



# HP Pavilion 15-au123cl Hard Drive Replacement

This guide will help you replace the hard drive on your HP Pavilion 15-au123cl.

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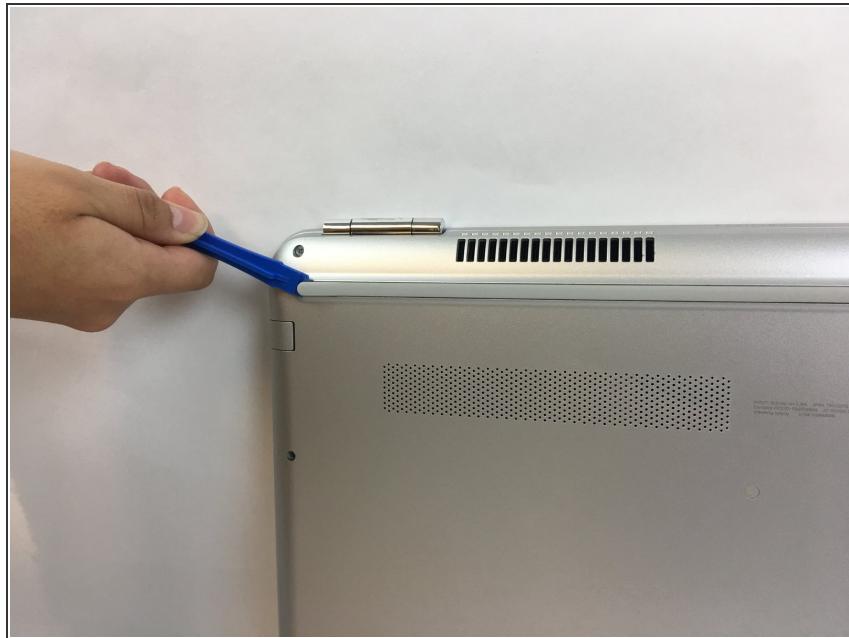
## INTRODUCTION

If you have noticed that your computer is no longer booting up and you have come to the conclusion that the hard drive is the problem, this guide will walk you through the steps to replace the hard drive. You will first remove the battery and then the hard drive. Using the tools suggested, you should have no problem removing the hard drive.

## TOOLS:

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

## Step 1 — Battery



- Make sure the laptop is off and unplugged before starting.
- Using the plastic opening tool, remove the top rubber feet on the back panel as it hides one of the screws we will be removing.

## Step 2



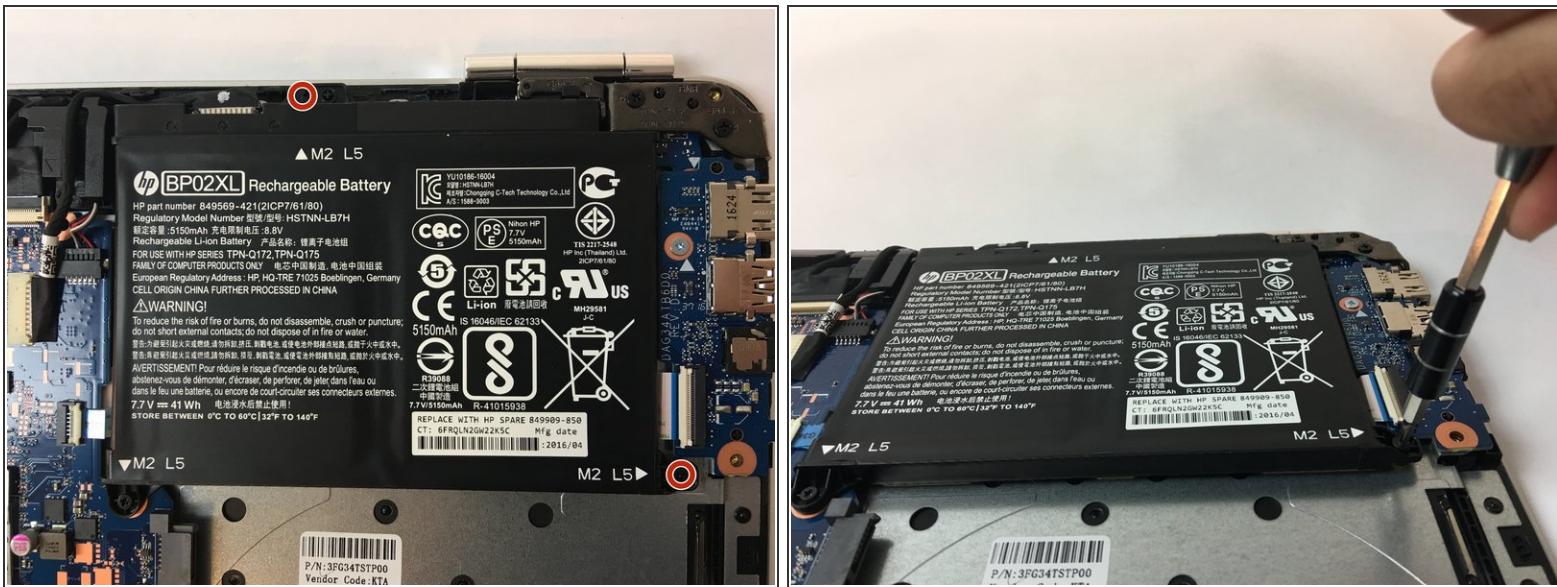
- Using a PH0 screwdriver, unscrew the ten 4.4mm Phillips head screws located on the back panel.

