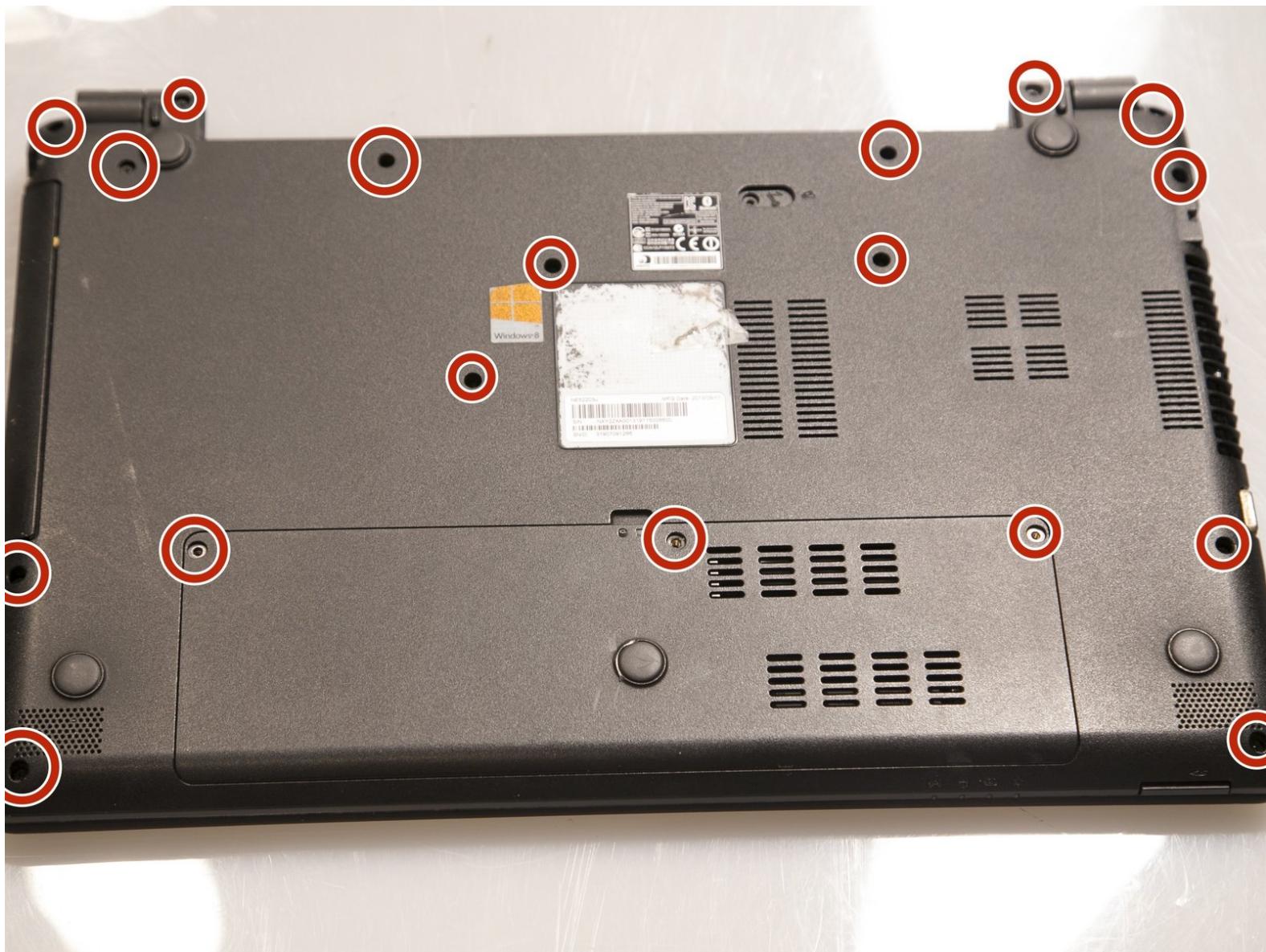




Gateway NE52203u Touchpad Assembly Replacement

Prerequisite Only

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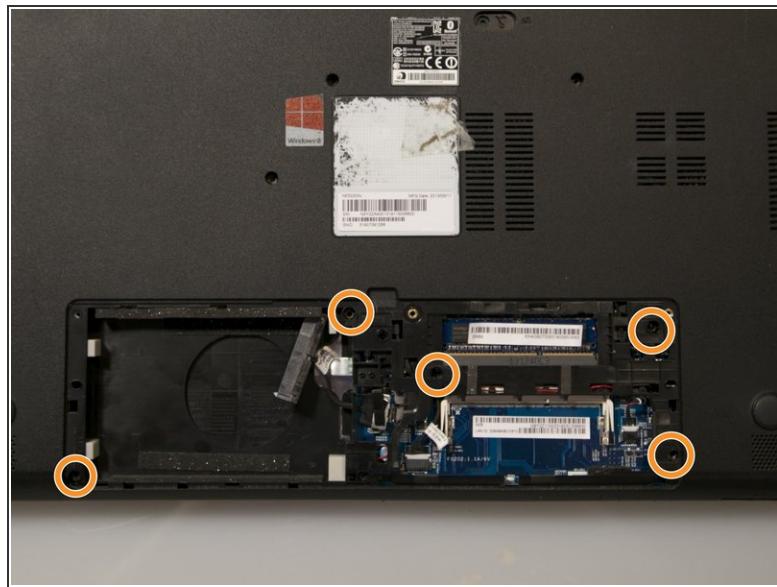
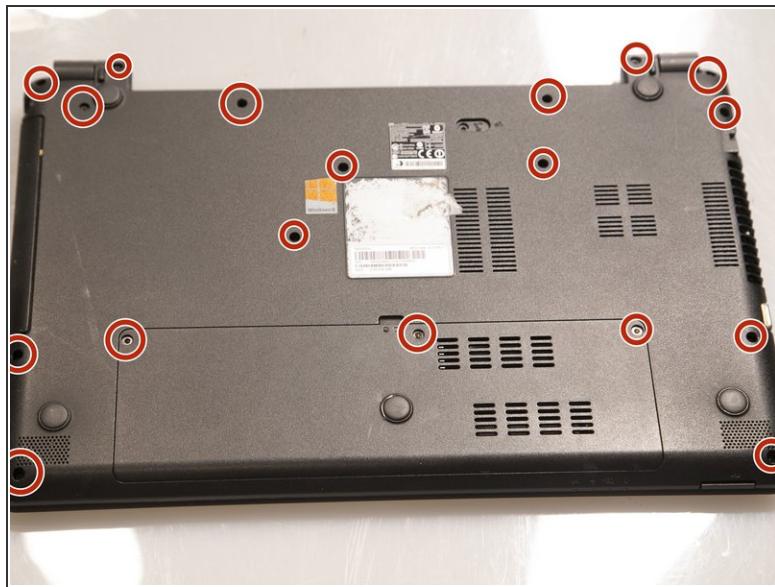
INTRODUCTION

This is a prerequisite guide to instruct you on how to open up your laptop in order to access the motherboard.

