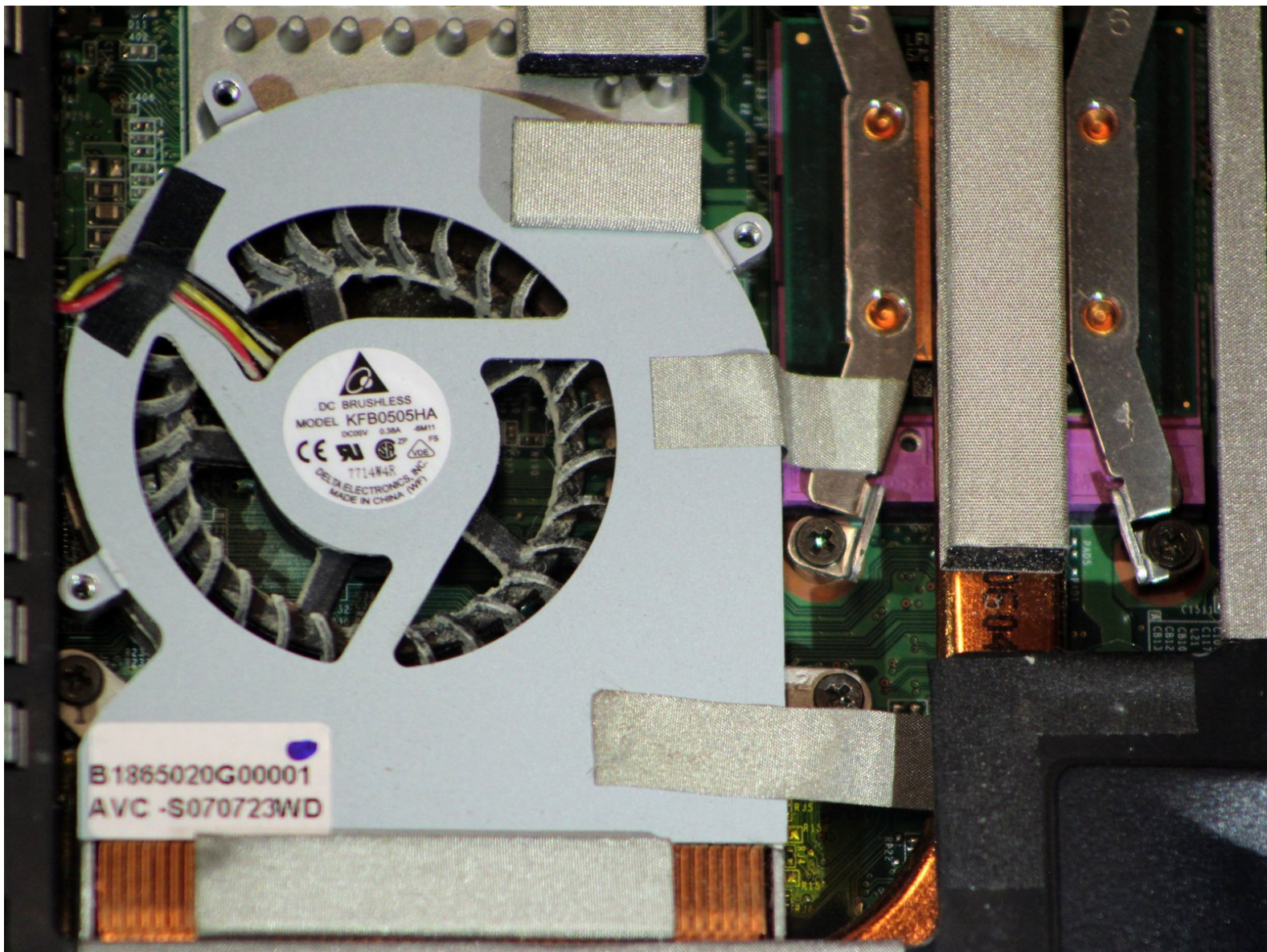# Gateway W350I Heatsink Fan Replacement

If you have a broken heatsink fan, use this step-by-step guide to explain how to replace the heatsink fan in your Gateway W350I laptop.

