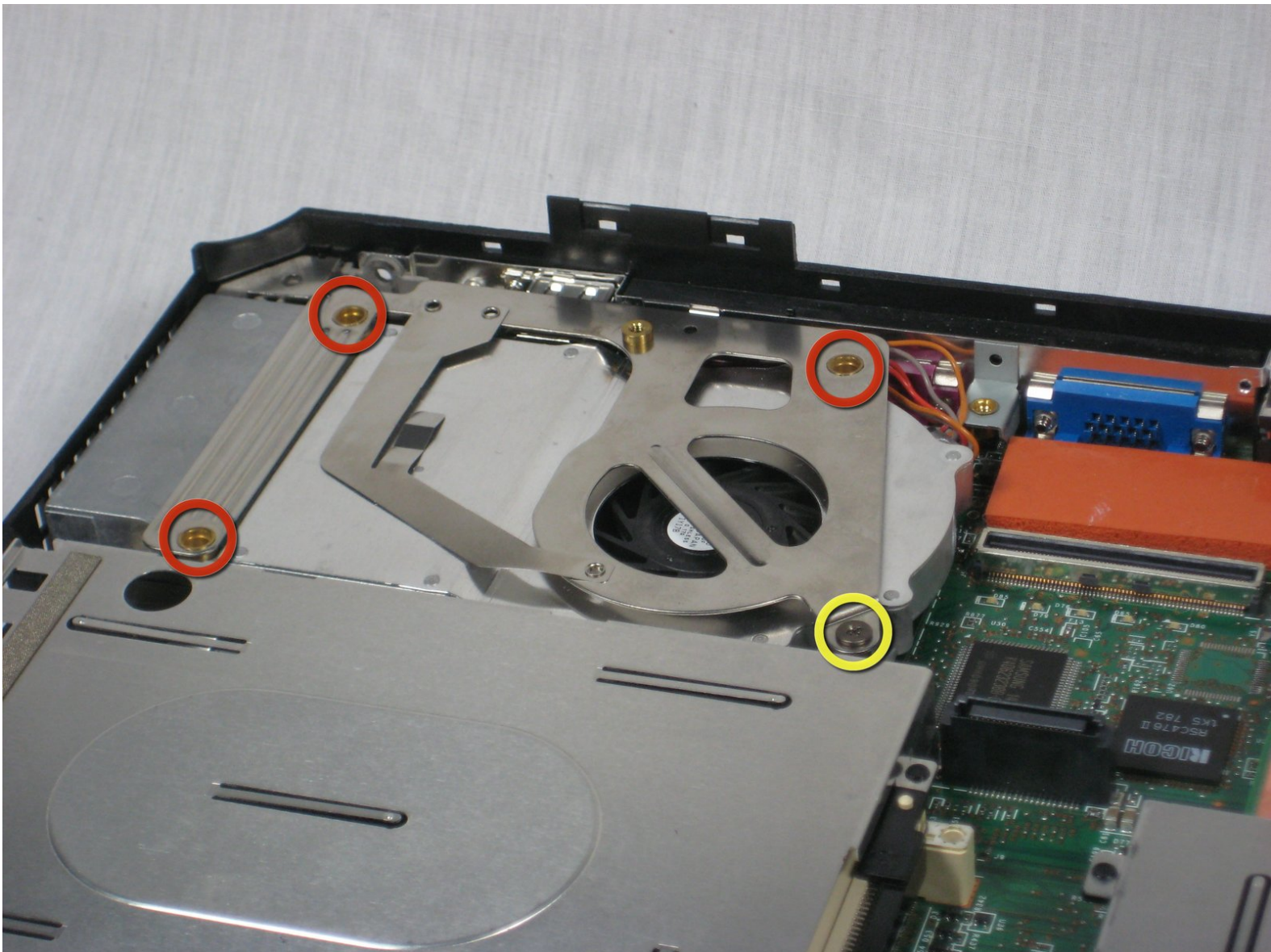




Disassembling IBM ThinkPad A30 CPU Fan

This guide will instruct you how to access the Thinkpad A30 CPU fan/heatsink assembly.

