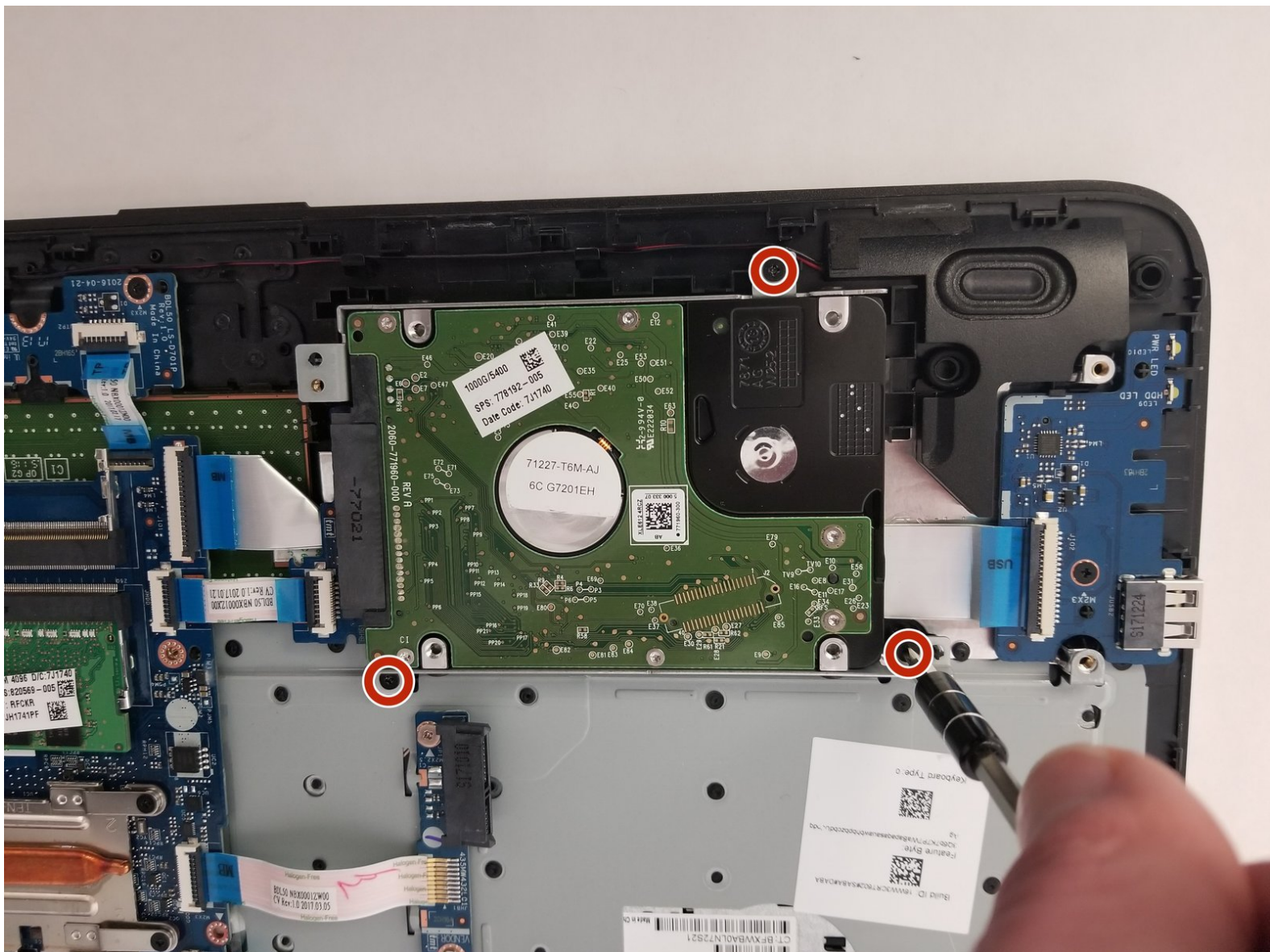




HP 15-ay052nr USB Port Replacement

How to replace a HP 15-ay052nr USB port.