## Step 3



- Using the plastic opening tool, remove the back cover of the laptop.
- It is recommended that you start with a corner and run the tool throughout the edges of the cover.
- ⚠ Be sure not to bend the cover by applying too much force.

## Step 4



- Using a PH0 screwdriver, unscrew the two 3.8mm PH0 Phillips head screws that hold the battery in place.

## Step 5



- Carefully disconnect the cable connecting the top of the battery and remove the battery.

## Step 6 — Hard Drive



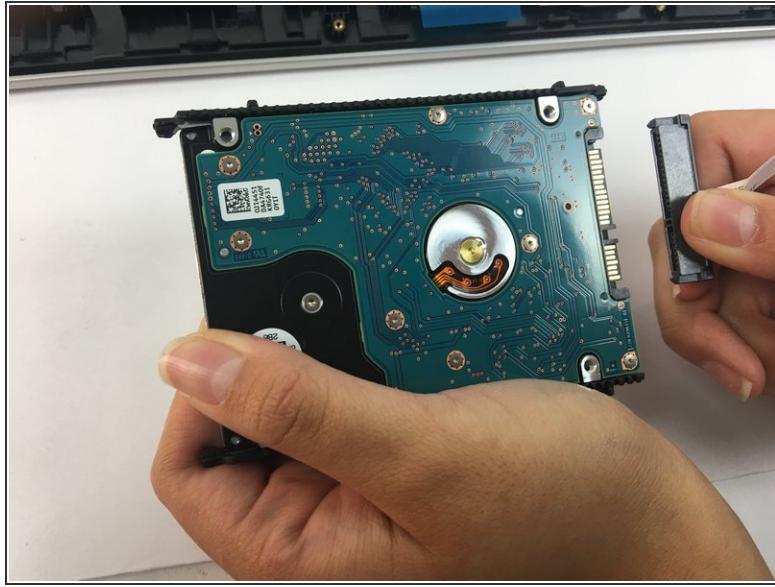
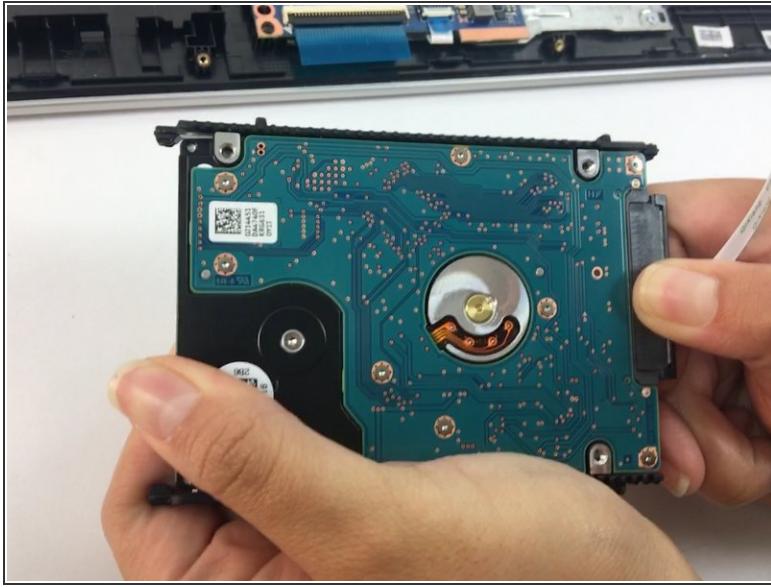
- The hard drive is located at the lower left area of the motherboard.
- Using the spudger, lift the white latch holding the hard drive cable in place.

