



# IBM ThinkPad T42 Optical Drive Replacement

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## INTRODUCTION

Removing the optical drive is extremely easy and will only take a minute.



### TOOLS:

- [Phillips #0 Screwdriver](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — Screw Removal



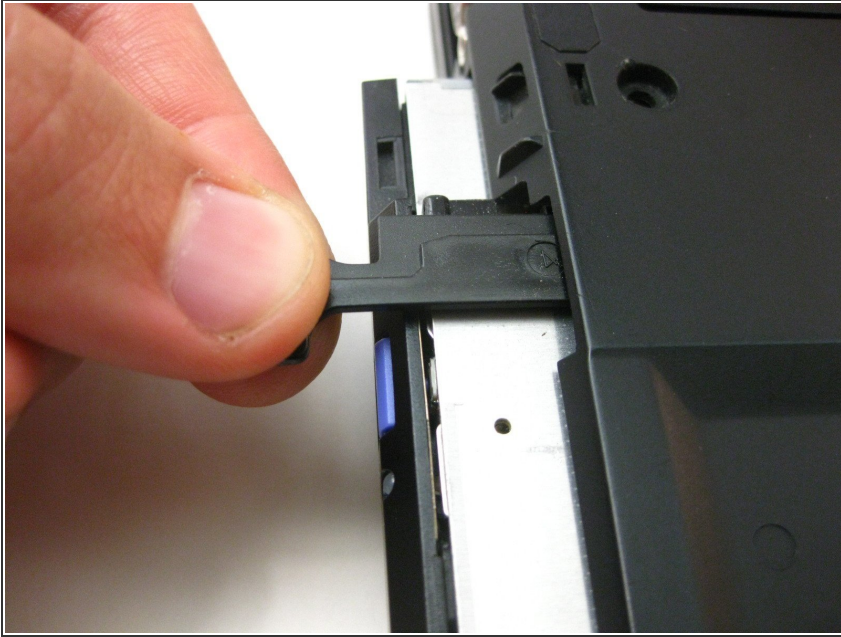
- Remove the single screw holding the optical drive on the underside of the laptop

## Step 2 — Unlock Switch



- Push the small slider to unlock position, a tab will automatically pop out.

## Step 3 — Drive Removal



- Pull the tab to dislodge the optical drive, then carefully pull the drive out.

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