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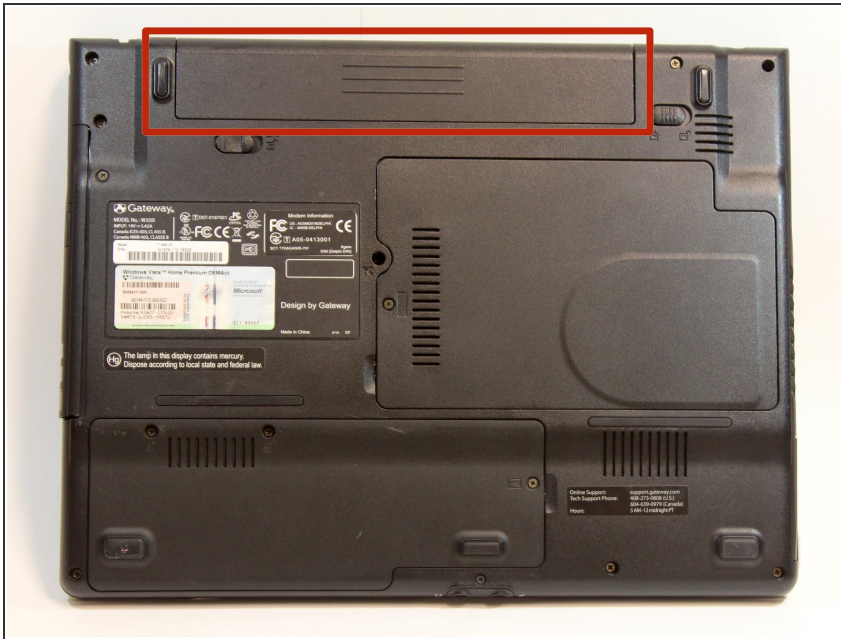
INTRODUCTION

This repair will be needed in circumstances where the heatsink fan is not turning on and causing the computer to power itself down. Replacing the heatsink fan with a new one should correct the overheating power downs.

🔧 TOOLS:

- Small Phillips Head Screwdriver (1)
- Tweezers (1)
- iFixit Opening Tools (1)

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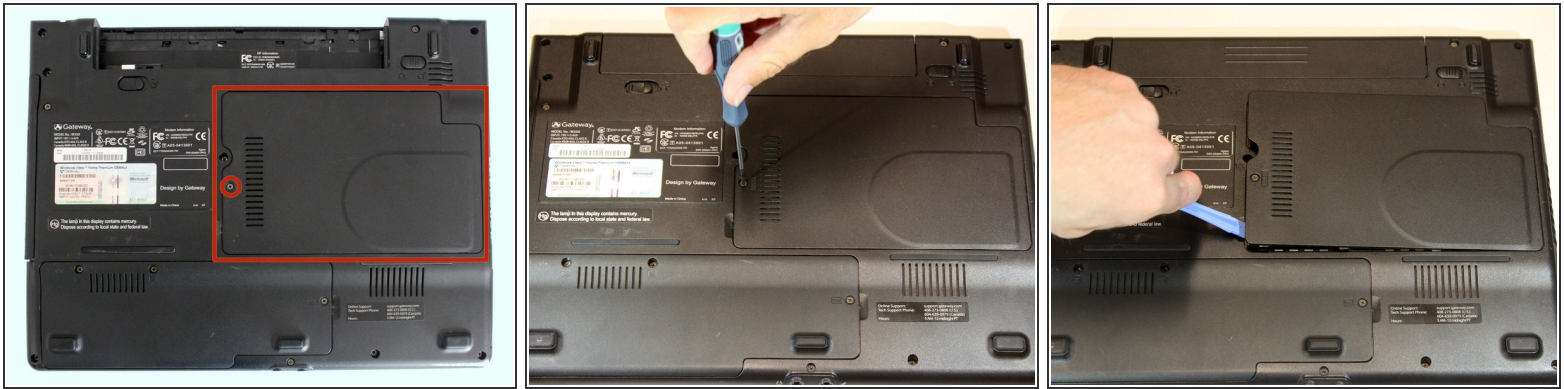## Step 1 — Battery Access

