



# Disassembling Western Digital Essentials HD Hard Drive

Only prerequisite guide for disassembling Western Digital Essentials HD

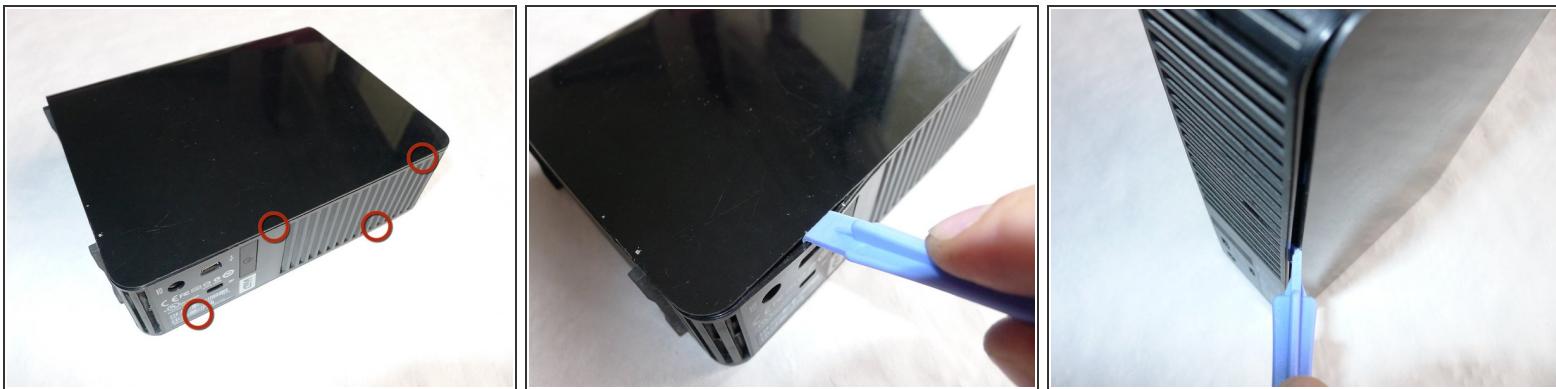
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 **TOOLS:**

- [iFixit Opening Tools \(1\)](#)

## Step 1 — Case



- Use a large plastic opening tool along the rear panel:
  - There are 4 clips to release.

## Step 2



- Slide the cover along the plastic frame.

## Step 3 — LED Light conducting plastic pieces



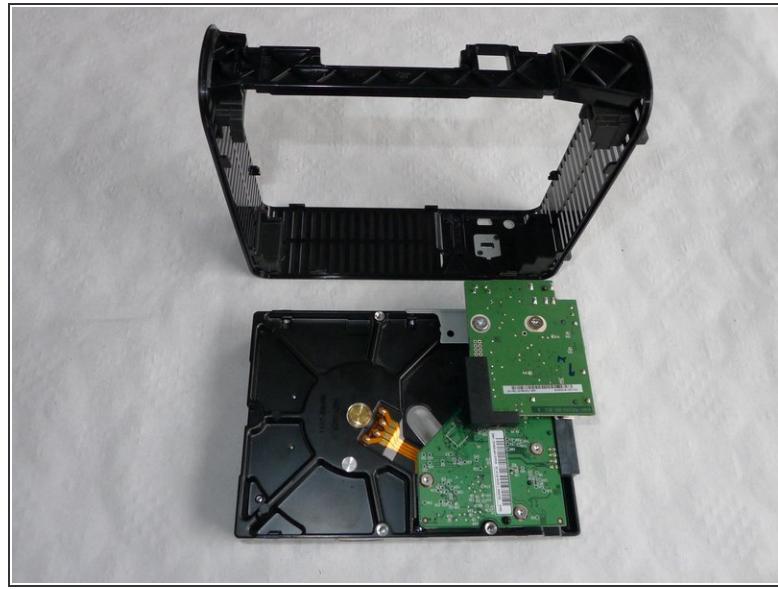
- Slide off the largest plastic pieces.

## Step 4



- Bend the second small plastic piece to release it from the rubber piece.
- Now you can slide it out.

## Step 5 — Disassembling Western Digital Essentials HD Hard Drive



- Slide out the hard drive as shown in the picture

 *Make sure to slide as shown or you may damage the USB bridge logic board.*

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