



Disassembling Dell Inspiron Duo Front Cover

This guide explains how to remove the front cover from the device, exposing the other components. This is the most difficult part of any repair or replacement on this laptop. There are quite a few screws, and they're in quite a few different places.

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INTRODUCTION

We'll remove the top cover from the device, allowing the other components to be seen and replaced or repaired.

TOOLS:

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

Step 1 — Front Cover



⚠ Working on your device while it is turned on may result in electric shock. Make sure to shut down and unplug your device before you begin.

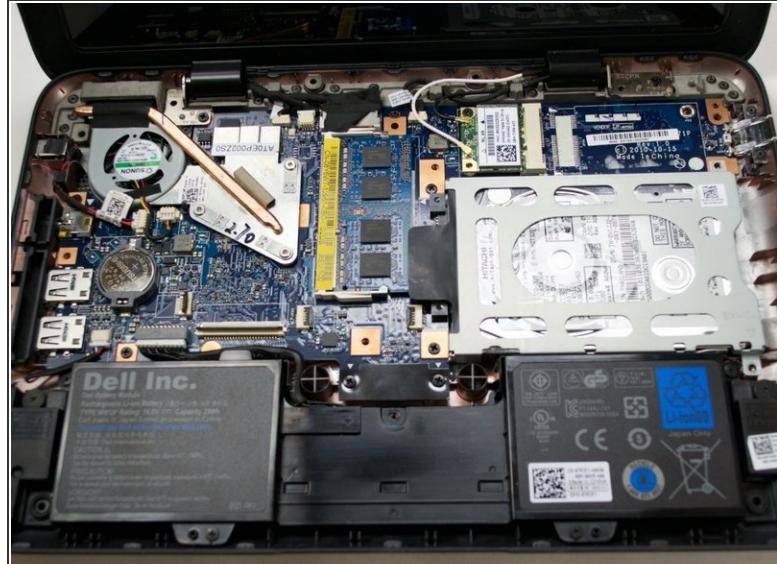
- Flip your device over so the bottom panel is facing up.
- To remove the old battery from the laptop, first unscrew the eight screws (size M2.5x8) from the bottom with a Phillips #0 screwdriver, this will allow the removal of the keyboard and front panel.

Step 2



- Flip the device over again and open the laptop so that you have access to the keyboard. There are hooks on the bottom of the keyboard, but gently pulling the keyboard towards the monitor will allow it to pull out easily. Be sure to unclamp the ribbon cable. Remove the three screws under the keyboard.
- Remove the three plastic Keyboard and trackpad connectors (these are labeled with a blue circle on the second photograph).

Step 3



- Next, remove the top cover from the device using the plastic opening tools. It snaps in on the sides, so don't worry if you hear it unsnapping; it's not breaking.

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