



Mac Mini Mid 2011 Hard Drive Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

Prerequisite only.



TOOLS:

- [T8 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)
 - [T6 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)
 - [Spudger](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Hard Drive



- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry the hard drive connector up from its socket on the logic board.

Step 2



- Use the tip of a spudger to lift the IR sensor connector up and out of its socket on the logic board.

⚠ This connector can be very fragile—lift gently and evenly.

Step 3



- Remove the following three screws:
 - One 5.0 mm T8 Torx or 2.0 mm Hex screw (either screwdriver will work)
 - One 16.2 mm T6 Torx screw
 - One 26 mm T6 Torx standoff

Step 4



⚠ To remove the logic board, the two cylindrical rods of the Mac mini Logic Board Removal Tool must be inserted into the holes highlighted in red. Inserting instruments into any logic board holes other than the ones highlighted in red may destroy the logic board.

- Insert the [Mac mini Logic Board Removal Tool](#) into the two holes highlighted in red. Be sure it makes contact with the top side of outer case below the logic board before proceeding.
- Carefully pull the tool toward the I/O board. The logic board and I/O board assembly should slightly slide out of the outer case.
- i** Cease prying when the I/O board is visibly separated from the outer case.
- Remove the Mac mini Logic Board Removal tool.

Step 5



- Simultaneously push the two plastic clips on the far left and right sides of the I/O board toward the middle of the I/O board and pull the I/O board away from the outer case.
- Only pull the logic board assembly out of the outer case until the edge of the I/O board is about .5" away from the edge of the aluminum outer case.

Step 6



- Pull the hard drive away from the front edge of the mini and remove it from the outer case.