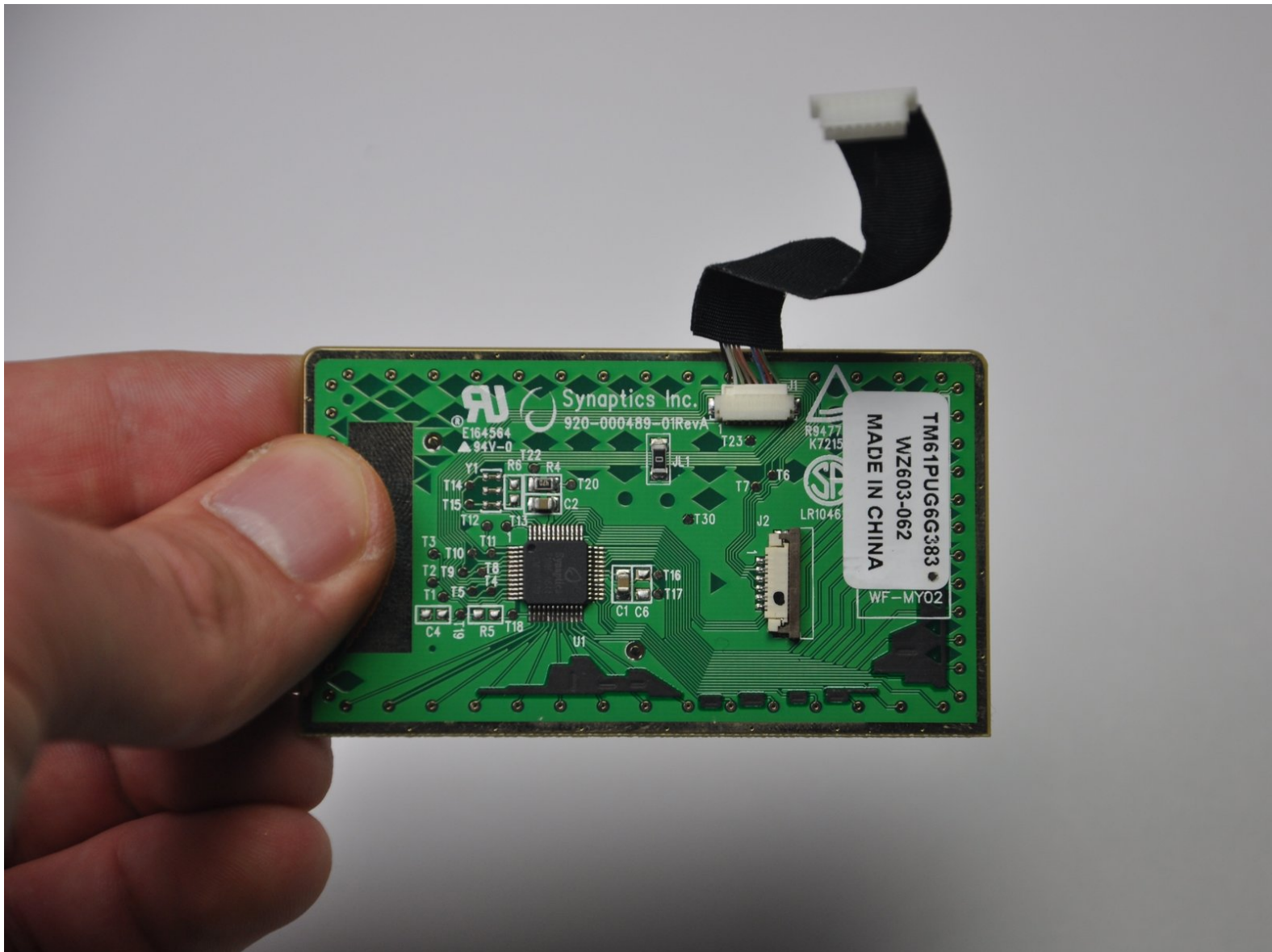




HP Compaq NC6120 Mouse Pad Replacement

Replacing the Mouse Pad to make maneuvering on the laptop easier.

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INTRODUCTION

Replacing the mouse pad may be necessary when the cursor begins to respond sluggishly to movements. This can be done fairly easily after the laptop has been opened up.



PARTS:

- [Phillips #1 Screwdriver](#) (1)
 - [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Disassembling HP Compaq NC6120 Laptop



- Flip laptop so the backside is facing upwards.
- Pull the two plastic switches at the top of the backside of the computer outwards, and remove the battery.