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INTRODUCTION

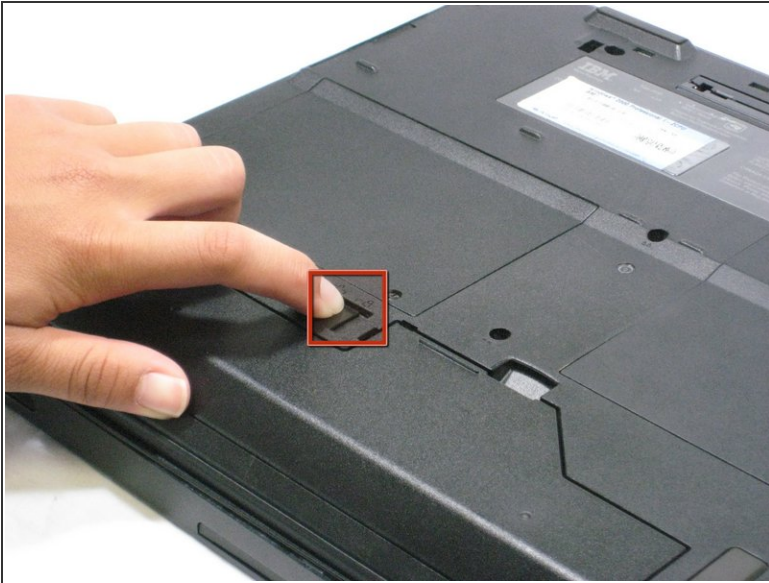
Prerequisite: Battery, uppercase, LCD screen



TOOLS:

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



- ❗ Flip the ThinkPad over so that it is upside down.
- Slide the highlighted tab to the left.
- With your finger on the tab, remove the battery by lifting it upwards away from the laptop.

Step 2 — Upper Case



- ❗ Make sure the laptop is upside down and oriented in the direction shown.
- Remove the six 16.7mm screws inside the circled holes.

Step 3



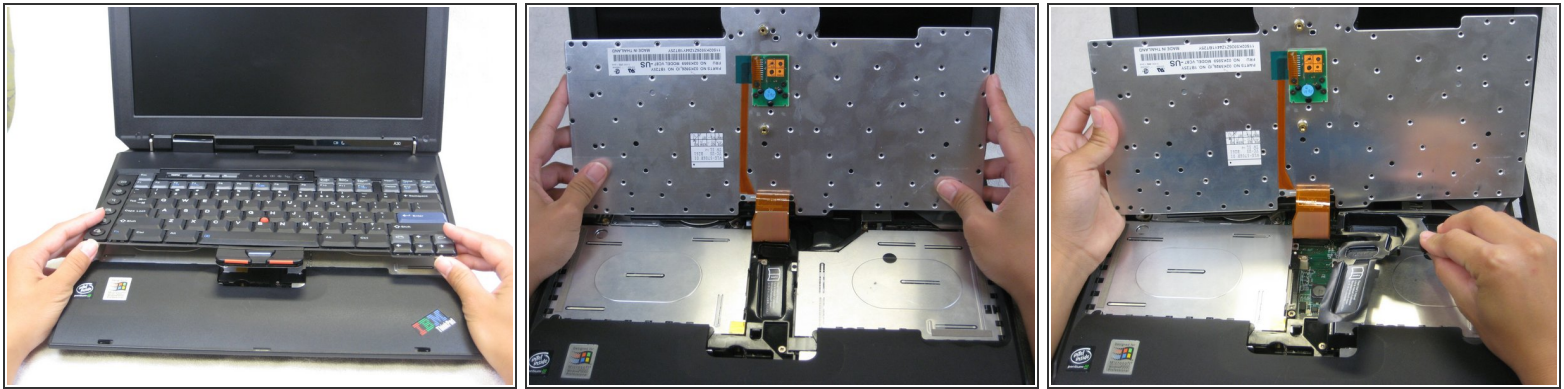
- Rotate the ThinkPad so that the hard drive bay is facing you.
- Remove the black cover to reveal a 14.8mm screw.
- Remove the uncovered screw with a Phillips #0 screwdriver.


Step 4



- ① Flip the ThinkPad over and open the LCD panel.
- Pry apart the keyboard with a plastic opening tool or with your fingers.

