



MacBook Pro 17" Unibody Hard Drive Replacement

Replace your MacBook Pro 17" Unibody's hard drive.

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INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to install a new hard drive in your MacBook Pro 17" Unibody for more storage space.



TOOLS:

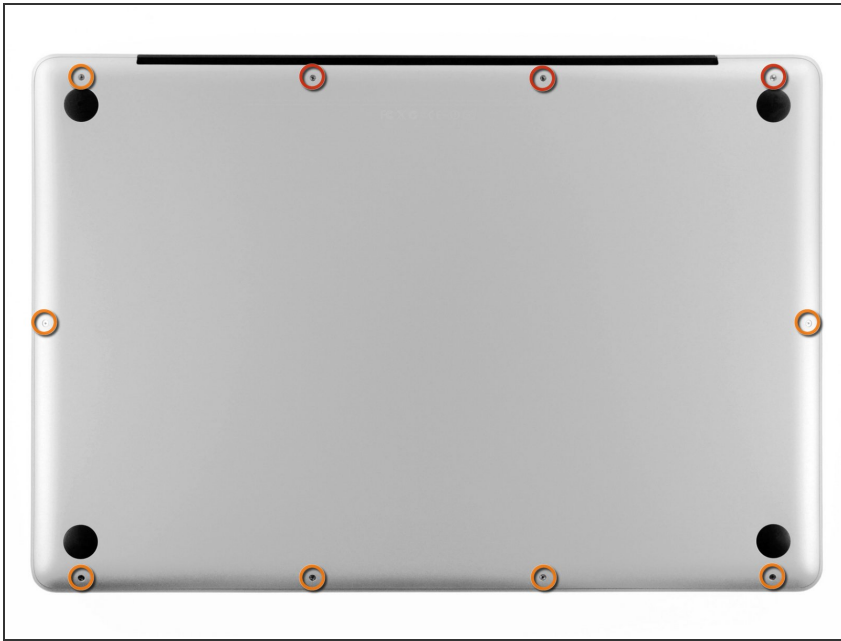
- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [T6 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)



PARTS:

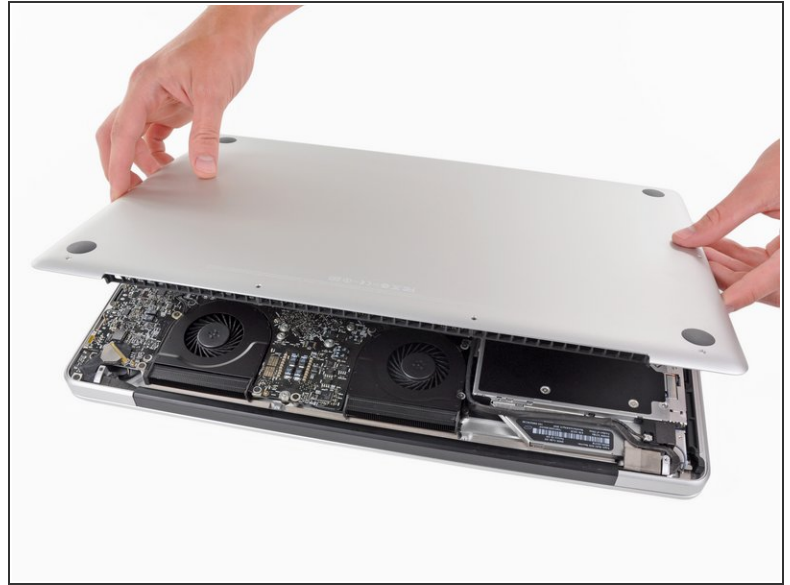
- [MacBook and MacBook Pro \(Non-Retina\) SSD Upgrade Bundle](#) (1)
 - [250 GB SSD](#) (1)
 - [500 GB SSD](#) (1)
 - [1 TB SSD](#) (1)
 - [500 GB SSD Hybrid 2.5" Hard Drive Upgrade Kit](#) (1)
This kit contains the part and all tools needed.
 - [1 TB SSD Hybrid 2.5" Hard Drive Upgrade Kit](#) (1)
This kit contains the drive and all tools needed.
 - [500 GB 5400 RPM 2.5" Hard Drive](#) (1)
 - [1 TB 5400 RPM 2.5" Hard Drive](#) (1)
- [MacBook Pro 17" Unibody Hard Drive Bracket](#) (1)
- [Universal Drive Adapter](#) (1)

