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MacBook Unibody Model A1278 Hard Drive Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

When replacing your hard drive, you must transfer the Torx screws from the old drive to the new one.

TOOLS:

- Phillips #00 Screwdriver (1)
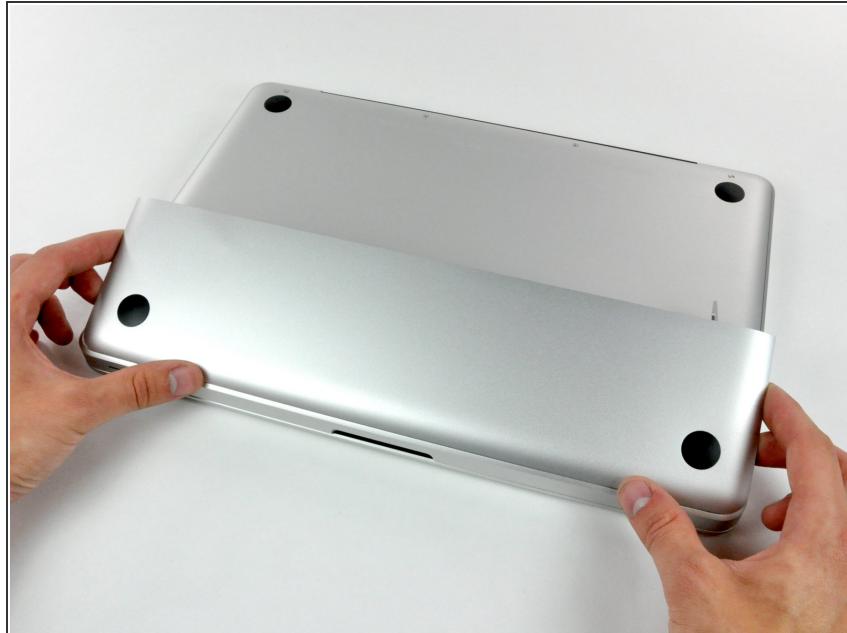- Spudger (1)
- T6 Torx Screwdriver (1)

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 (1)
- 500 GB 5400 RPM 2.5" Hard Drive (1)
- 1 TB 5400 RPM 2.5" Hard Drive (1)
- MacBook Unibody (Model No. A1278) Hard Drive Bracket (1)
- Universal Drive Adapter (1)

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Step 1 — Access Door

- With the case closed, place the Unibody top-side down on a flat surface.

- Depress the grooved side of the access door release latch enough to grab the free end. Lift the release latch until it is vertical.

Step 2

- The access door should now be raised enough to lift it up and out of the Unibody.

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Step 3 — Battery

- (i) Be sure the access door release latch is vertical before proceeding.

- Grab the white plastic tab and pull the battery up and out of the Unibody.

Step 4 — Hard Drive

- Remove the single Phillips screw securing the hard drive bracket to the upper case.

- 📌 This screw is captive to the hard drive bracket.

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Step 5

- Lift the hard drive by its pull tab enough to grab and remove the retaining bracket.

- Lift the hard drive out of the chassis, minding the cable attaching it to the computer.

Step 6

- Remove the hard drive from its cable by pulling the cable connector straight away from the drive.

- Hard drive remains.

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Step 7 — Hard Drive

- Remove the two T6 Torx screws from each side of the hard drive (four screws total).

- ⓘ You'll need to transfer these screws to your new hard drive if you're changing drives.

- ⓘ 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.

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