



Disassembling External Storage Hard drive

Buffalo DriveStation Axis 2TB - How to open it up and remove/replace the hard drive.

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INTRODUCTION

How to open up and remove the internal hard drive and board.



TOOLS:

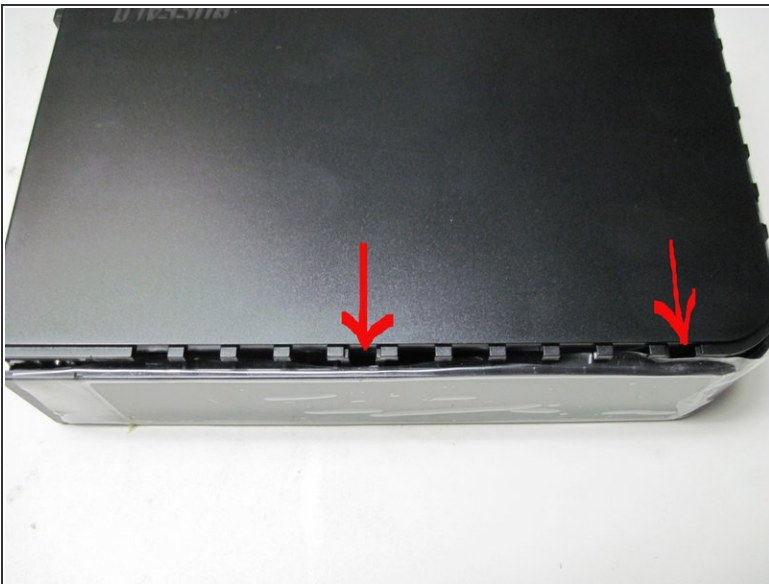
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Step 1 — Disassembling External Storage Hard drive



- Remove screw to access hidden top tab.
- Use a point like tool to press the two tabs around the USB 3 connector. These are accessible via the holes arrowed.
- You can slightly lift the back edge up to help free the tabs as you press them in a little, not a lot, doesn't take much to release them.

Step 2



- Along the top are two tabs. Using a thin bladed screw driver, insert to catch and pull back the tab slightly.
- Lift on the cover slightly to help release the tabs.

Step 3



- Front of the case has two tabs.
- Continuing gently lifting on the cover while releasing the hidden tabs.

Step 4



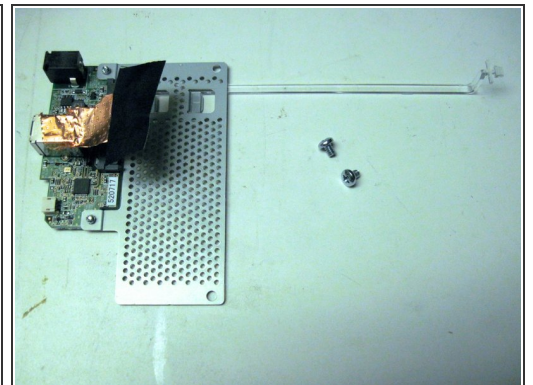
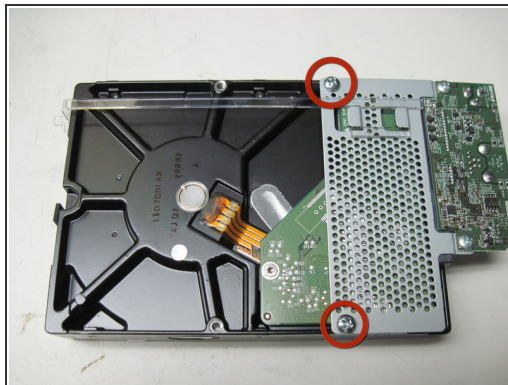
- Again, insert flat blade screwdriver while lifting on the cover.

Step 5



- Hard drive exposed
- Use the flat blade screwdriver to gently pry out the led plastic light tube from the case.
- Hard drive is only held in with rubber bumper style mounts and will come out with a little finger pulling.

Step 6



- Remove drive from case and flip over and remove the two screws.
- You will be left with the board and interface, ready to install new drive.
- Installation is the reverse of removal! Enjoy!

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