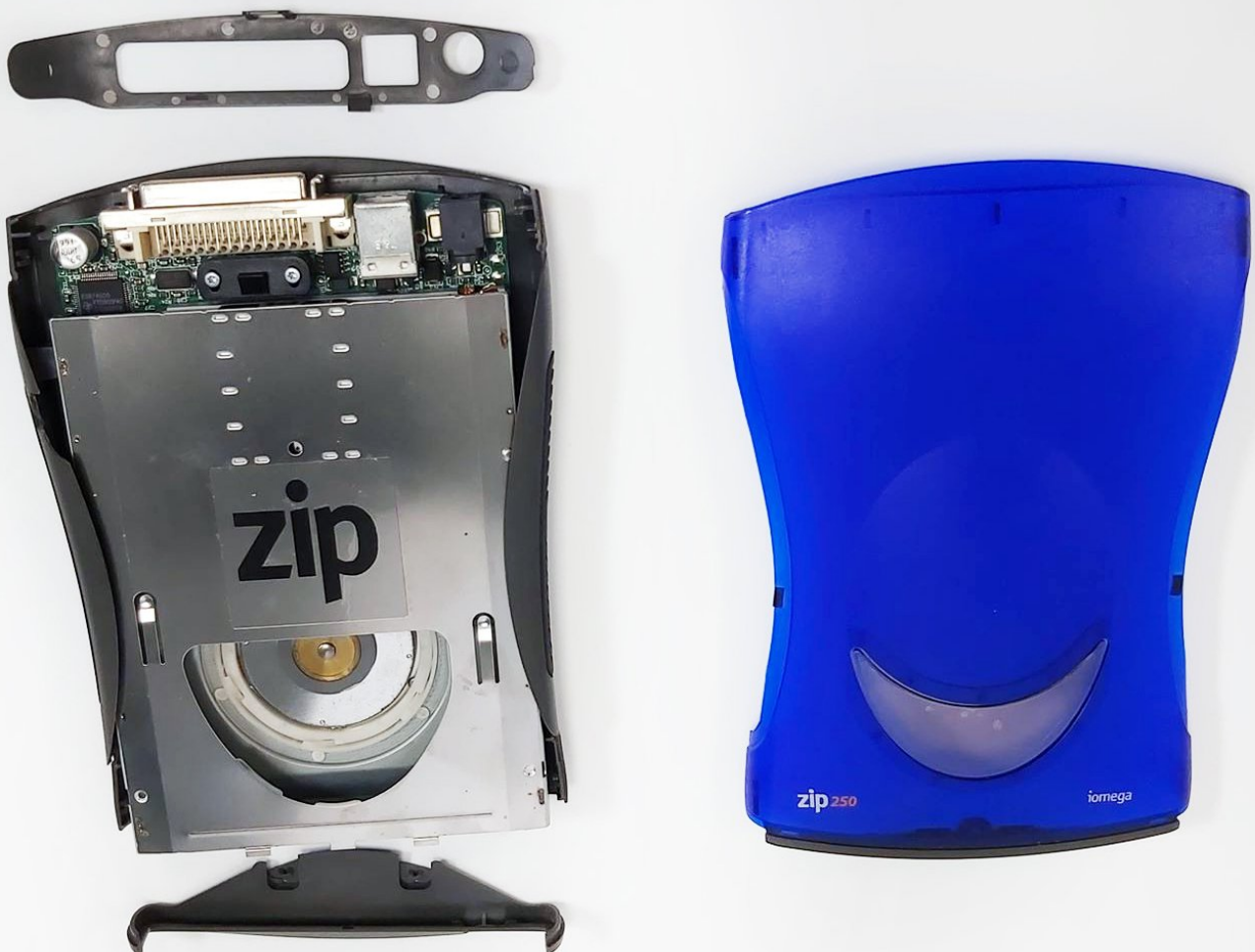




Iomega ZIP 250 MB External USB Teardown

Disassemble the casing and internal components of the Iomega ZIP 250 MB External USB. Circuit board and electronics stay intact.

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TOOLS:

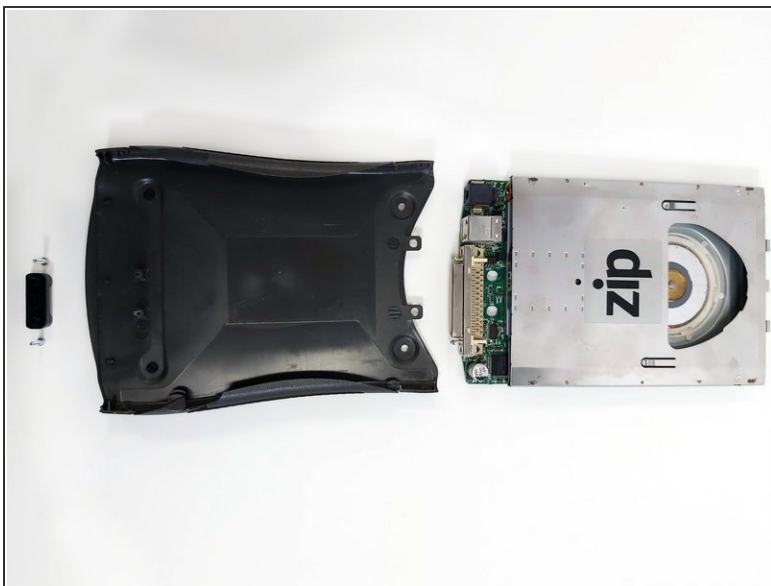
- [2.5 mm Flathead Screwdriver](#) (1)
 - [Phillips #000 Screwdriver](#) (1)
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 - [T6 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Remove the Covers



