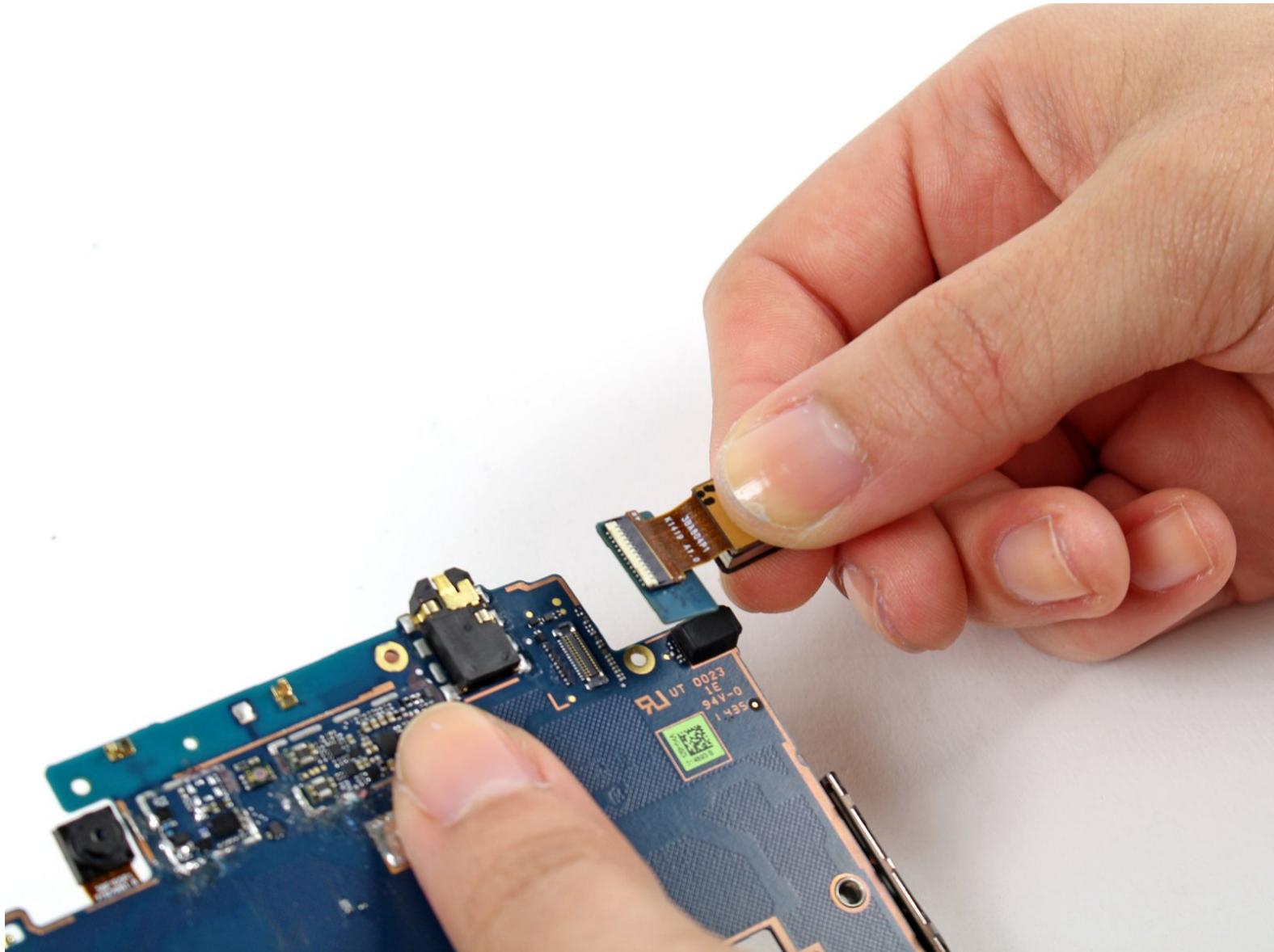




Nexus 9 Rear Facing Camera Replacement

Replace the rear-facing camera.

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INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace the rear-facing camera on your Nexus 9.