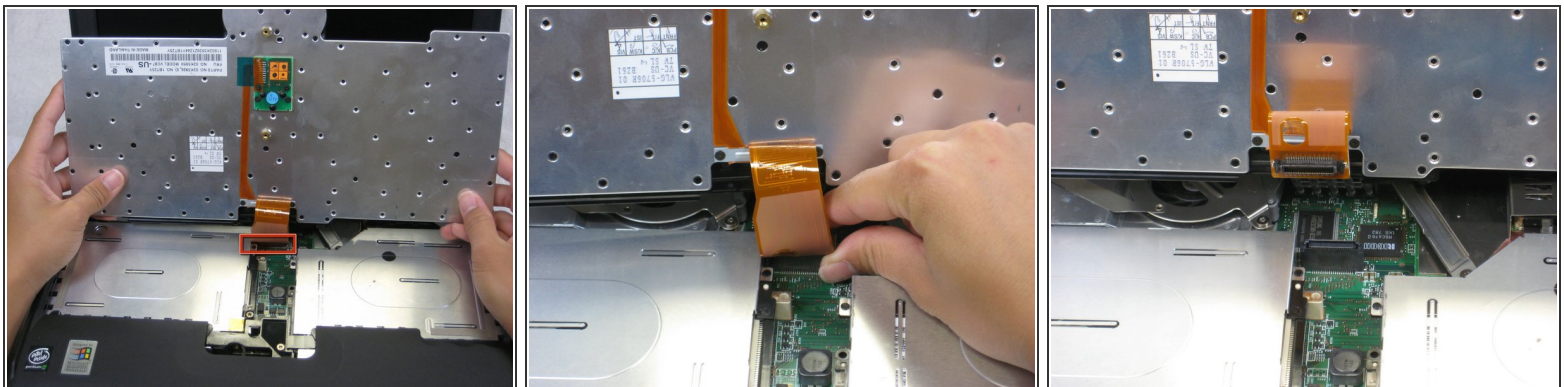
Step 5



 Be careful not to pull out the keyboard carelessly; there is a connector underneath it!

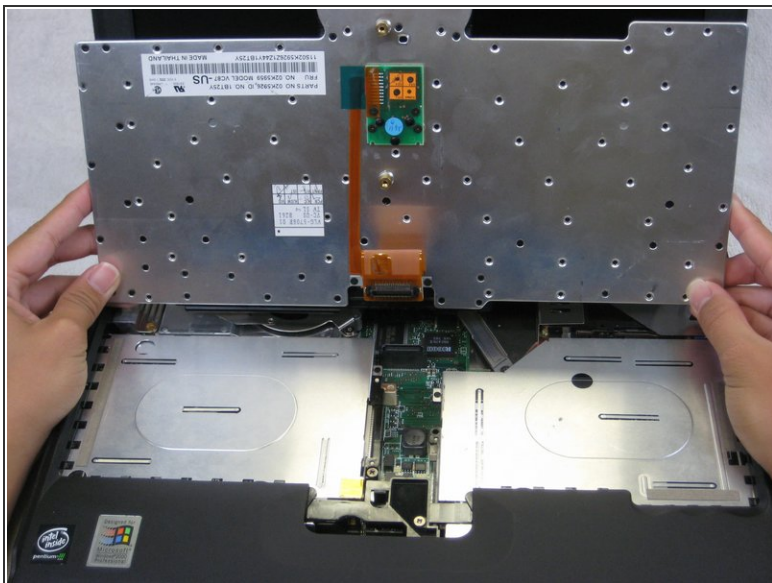
- Lift the front end of the keyboard as shown.
- Using your fingers, remove the black film cover.

Step 6



- Locate the connector attached to the motherboard.
- Disconnect the ribbon cable by removing the connector.

Step 7



- Lift and remove the keyboard.
- Remove the two 5.6mm screws.
- Remove the 16.7mm screw.