Step 2



- Remove all 13 screws from the back panel of the computer, the 2 torx screws under the battery, the 2 under the ram memory panel as well as the four screws at the hinge of the computer (also attaching the back panel to the rest of the computer). All screws are 9.8mm 3.0 flatheads except for the two under the battery which are T9 torx.

Step 3



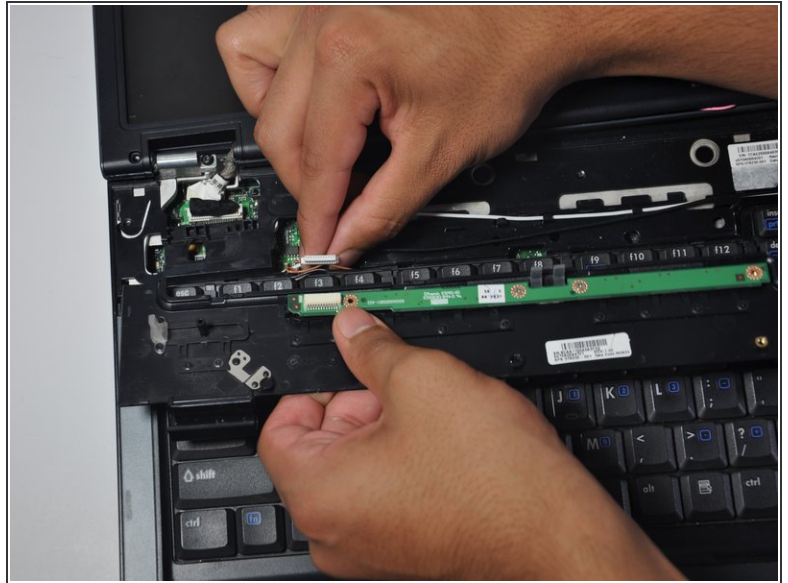
- Open up the laptop so that the screen is facing towards you. Push the monitor back until it is flat, parallel to the keyboard.

Step 4



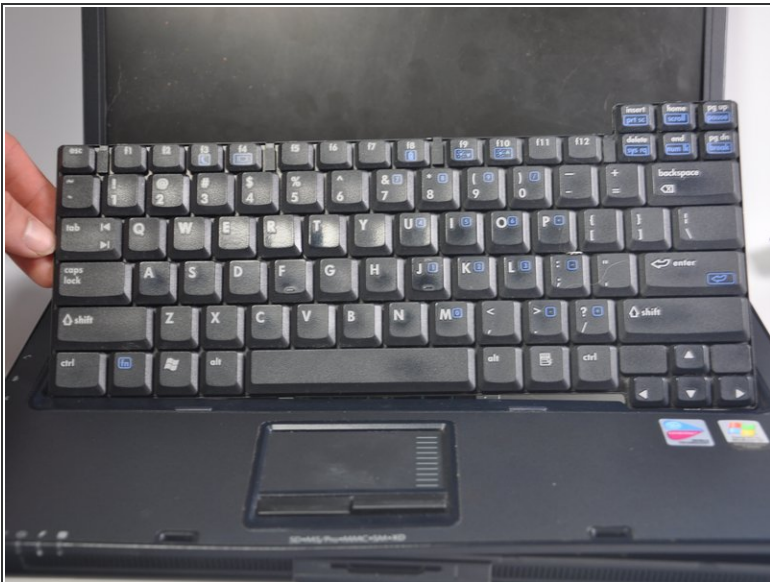
- Using a plastic spudger, remove the plastic panel located between the keyboard and monitor. It should pop off easily with the spudger and can then be pulled away.

Step 5



- Remove the white cable attached to the just-removed plastic panel from the motherboard.

Step 6



- Flip the keyboard away from the monitor, rotating it so that the keys are face down on the mousepad. Remove the black cord at the bottom of the keyboard that connects it to the motherboard. The keyboard is now free and can be removed.

Step 7



- Remove the two 9.8mm 3.0 flathead screws, there is one at each of the hinges.

Step 8



- Unplug the black cable with rectangular white plastic head from the motherboard. It is located at the top left of the motherboard, directly below the left hinge.