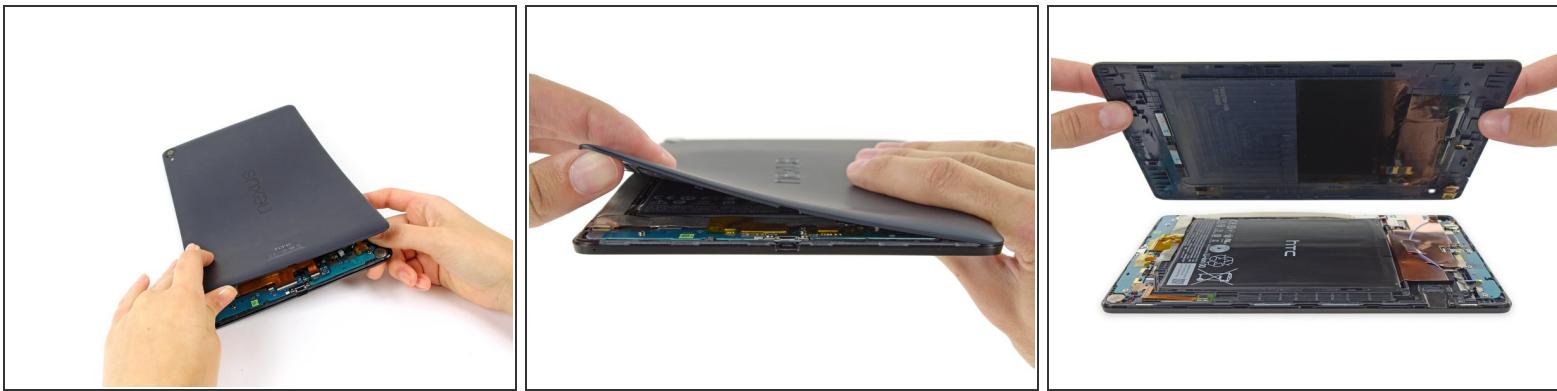
TOOLS:

- [Spudger \(1\)](#)
- [T5 Torx Screwdriver \(1\)](#)
- [Phillips #000 Screwdriver \(1\)](#)

PARTS:

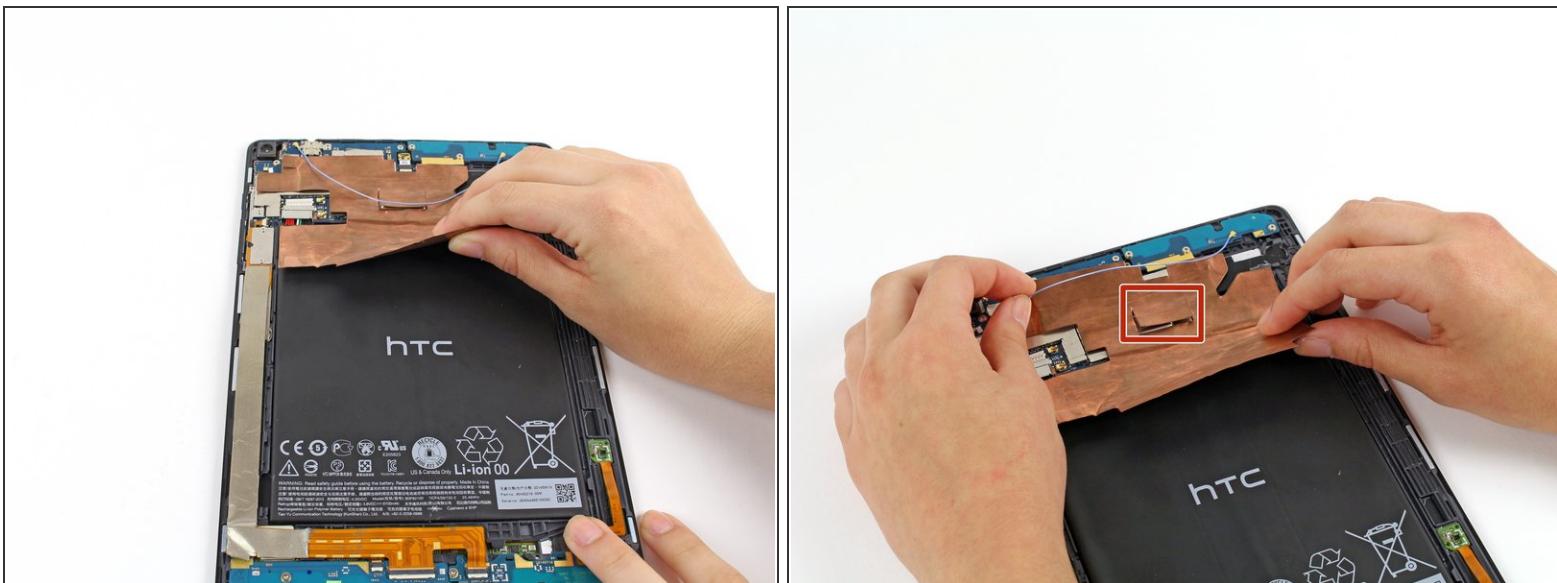
- [Nexus 9 Rear Camera \(1\)](#)

Step 1 — Rear Case



- With your fingers, carefully pry off the back plastic casing. Starting at the corners is usually the easiest.
- The rear-facing camera seems to fit a little too snugly in its compartment on the rear case; so make sure that it stays connected to the motherboard.