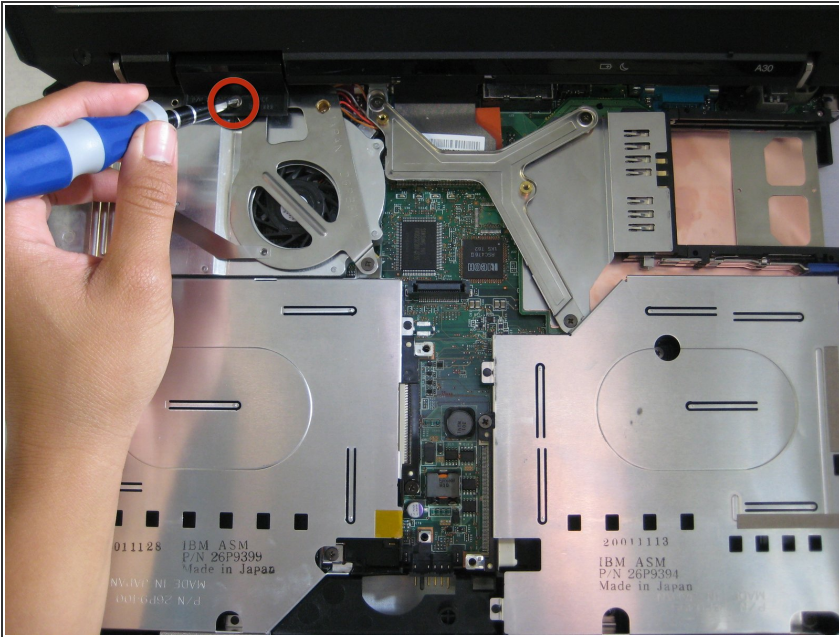
Step 8



⚠ You will need to use a little force. Be wary of the tabs.

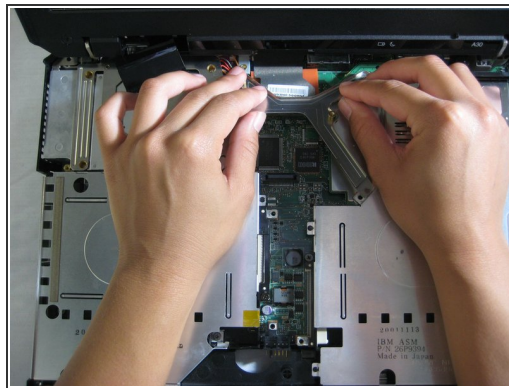
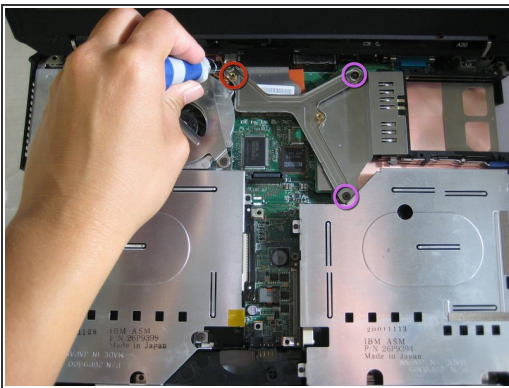
- Pry off the upper case with your hands.

Step 9 — Display Assembly



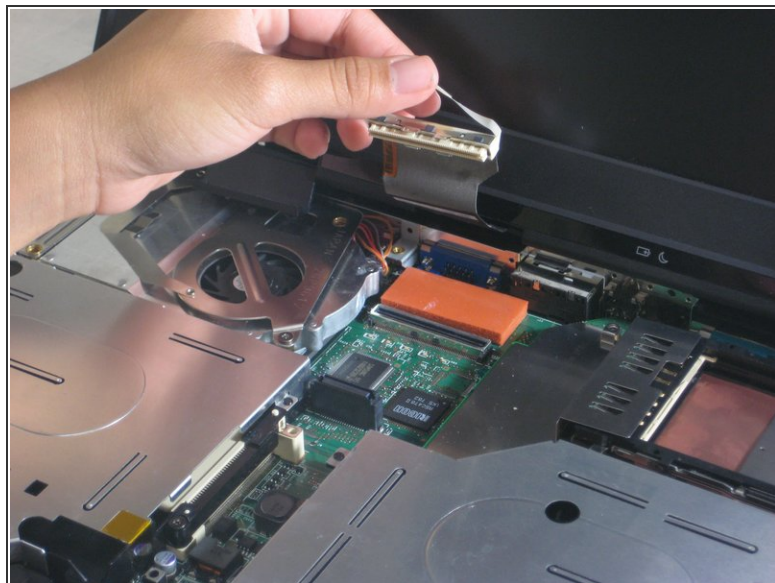
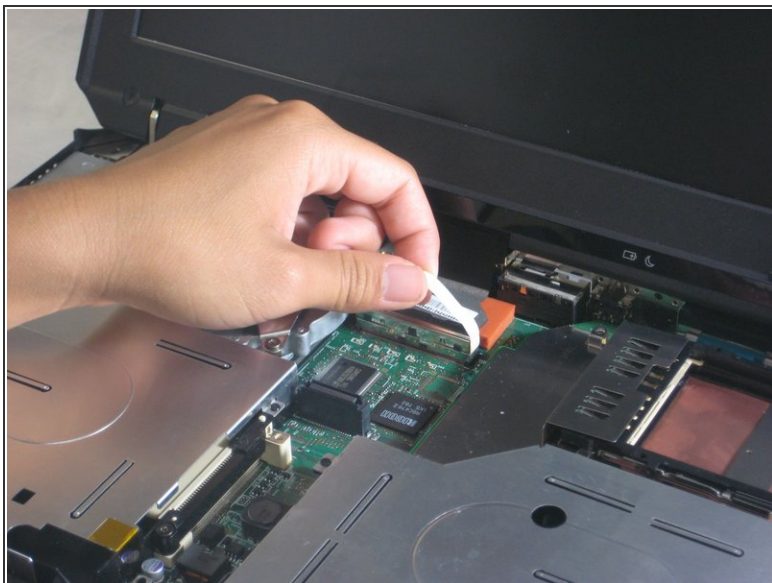
- Remove the 5.6mm screw that holds the LCD to the upper case.

