



Disassembling Western Digital Essentials HD Hard Drive

Only prerequisite guide for disassembling Western Digital Essentials HD

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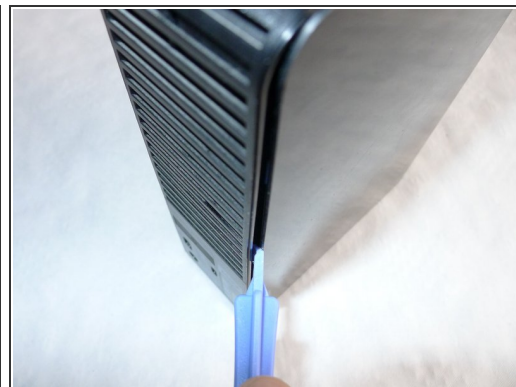




TOOLS:

- [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Case



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

Step 2



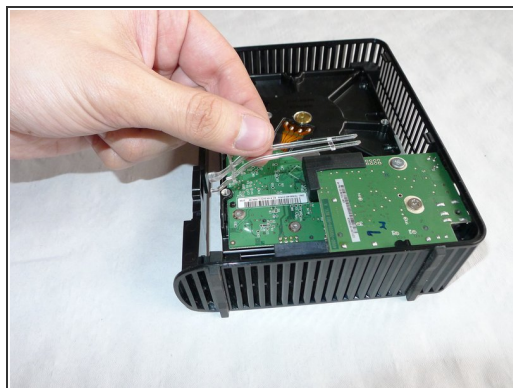
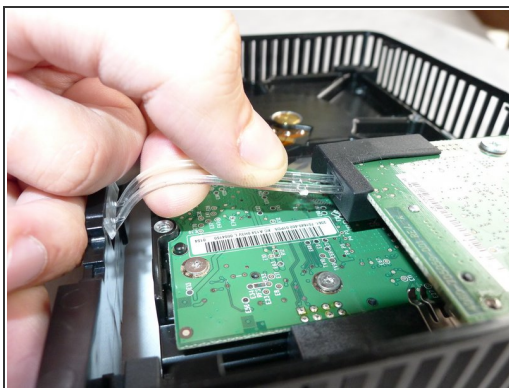
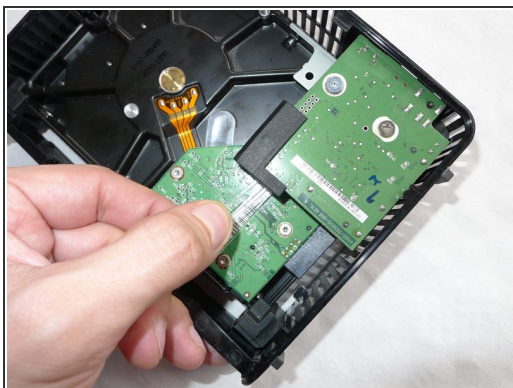
- Slide the cover along the plastic frame.

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.