



HP Pavilion dv7-1448dx Key Replacement

Remove a key from the keyboard for cleaning or for replacement.

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INTRODUCTION

This guide demonstrates how to remove and insert a key into the laptop. This is helpful if a key is missing, needs to be removed for cleaning, or needs to be replaced.



TOOLS:

- [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Key



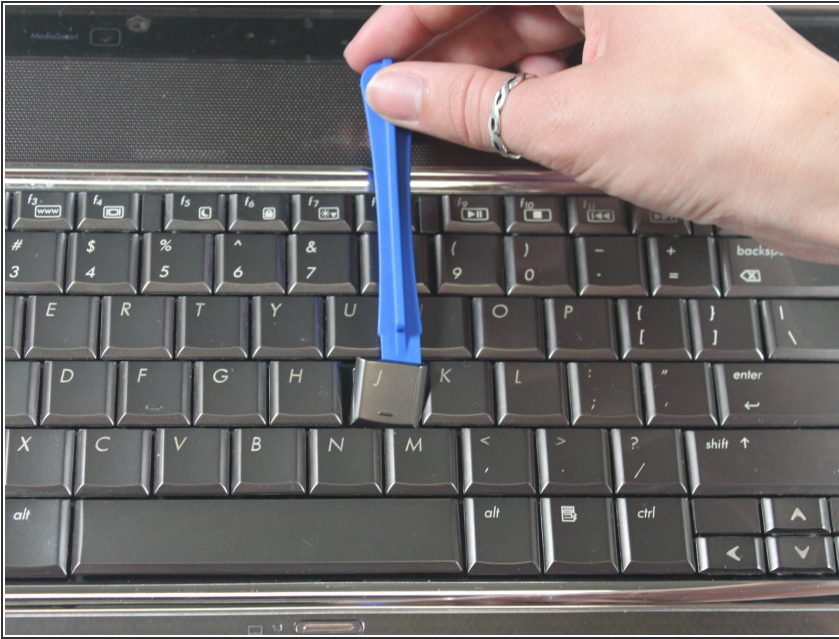
- Make sure the computer is unplugged and turned off.
- Open the laptop so that the keyboard is fully exposed.

Step 2



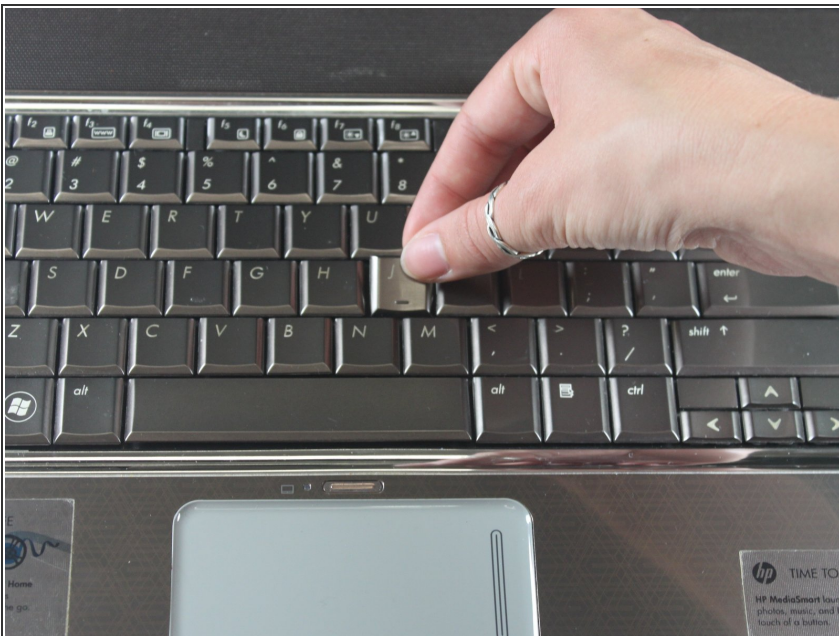
- Place the plastic opening tool in the crevice near the key that needs to be removed.
- ⓘ This works best if the tool is placed at the top of the key.

Step 3



- Gently lever the tool downward until the key tilts upward.
- At this point, move the tool around in order to completely pry the key off the keyboard. As the key is removed, small pops will be heard.
- ⓘ This step may take longer for larger keys.
- ★ When reinserting the key, gently press down until 2 clicks are heard (4 for larger keys).

Step 4



- Carefully remove the key from the base.

Step 5



- If the issue is a sticky key, make sure to clean the area once it is removed.
- Use a cotton swab with alcohol to clean the underside of the key and the key slot.

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