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INTRODUCTION

This is a guide on removing and replacing an additional USB port that is not attached to the motherboard. The other USB ports that are on the motherboard have to be replaced with a new motherboard or with advanced soldering skills.

TOOLS:

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



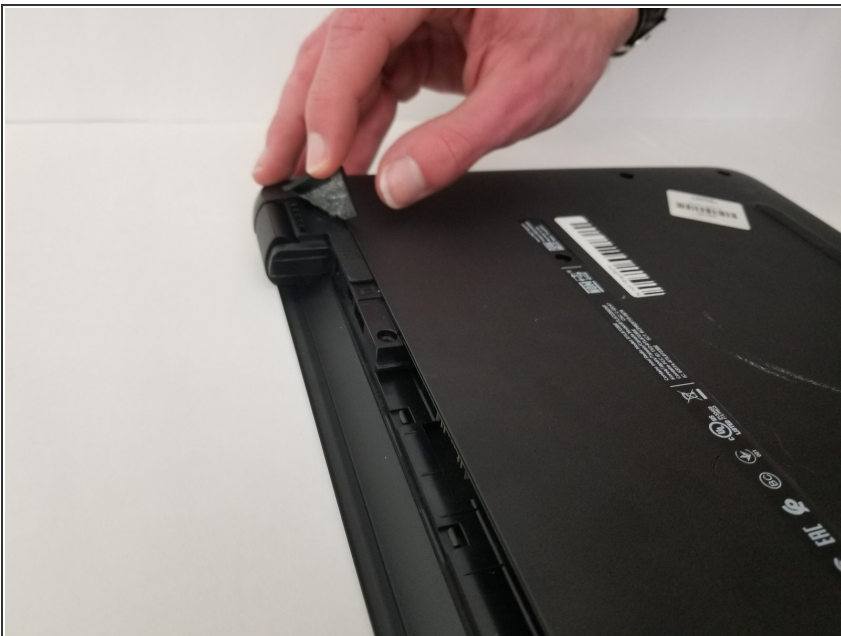
- Identify the two (2) sliding lock mechanisms on either side of the battery and slide them towards the center.
- i** The sliders are located at the back of the device on the side where the display hinges are.
- i** The slider closest to the optical drive (CD reader) clicks open but the opposite slider has a spring.

Step 3



- Pull the battery slightly up and out to remove.
- ⓘ 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.
- ⓘ 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



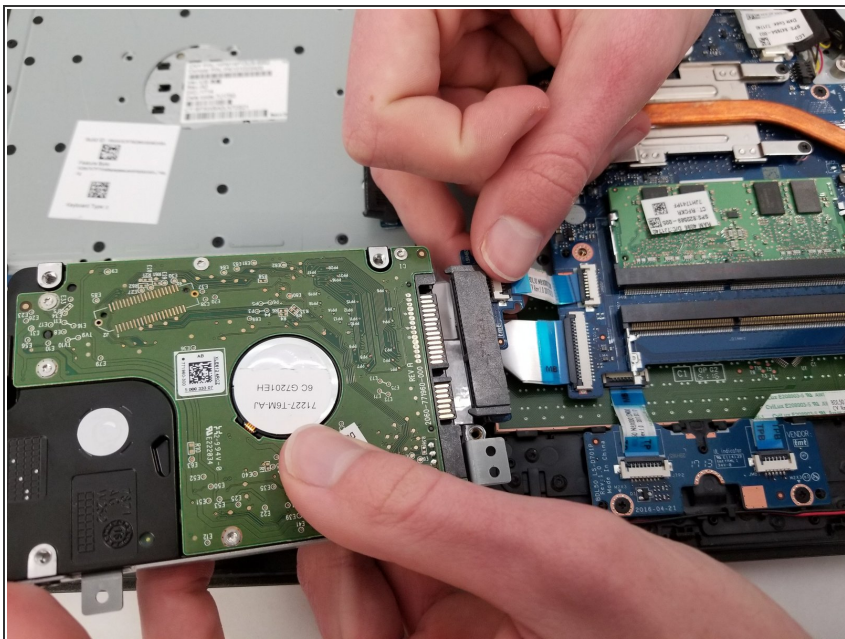
- Separate the base of the computer from the component assembly.
- ⓘ The optical drive can be placed in the base where it corresponds to prevent misplacing it.