Step 1 — Lower Case



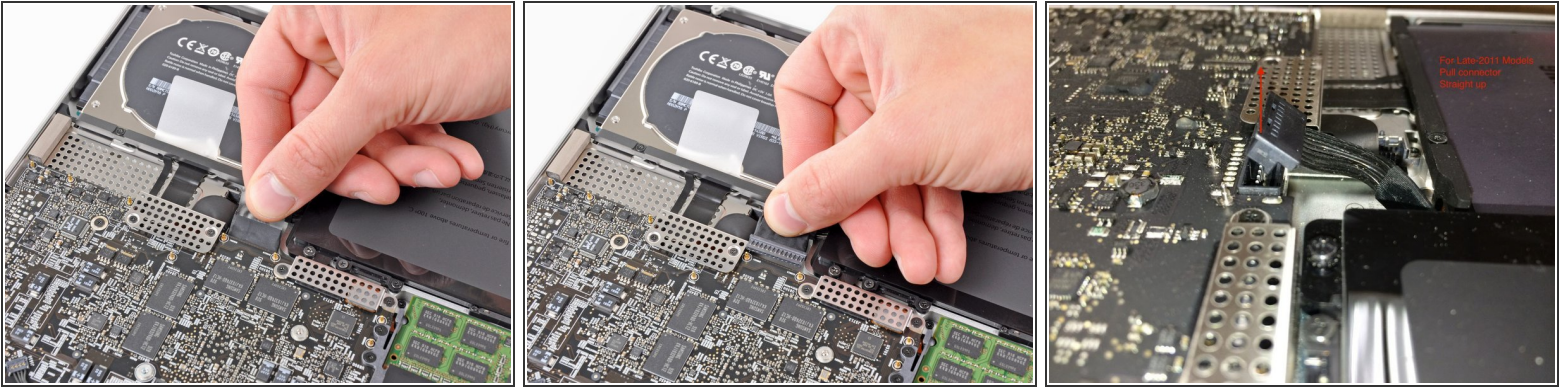
- Remove the following ten screws securing the lower case to the upper case:
 - Three 13.5 mm Phillips screws.
 - Seven 3 mm Phillips screws.

Step 2



- Wedge your fingers between the lower case and the vent, and lift upward to release the two clips holding the lower case to the upper case.
 - ☑ During reassembly, carefully align the lower case and then press it firmly until both clips engage.
- Remove the lower case.

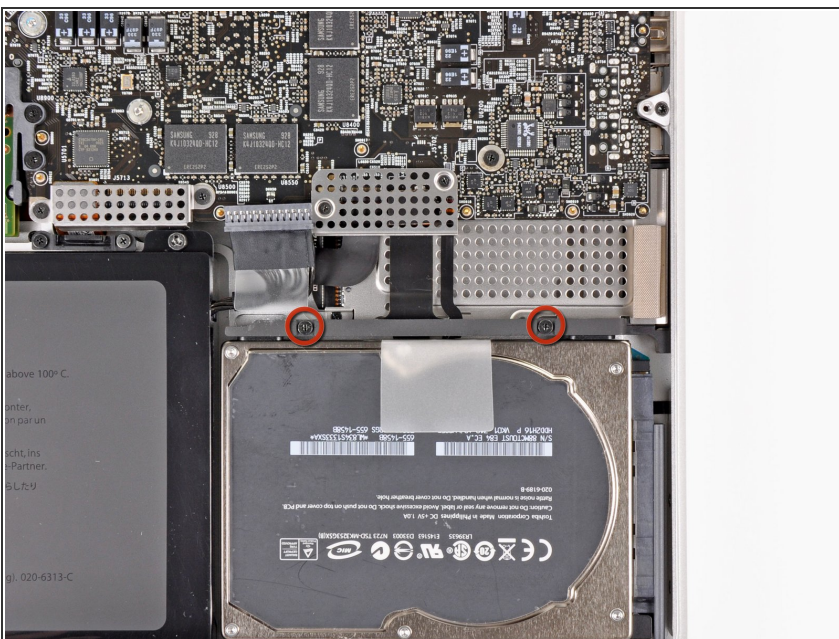
Step 3 — Battery



⚠ Whenever working near the logic board, it is always wise to first disconnect the battery to avoid short circuits.

