



HP 15-ay052nr Fan Replacement

How to replace an HP 15-ay052nr fan.

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INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace a broken fan that is showing signs of overheating, loud whirring noises, or odd smells.

TOOLS:

- JIS #0 Screwdriver (1)
- iFixit Opening Tools (1)

Step 1 — Battery



⚠ To protect the device and yourself, make sure your device is completely powered down before disassembling. Disconnect all external devices before starting any tear down process.

- Turn the device and lay it upside-down on a flat surface so the base of the computer is facing upwards.

Step 2



- Identify the two (2) sliding lock mechanisms on either side of the battery and slide them towards the center.

i The sliders are located at the back of the device on the side where the display hinges are.

i The slider closest to the optical drive (CD reader) clicks open but the opposite slider has a spring.

Step 3



- Pull the battery slightly up and out to remove.
- *(i)* If the battery doesn't pop out, the sliders weren't pushed in far enough. Push the sliders towards the center until the battery pops out.

Step 4 — Bottom Cover



- Remove the rubber feet on the bottom of the device to access all the screws.
- *(i)* There are two rubber feet, one on each side of the battery compartment.

Step 5



- Unscrew the twelve 9 mm JIS #0 screws on the back of the device.
- Gently remove the optical drive (CD reader) to more easily separate the base.

Step 6



- Unclip the keyboard surface from the base using an iFixit opening tool around the entire border.

Step 7



- Separate the base of the computer from the component assembly.

(i) The optical drive can be placed in the base where it corresponds to prevent misplacing it.

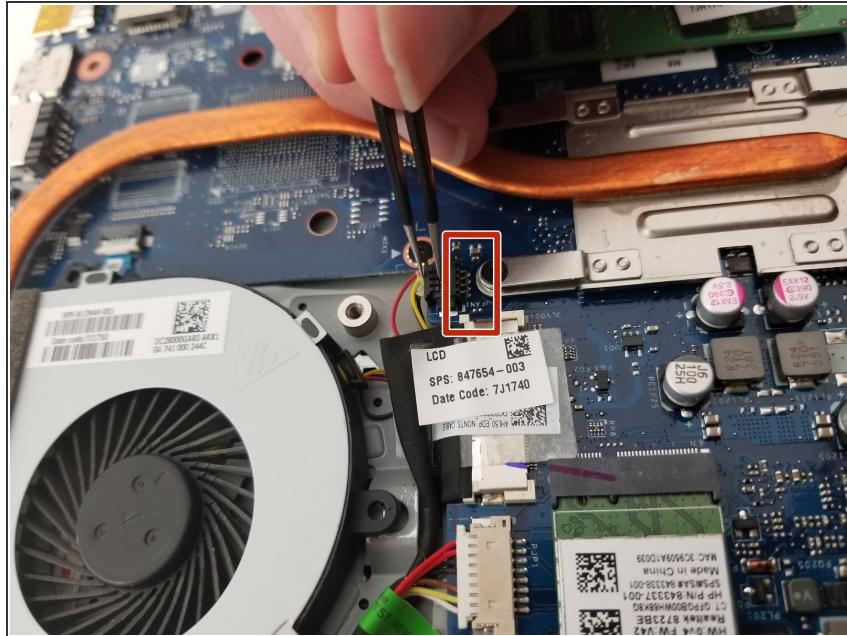
Step 8 — Fan



- Remove the two 6.5 mm JIS #0 screws holding the cooling fan to the base.

(i) The base is the side by the heatsink, which is made of copper.

Step 9



- Unplug the fan cable from the motherboard.
- (i)* The fan can now be removed.

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