## Step 7



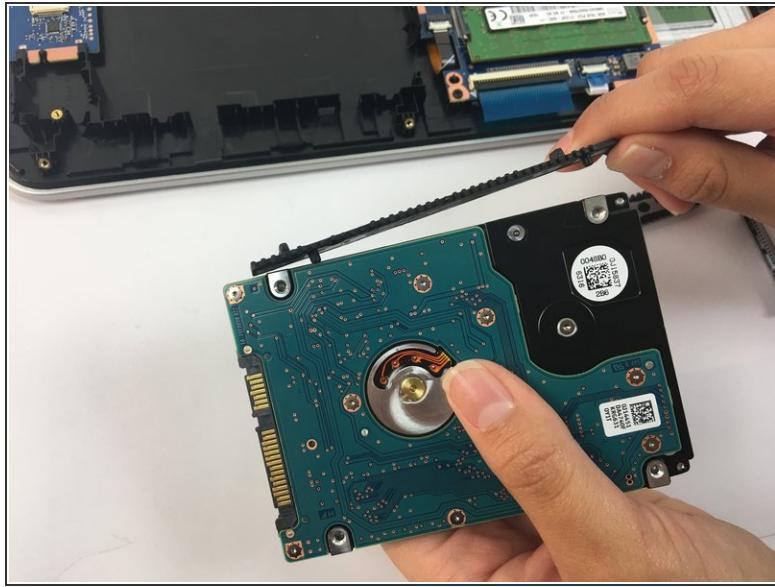
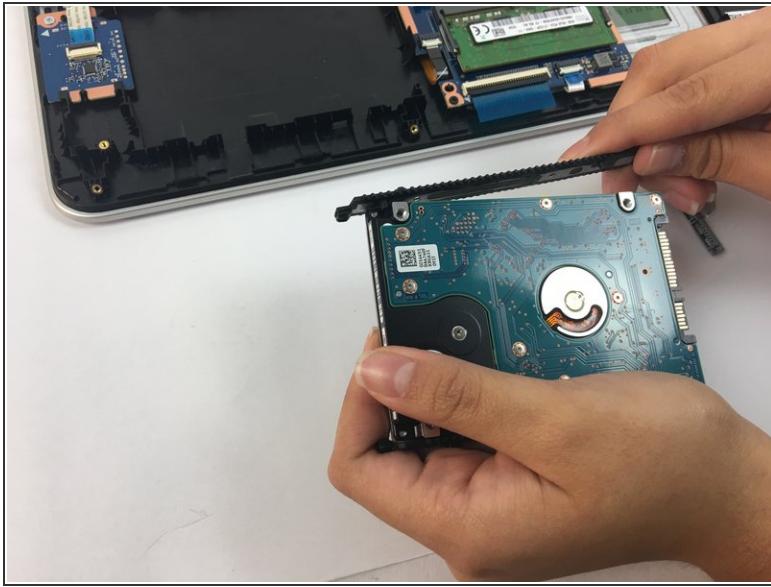
- Using the opening tool, lift the hard drive out of the motherboard.

## Step 8



- Remove the hard drive cable from the hard drive.

## Step 9



- Pull off the plastic wedges on both sides of the hard drive.

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