



HP 15 Series Hard Drive Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

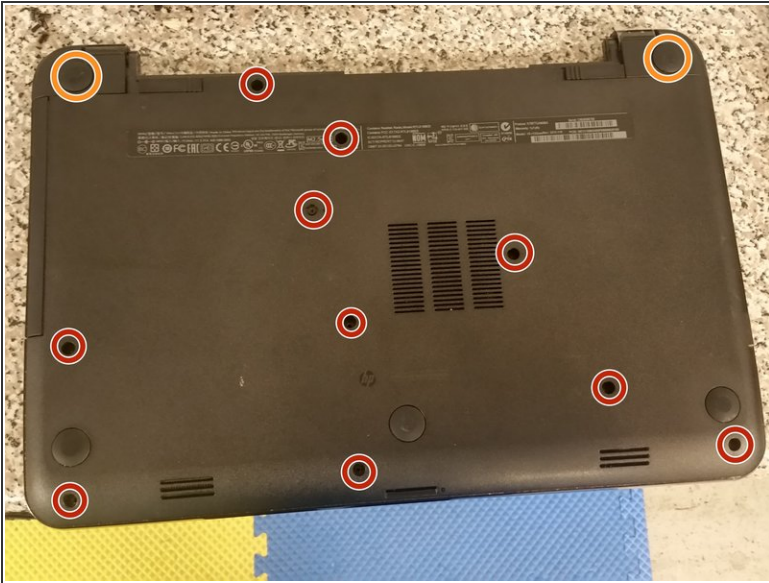
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TOOLS:

- [Essential Electronics Toolkit](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Remove rubber feet, screws, and optical drive





- Remove the 10 same-sized Philips screws.
- Use a tiny flathead screwdriver to pry the rubber feet off, and remove each of the screws under where the rubber feet were. These screws, as you may notice, are longer than the others.
- ⓘ For reassembly, use school glue to glue the rubber feet back on. Don't forget the screws!
- Slide out the optical drive, if there is one.

Step 2 — Remove keyboard



- Flip the laptop on its side, optical drive hole up, and use a nice n' long spudger to push the keyboard out through the hole above where the optical drive was. Light always helps to pinpoint the hole.
- Once the keyboard starts popping up, get under it with your fingers and pull.

 *Don't slide your fingers along the underside of the keyboard, you are likely to get cut! I learnt that the hard way as I made this guide. Owie.*

 On a side note, don't put the screws right in the path of where the keyboard comes out. I lost almost every screw in the picture because of that.

- Set the laptop down to normal position, unlock the keyboard connector, and remove the keyboard cable from the connector.

Step 3 — Remove palmrest



- Remove the four screws securing the palmrest to the base.
- Remove the touchpad and power button cables from their connectors.
- Flip the laptop bottom-up, and remove the remaining two screws holding the palmrest.

Step 4 — Remove hard drive



i Normally, there will be two screws holding the hard drive (or, in this case, solid state drive) in, but in this case, the screws are missing, and the SSD slid out from the connector. The computer wasn't showing any drive, and hence, it was brought in for me to repair.

- Remove the two screws securing the hard drive to the base.
- You're done!

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