



# MacBook Air 13" Early 2014 Fan Replacement

Replace the Fan in your MacBook Air 13" Early 2014.

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# INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace the fan.



## TOOLS:

- [P5 Pentalobe Screwdriver Retina MacBook Pro and Air](#) (1)
- [Spudger](#) (1)
- [T5 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Tweezers](#) (1)



## PARTS:

- [MacBook Air 13" \(Late 2010 to 2017\) Fan](#) (1)

## Step 1 — Lower Case



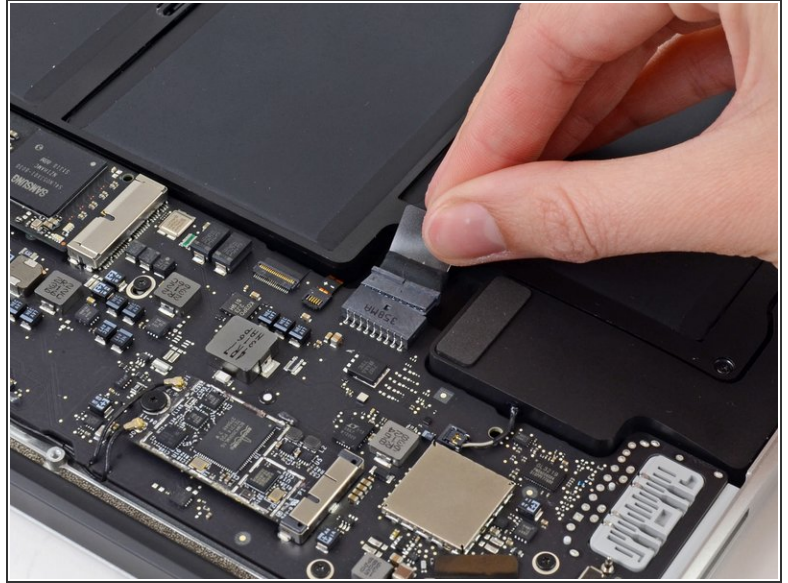
- **i** Before proceeding, power down your MacBook. Close the display and lay it on a soft surface, top-side down.
- Use a [P5 Pentalobe](#) driver to remove ten screws securing the lower case, of the following lengths:
  - Two 9 mm screws
  - Eight 2.6 mm screws



## Step 2



- Wedge your fingers between the display and the lower case and pull upward to pop the lower case off the Air.
- Remove the lower case and set it aside.

## Step 3 — Battery Connector



-  To ensure that everything is de-energized and won't turn on while you're working, it is recommended that you disconnect the battery.
- Grab the clear plastic pull tab attached to the battery connector and pull it parallel to the board toward the front edge of the Air.
-  Do not lift upward on the connector as you disconnect it or you risk damage to the connector socket.

## Step 4 — I/O Board Cable



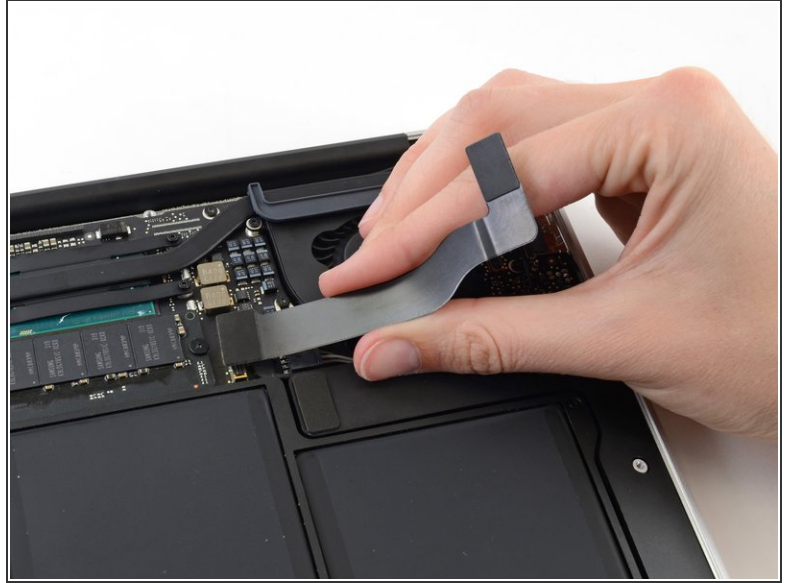
- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry the I/O board cable connector up out of its socket on the I/O board.


