right side of the battery compartment
- *(i)* There are 2 screws to the left of the compartment, 3 to the right, and 2 along the bottom side.

Step 3



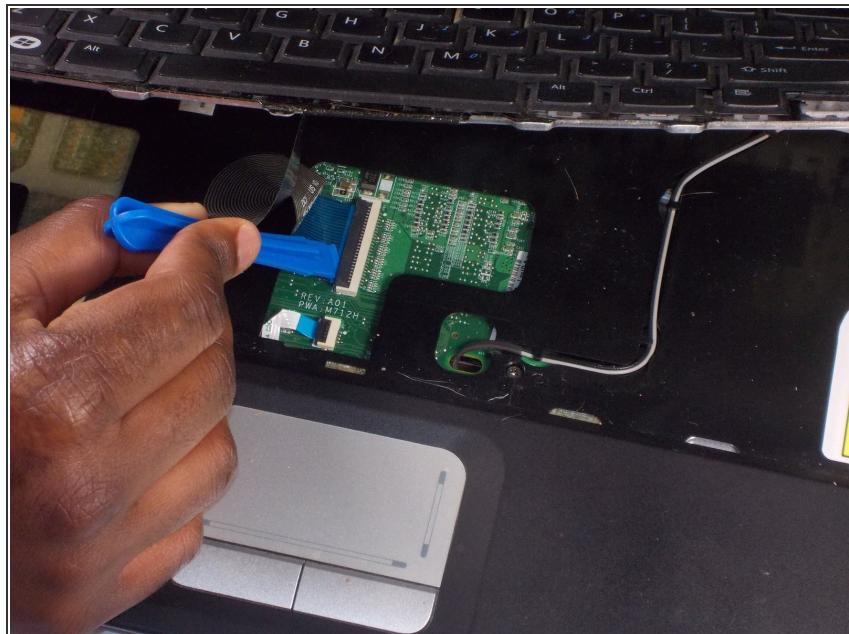
- Flip the laptop over and open it up.
- Using a plastic opening tool carefully pry up along the edge of the plastic bezel at the top of the keyboard.
- *(i)* Getting the lip of the plastic opening tool under the edge of the bezel and moving it along the right and left edges helps to make removal easier.

Step 4



- Remove two 5.5mm screws from the top of the keyboard
- Using a plastic opening tool push inward along the edges of the keyboard to release the holding clips

Step 5



- Lift the keyboard upwards
- ⚠ Be careful not to pull too hard on the keyboard as it is still attached to the laptop by the ribbon connector.
- Using the plastic opening tool push up on the black clip holding the connector ribbon.
- Pull out the ribbon connector to remove the keyboard.

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