Step 10



- Remove the 5.6mm screw on the left side of the three-pronged connector.
- Remove the other two 16.7mm screws.
- Lift and remove connector.

Step 11



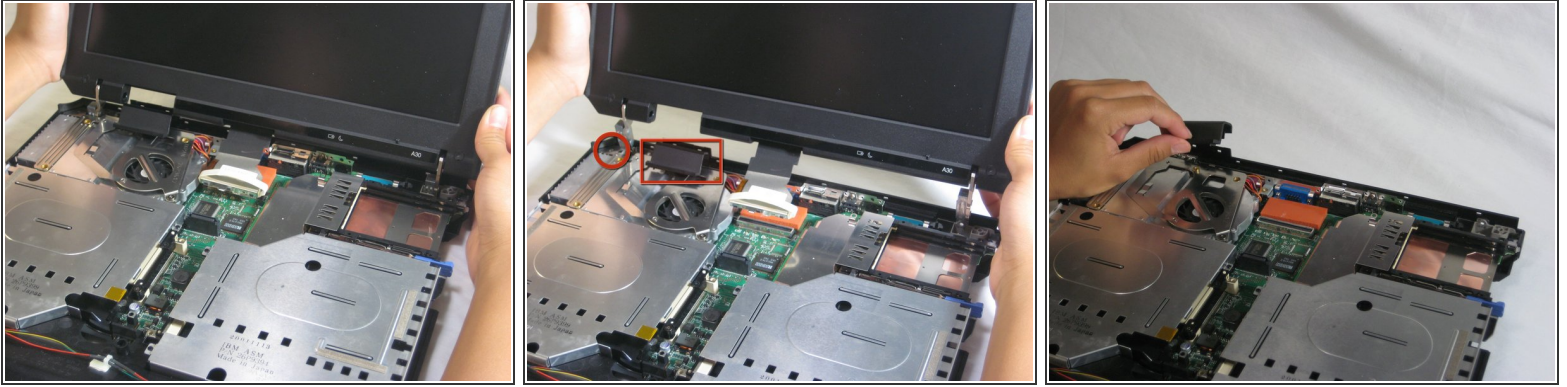
- Pull out the white tab connecting the LCD to the motherboard.

Step 12



- Turn the laptop so that the back is facing you.
- Remove the four 5.6mm long screws.

