



# Nintendo 3DS Motherboard Assembly Replacement

Motherboard assembly removal

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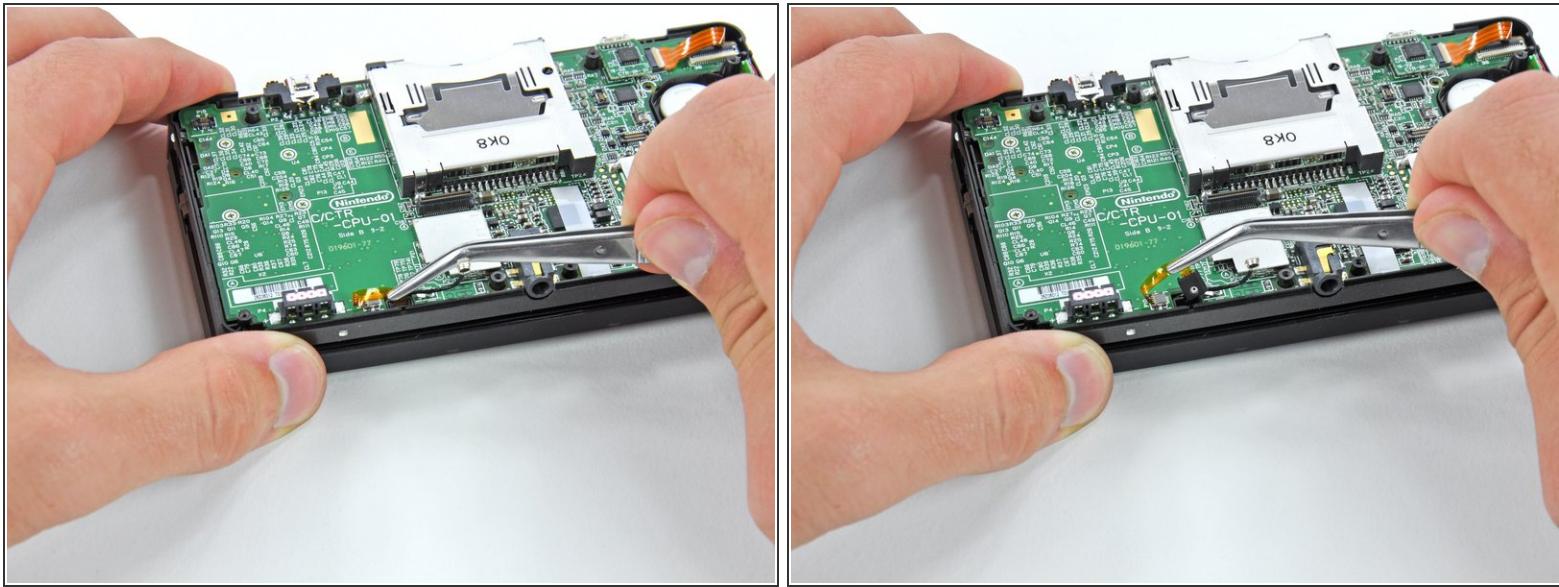
# INTRODUCTION

Prerequisite guide for removing the motherboard assembly.

## TOOLS:

- [Tweezers \(1\)](#)
- [iFixit Opening Tools \(1\)](#)
- [Spudger \(1\)](#)
- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver \(1\)](#)

## Step 1 — Motherboard Assembly



- Grasp the microphone ribbon cable near the microphone with a pair of tweezers.
- Pull the microphone straight up out of the upper case.