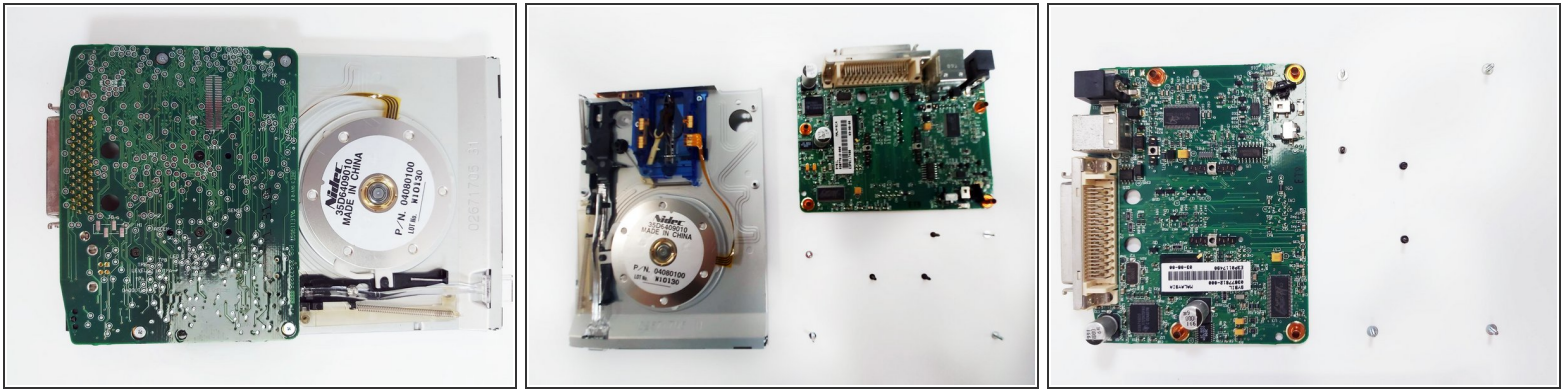
- Push pin into holes on sides to release the top blue casing.
- Pull blue casing out of side slots located in each corner.
- Remove the back end cover panel by pulling it outwards.
- Remove front panel by inserting push pin into holes.
- Remove the back panel.
- Remove rubber feet nubs.

Step 2 — Access Internal Assembly



- Remove light silver screws (T6) from black piece on circuit board.
- Slide the assembly out of bottom casing.

Step 3 — Separate Internal Parts



- Remove four light silver screws (Phillips 00) on the bottom of the assembly.
- Remove three black screws (Phillips 000) to remove disk drive from circuit board.
- Remove the circuit board and admire.

Step 4 — Removal of the Blue Part



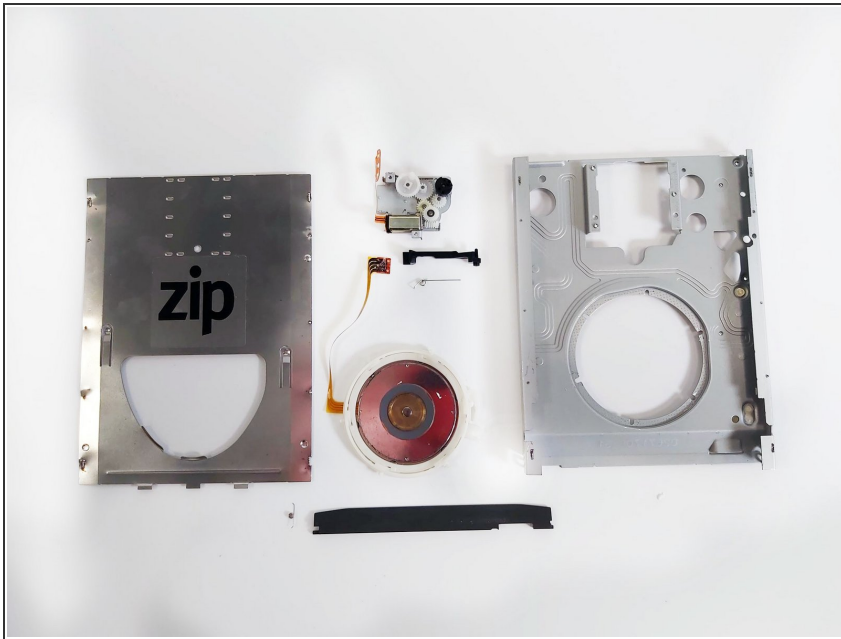
- Remove three silver screws (Phillips 000) from blue component.
- Carefully peel off adhesive on wiring (flex pcb) to remove from blue component.
- Unlatch the spring.
- Lift and slide blue component out of disk drive casing.
- Push blue tab on either side to release the blue casing from metal component.
- Carefully peel off adhesive on wiring (flex pcb) to fully remove the blue component from metal.
- Remove plastic arm and spring from drive body.

Step 5 — That Ejector Arm



- Remove two springs from top corner (17mm) and middle section (20mm).
- Remove two screws (Phillips 00) on back left corner of drive.
- Remove eject button shaft by sliding out of slot in drive and lifting out off black arm.
- Lift and twist the white latch on silver circle and slide the black arm sideways.
- Slide out smaller black lever from drive body.

Step 6 — Disk Drive Body



- Break spot welds by jamming a flathead screwdriver into cracks.
- Remove gear system from back corner.
- Remove black spring arm by pushing tab on bottom side of the case.
- Break small white plastic plugs.
- Remove circular reader from metal body casing.
- Remove white plastic ring from reader.
- Bend front door slightly to pop it out of casing.

Step 7 — Congratulations



- You're all done! Pat yourself on the back.
- Take a photo to remember this fantastical moment of your accomplishment!