TOOLS:

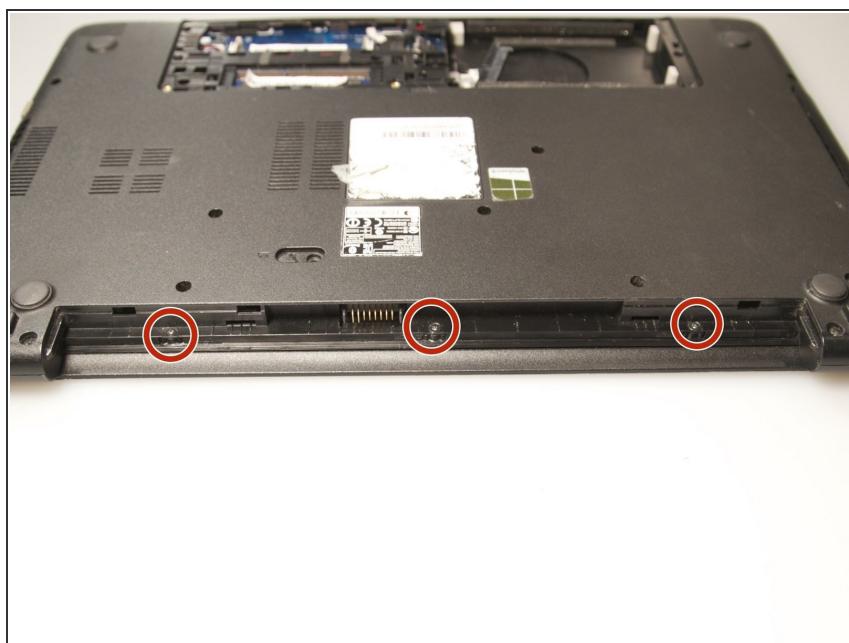
- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)
- [Spudger](#) (1)
- [Tweezers](#) (1)

Step 1 — Touchpad Assembly



- Remove 18 6.0 mm Phillips #00 screws from the bottom of the laptop.
- Remove 5 6.0 mm Phillip #00 screws from under cover.