Step 9



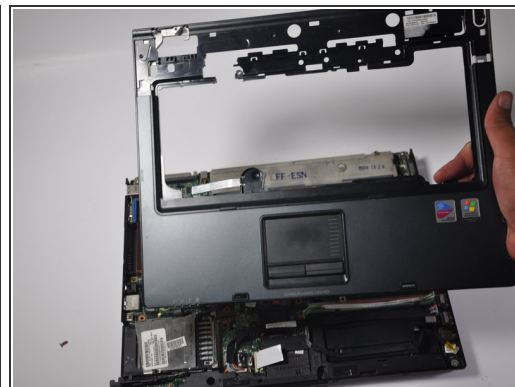
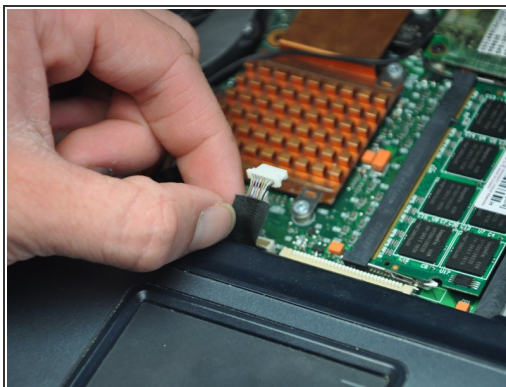
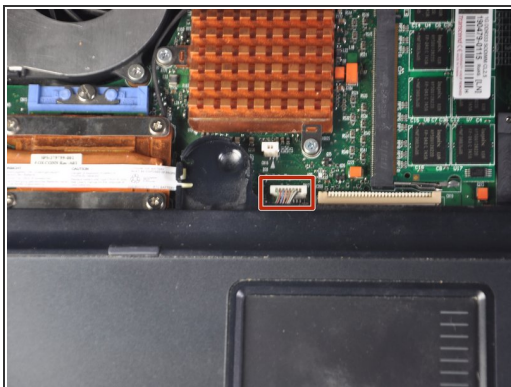
- Pull the monitor directly upwards from where it lay. The two metal hinges should easily slide out of their holes and the monitor will be disconnected from the motherboard.

Step 10



- Using a spudger, pry the black plastic panel (with mousepad) off of the motherboard.

Step 11



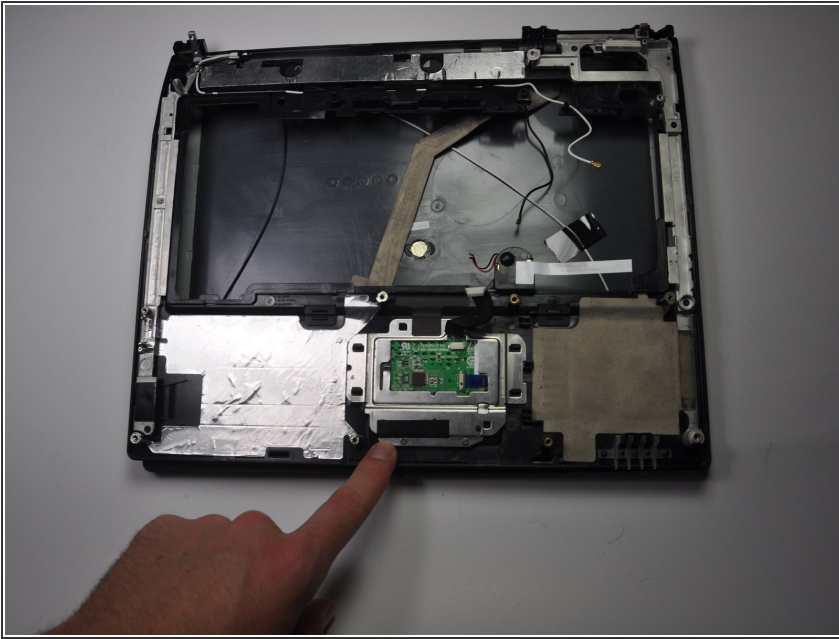
- Unplug the white cord connecting the mousepad to the motherboard from the motherboard, and pull off the entire plastic panel.