## Step 5



- Carefully peel the I/O board cable from the adhesive securing it to the top of the fan.
- ☑ During reassembly, make sure this cable is in the correct orientation. It will fit if reversed, but the laptop will not boot.

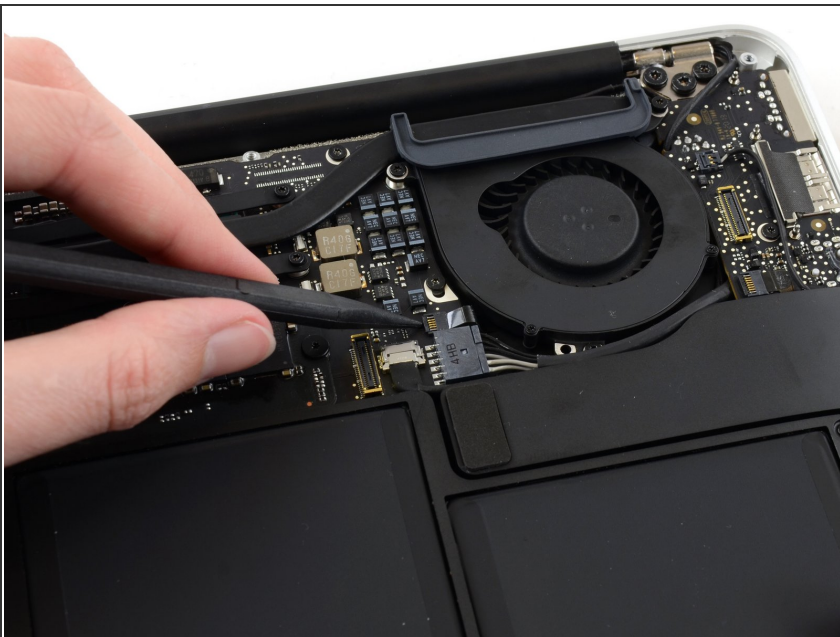
## Step 6




 The following connector has an especially deep socket. Use care when disconnecting it.

- While gently pulling the I/O board cable upward near its connection to the logic board, use the flat end of a spudger to pry up on alternating sides of the connector to help "walk" it out of its socket.
- Remove the I/O board cable.

## Step 7 — Fan



- Use the tip of a spudger to carefully flip up the retaining flap on the fan cable ZIF socket.

 Be sure you are prying up on the hinged retaining flap, **not** the socket itself.

## Step 8



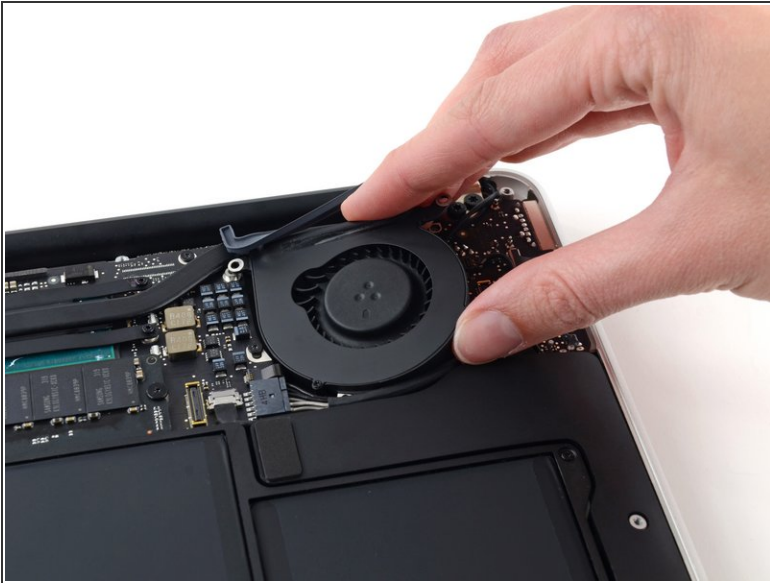
- Peel the rubber gasket off the adhesive on the top of the fan.

## Step 9



- Remove the following three screws securing the fan to the upper case:
  - One 5.4 mm T5 Torx screw
  - One 3.3 mm T5 Torx screw
  - One 4.6 mm T5 Torx screw with a short head

## Step 10



- Lift the fan from the I/O board side and pull it free from the upper case.
- Removing the fan will also disconnect the fan ribbon cable. Be careful not to snag it.
- ⓘ If you feel resistance as you remove the fan, carefully disconnect its cable using a pair of tweezers.

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