## Step 2

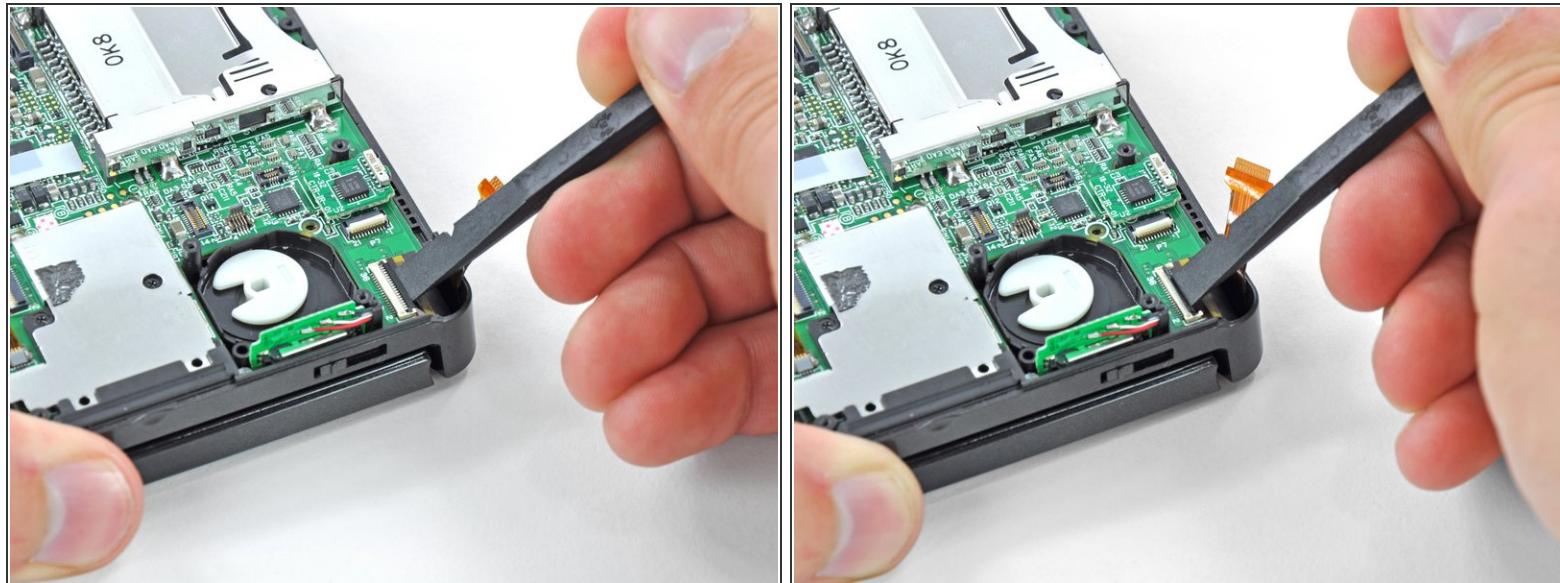


- Use the flat end of a spudger or your fingernail to flip up the retaining flap on the speaker assembly ribbon cable ZIF socket.

**⚠** Be sure you are prying up on the hinged retaining flap, NOT the socket itself. Damaging the socket or cable will result in a 3DS that will blink its power LED when you press the power button - and do nothing else.

- Disconnect the speaker assembly ribbon cable with a pair of tweezers.

## Step 3



- Use the flat end of a spudger or your fingernail to flip up the retaining flap on the camera ribbon cable ZIF socket.

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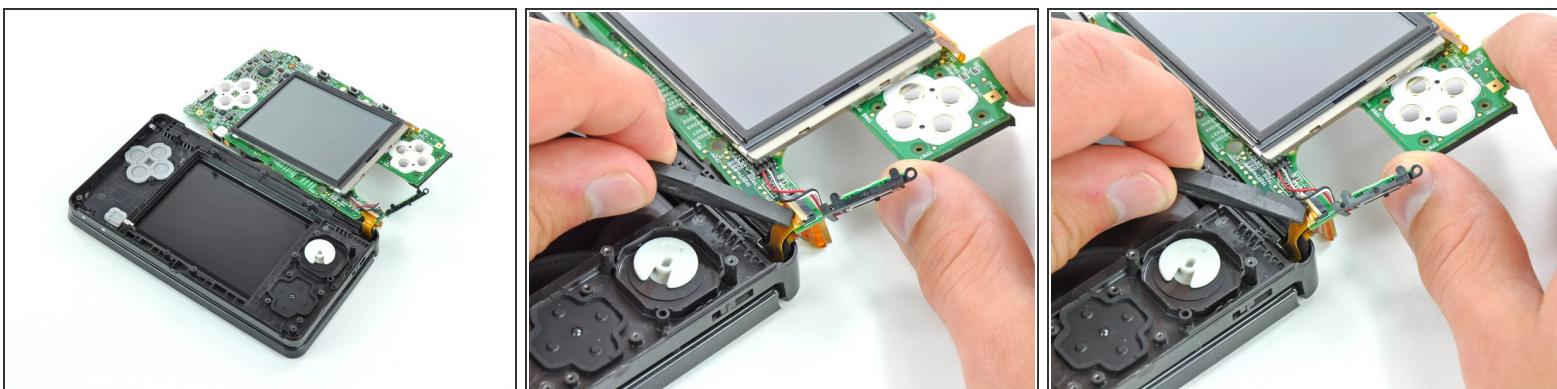
★ When reassembling, note that the gold contacts face toward the motherboard (as opposed to the camera cable's gold contacts facing away).

## Step 4



- Remove seven Phillips screws securing the motherboard to the upper case:
  - Four 2.5 mm gold screws
  - Two 3.5 mm black screws
  - One 2.5 mm silver screw
- Lift the side of the motherboard that sits along the bottom edge of the 3DS.

## Step 5



ⓘ Continue lifting the motherboard assembly and rotate it until it is resting next to the rest of the device.

- Use the flat end of a spudger or your fingernail to flip up the retaining flap on the LCD ribbon cable ZIF socket.

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

## Step 6



- Remove the motherboard assembly from the rest of the device.

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