Step 12 — Mouse Pad



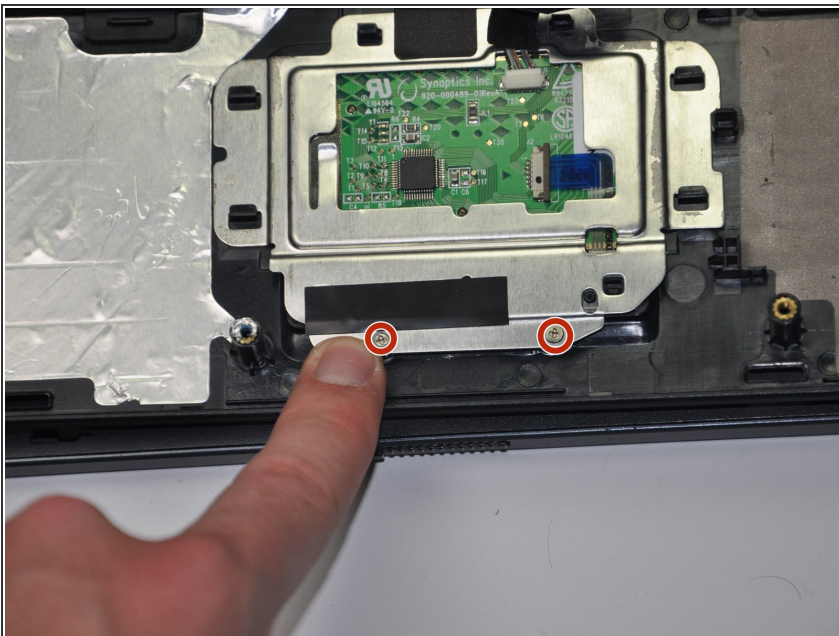
- Refer to the laptop disassembly guide.

Step 13



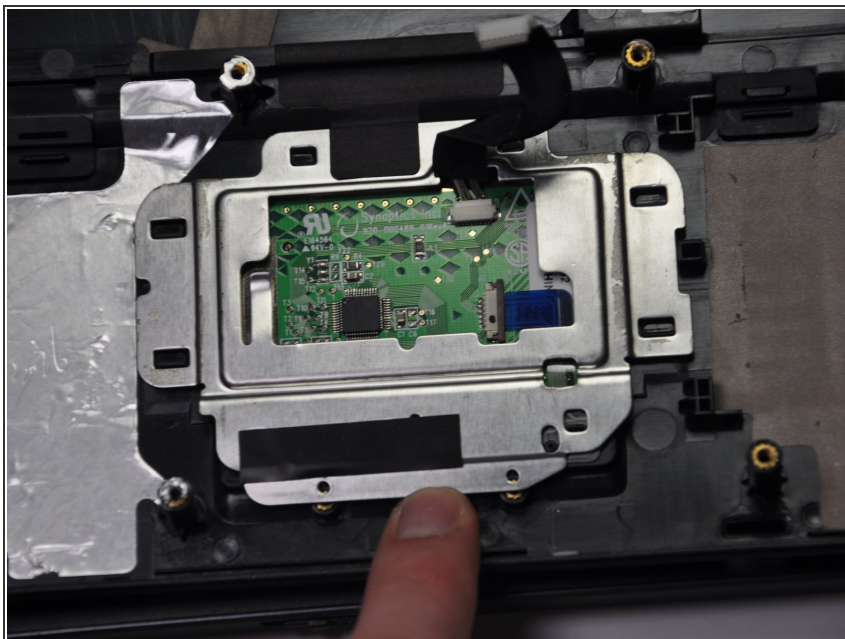
- Find the green chip encased by an aluminum frame on the underside of the plastic panel that was removed last in the computer disassembly guide.

Step 14



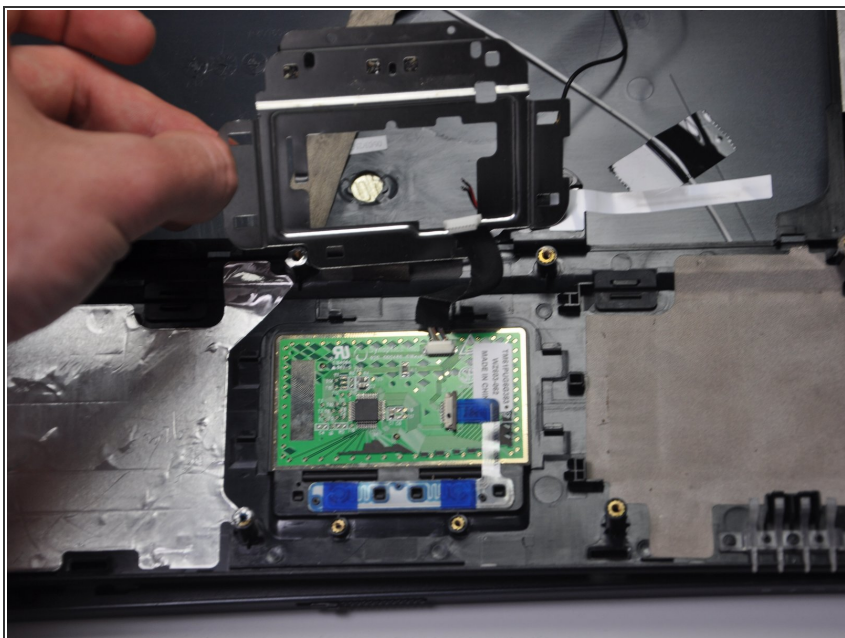
- Remove the two 3.5mm Phillips #00 screws located at the bottom of the aluminum frame.