Step 2



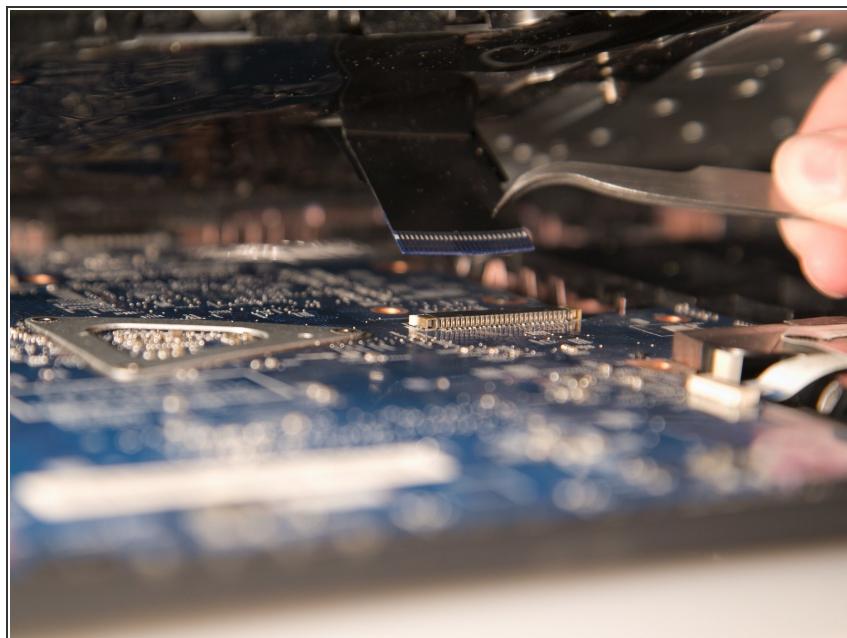
- Remove three 2.9 mm Phillips #00 screws from the battery compartment.

Step 3



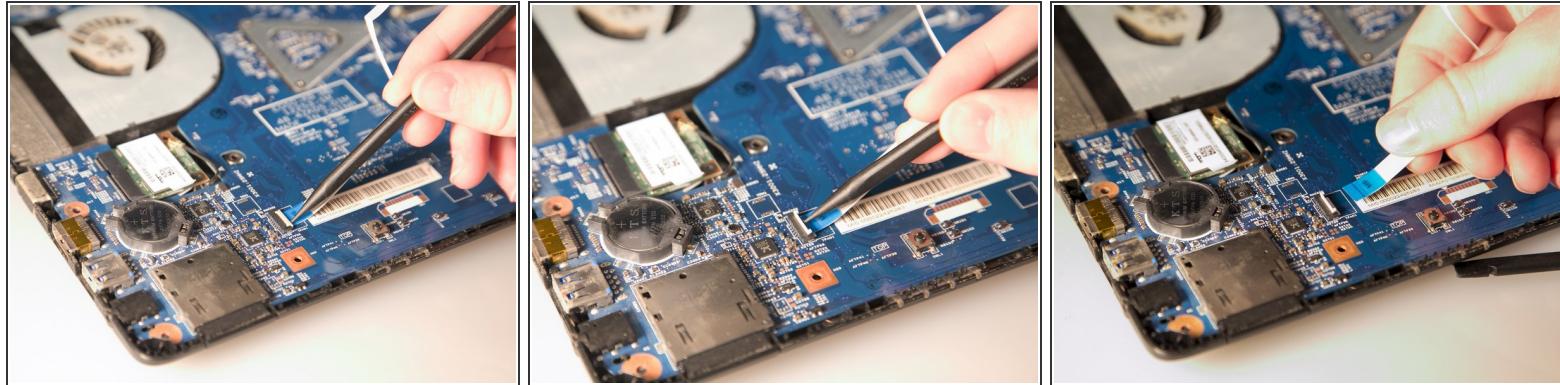
- Separate the bottom panel from the touchpad assembly by inserting a plastic opening tool between them on all four sides.

Step 4



- Pull black ribbon wire from port using tweezers in order to completely separate touchpad assembly from bottom assembly.

Step 5



- Disconnect the two ZIF ports that attach the touchpad assembly to the motherboard.
- First flip open the flap covering the ribbon using a spudger or fingernail.
- Second gently pull the ribbon away from the port.

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