- Turn the laptop upside down and position it as shown in the image.
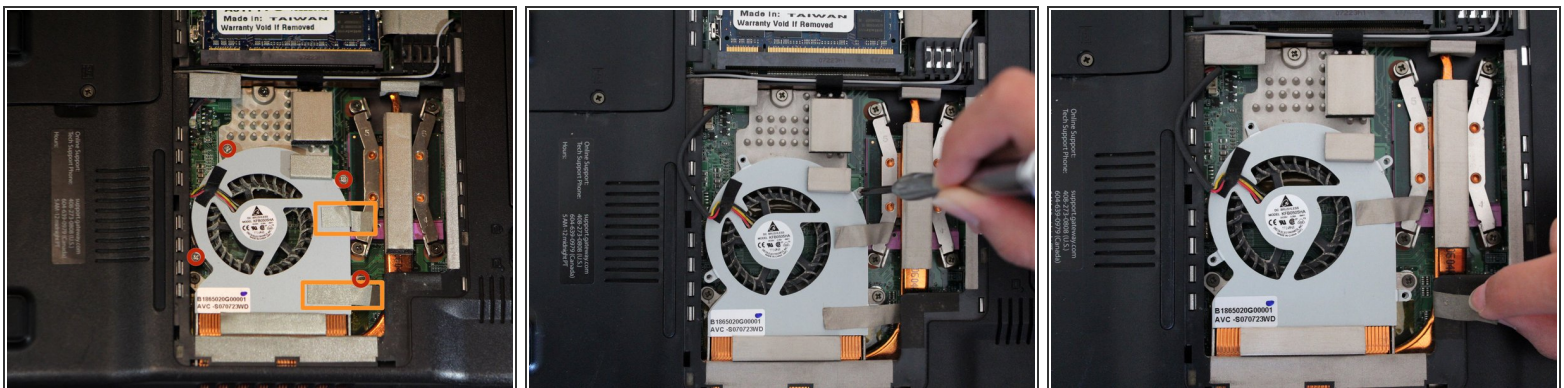
Step 2 — Unlocking the Battery

- Slide the locking switch towards the open lock picture.

- Hold the release switch in the unlocked position while simultaneously pushing the battery away from the laptop.

- Once the laptop is disengaged, completely remove the battery from the laptop.

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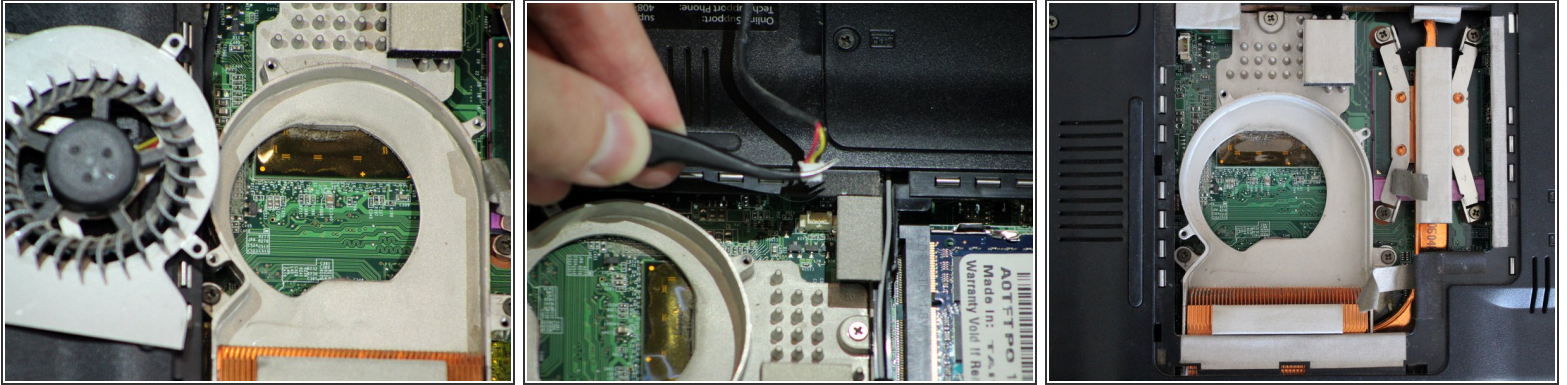
Step 3 — Remove Bottom Cover

- Remove the single 3mm Phillips #0 screw holding on the plastic cover.

- Use a plastic opening tool to gently pry off the plastic cover.

Step 4 — Remove Srews & Tape

- Remove all four 3mm Phillips #0 screws holding in the fan.

- Remove the tape from the top of the fan

Step 5 — Removing Heat-Sink Fan

- Gently remove the fan from the metal housing.

- Disconnect the cable with tweezers.

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