Step 15



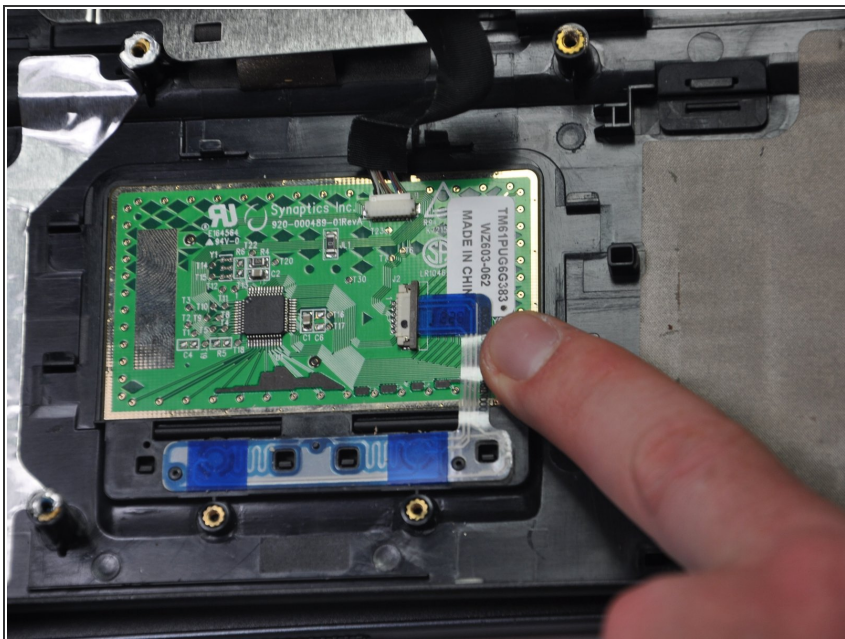
- Slowly slide the frame in the direction of the keyboard hole on the plastic panel until the frame is released from the metal latches.

Step 16



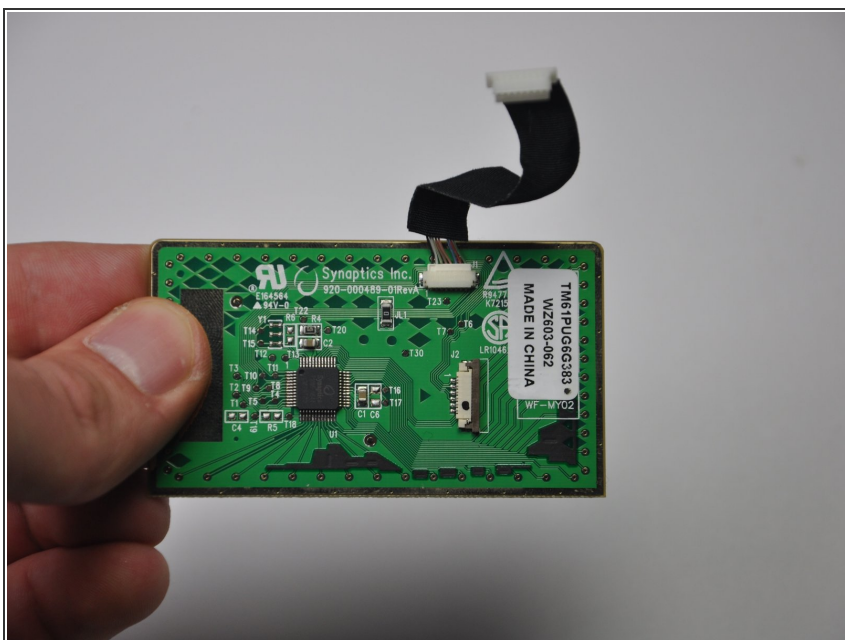
- Slowly remove the frame without tearing the black fabric.

Step 17



- Carefully slide blue plastic connector on the mousepad towards the screw holes.

Step 18



- Remove the mousepad.

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