Step 2 — Battery



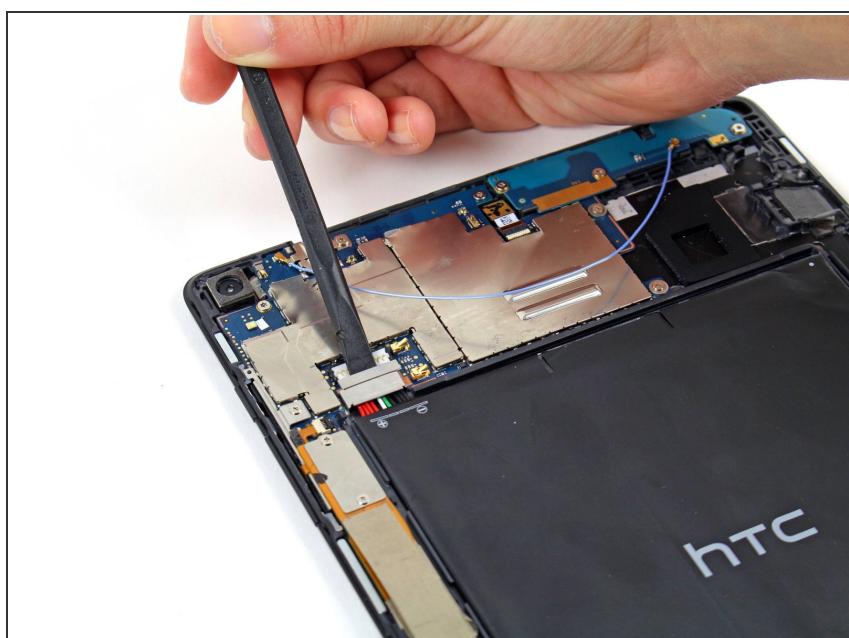
- Carefully peel up the copper shielding with your fingers.
- Before fully removing the copper shielding, make sure that the blue antenna cable is out of the way of the copper tab.

Step 3



- Using the spudger tool, carefully remove the bottom of the battery from its location below the logic boards.
- The battery is attached to the motherboard with some adhesive, so you may need an iOpener to loosen up the adhesive. Check out the [iOpener guide](#) for info on how to do it.
- Do not pull the battery from the tablet yet, as it is still connected to the motherboard.

Step 4



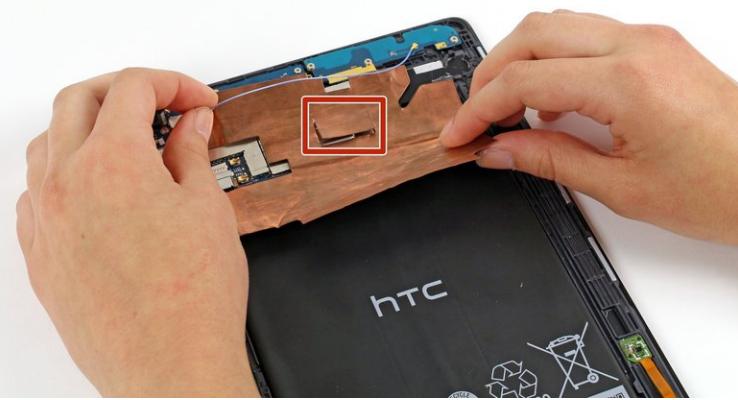
- Now remove the metal clip covering the battery's connector cable located above the top left of the battery with the spudger.
- After the metal clip is wiggled free, the battery's connector cable can be easily removed by just gently tugging it free.

Step 5



- The battery should now lift free of the tablet.

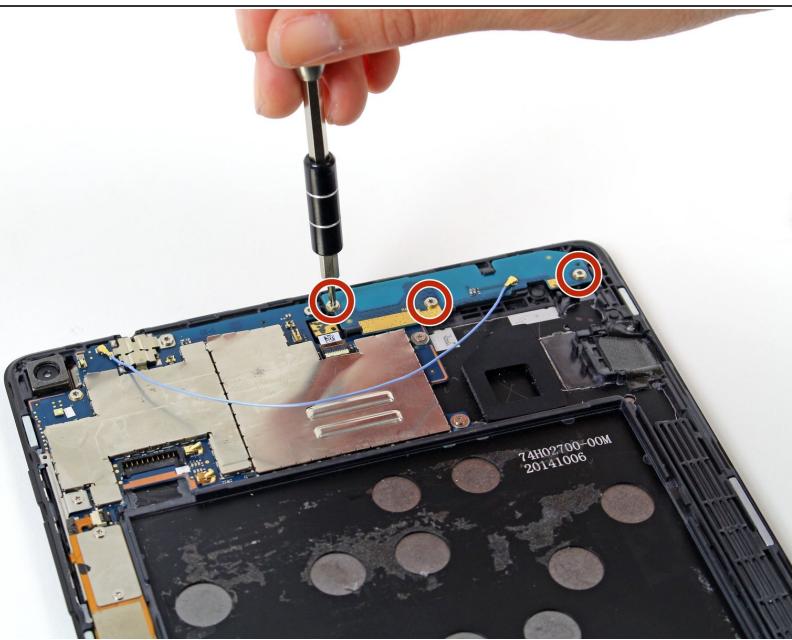
Step 6 — Antenna Board



 This step is **not** necessary if you have already removed the battery.