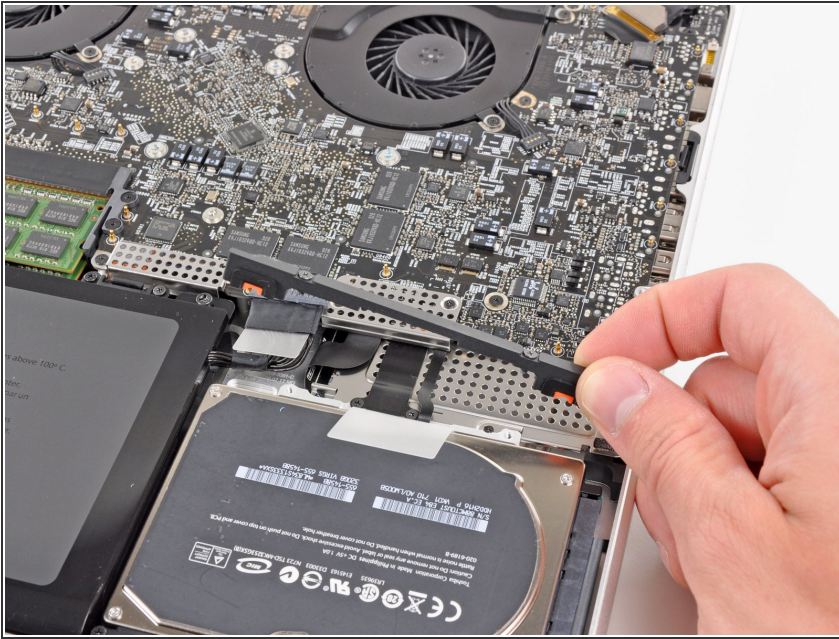
- If present, grab the plastic tab attached to the battery connector and pull it toward the front edge of the device. For Late-2011 models the battery connector will not have a tab and is simply a plug that inserts straight down into the motherboard--to remove pry the plug straight up.
- i** If the plastic tab is missing, use a spudger to pry the connector up from its socket.
- ✦** Pull the tab parallel to the face of the logic board.

Step 4 — Hard Drive



- Remove the two Phillips screws securing the hard drive bracket to the upper case.
- i** These screws are captive to the hard drive bracket.

Step 5



- Remove the hard drive bracket from the upper case.

Step 6



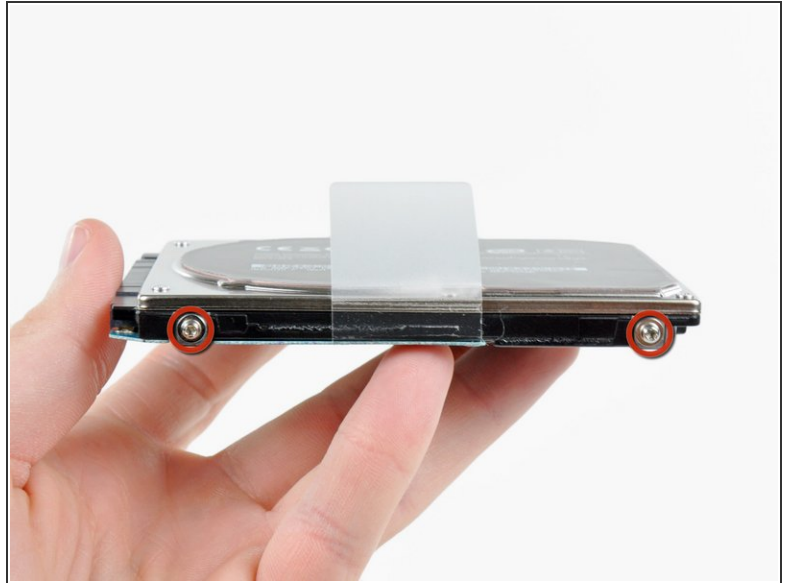
- Use the hard drive's pull tab to lift it out of the upper case.
- ⚠ Don't try to completely remove the hard drive just yet! Its cable is still connected.

Step 7



- Pull the hard drive connector away from the body of the hard drive.
- Remove the hard drive from your MacBook Pro.

Step 8 — Hard Drive



- Remove the four T6 Torx screws around the outer edge of the hard drive.
- ⓘ If desired, peel off the plastic pull tab and transfer it to your new hard drive.
- 🔧 If you are installing a new hard drive, we have an [OS X install guide](#) to get you up and running.

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