Step 8 — USB Port



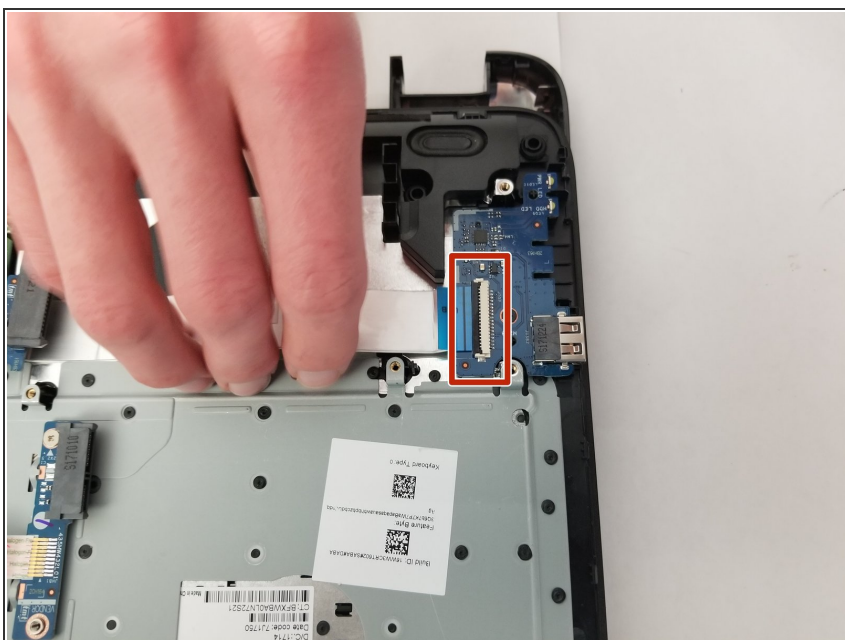
- Remove the three 3mm JIS #0 screws from the hard drive.

Step 9



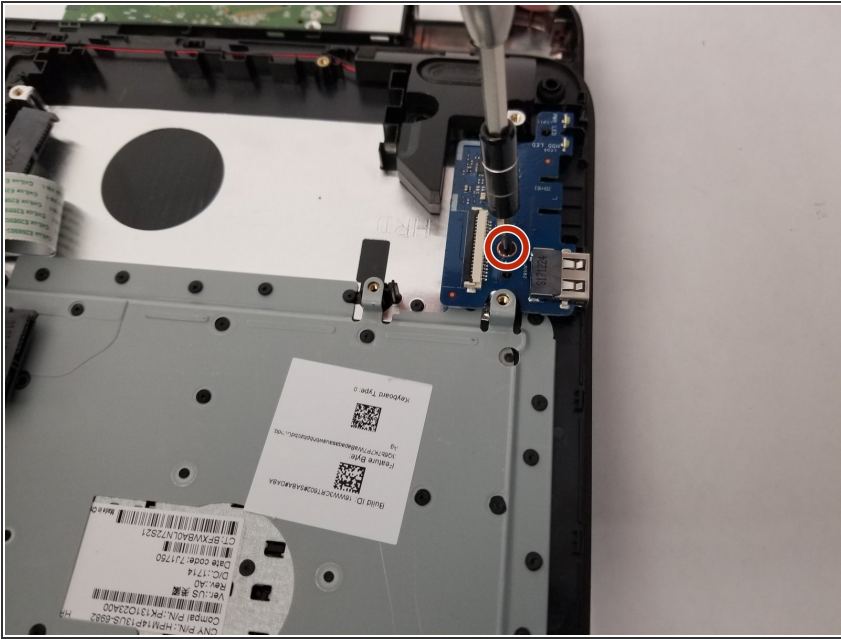
- Unplug the hard drive and set aside.

Step 10



- Disconnect the cable that is attached to the motherboard from the USB board.
- ⓘ The motherboard can be identified as the big blue board in the opposite side of the USB board we are replacing.

Step 11



- Remove the single 3mm JIS #0 screw.
- ⓘ Once the screw is out, the USB board can be pulled out for replacement.

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