- Carefully peel up the copper shielding with your fingers.
- Before fully removing the copper shielding, make sure that the blue antenna cable is out of the way of the copper tab.

Step 7



- Unscrew the three 3 mm Torx T5 screws on the antenna board.

(i) This step and the next show the battery removed, but it is **not** necessary to remove it if you are only replacing the antenna board.

Step 8

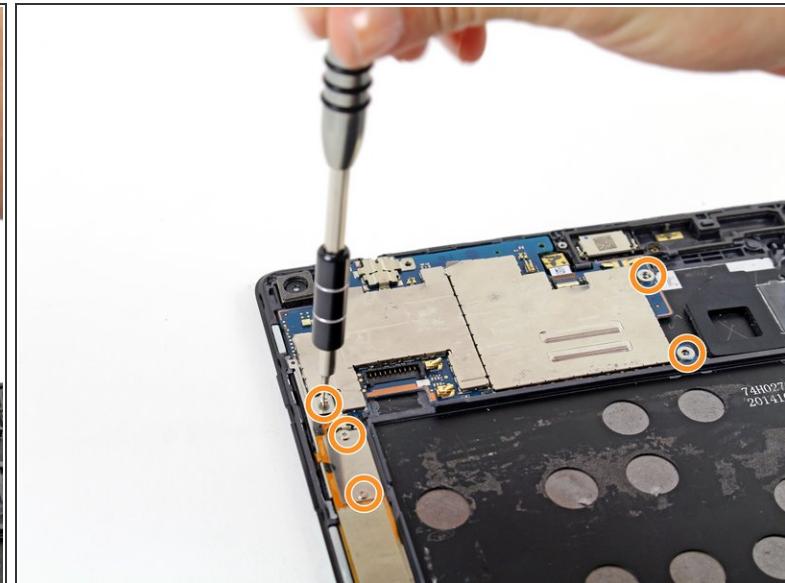


- Use your fingers or a pair of tweezers to disconnect the blue antenna cable from the motherboard.

 When reinstalling the antenna, be sure to clean it with a degreaser such as windex or isopropyl alcohol. The oils on your fingers have the potential to create wireless interference.

- The antenna board should now lift free of the motherboard.

Step 9 — Rear Facing Camera



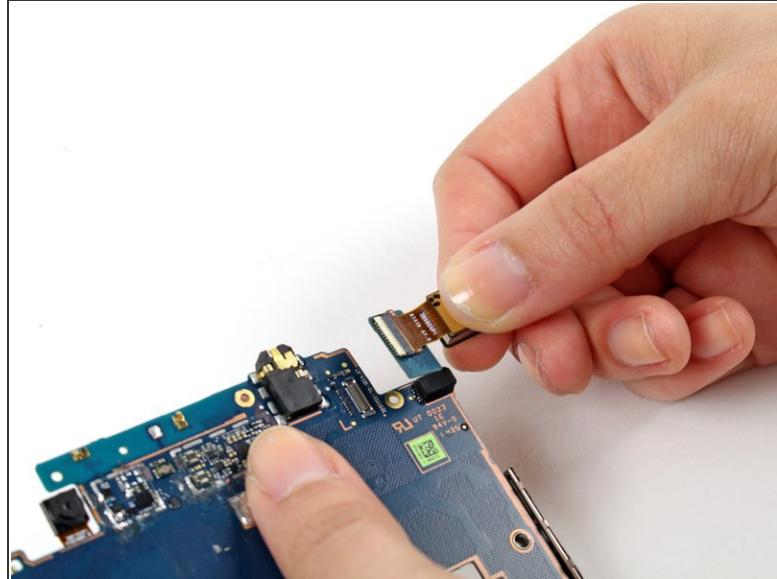
- Remove the three 3mm T5 Torx screws.
- Remove the five 2 mm Phillips #000 screws.

Step 10



- Using your fingers, pull up on ribbon connector to expose another ribbon connector below.
- Remove the two 2 mm Phillips #000 screws on top of the second ribbon connector.
- Pull up the ribbon connector with your fingers.

Step 11



- With both ribbons out of the way, you can now lift the motherboard off of the tablet with your hand.
- The camera is attached to the back side of the motherboard via a ribbon cable.
- Use a spudger or your fingernail to disconnect the camera from the motherboard.

(i) There is a small board that comes off easily with the camera. It is attached to the camera with a ZIF connector, and will need to be swapped over to the replacement camera.

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