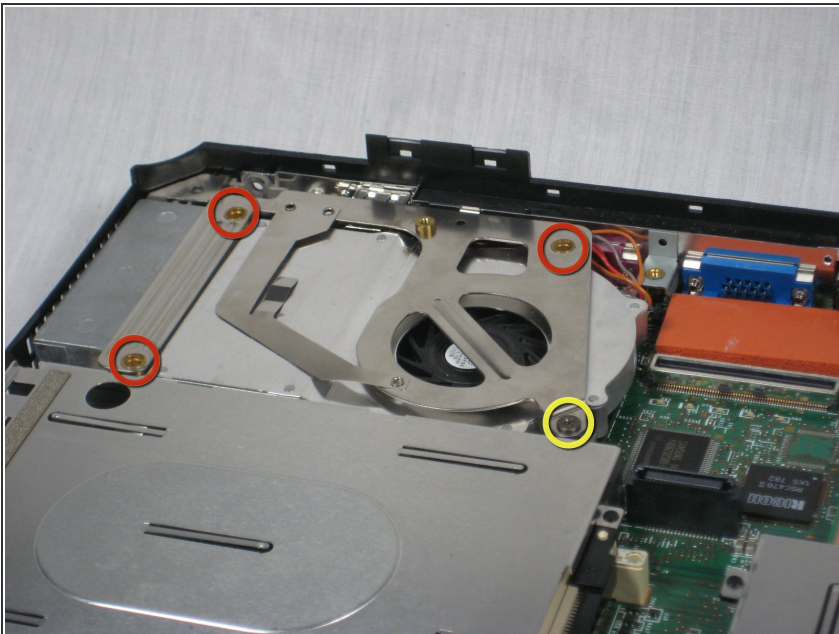
Step 13



i Place the laptop so that the LCD is facing you again.

- Gently lift the LCD monitor up and out.
- Remove the black plastic tab.

Step 14 — CPU Fan

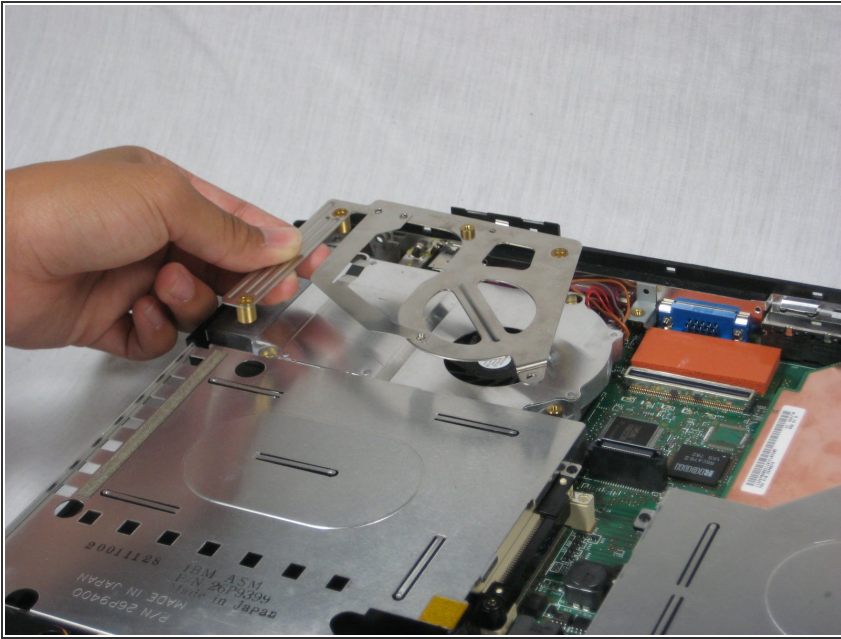


- Locate the 4 screws that will need to be removed.

i One screw (yellow) is observable. The three other screws (red) are below the heatsink bracket.

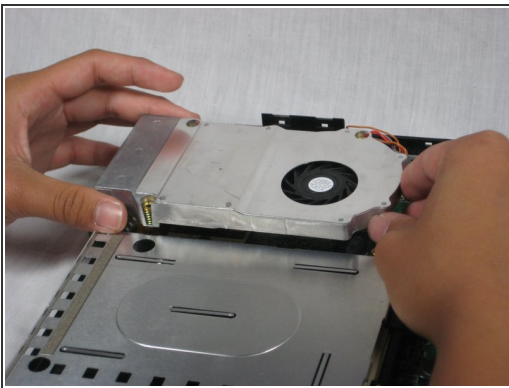
- Remove the 5.6mm (yellow) and three 16.1mm (red) screws.

Step 15



- Lift the heatsink bracket up.

Step 16



⚠ Be careful not to pull too hard! There is a cable attached to the fan!

- Lift the fan/heatsink assembly up.
- Locate the fan power cable and pull upwards near the connector.
- Remove the fan/heatsink assembly.

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

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