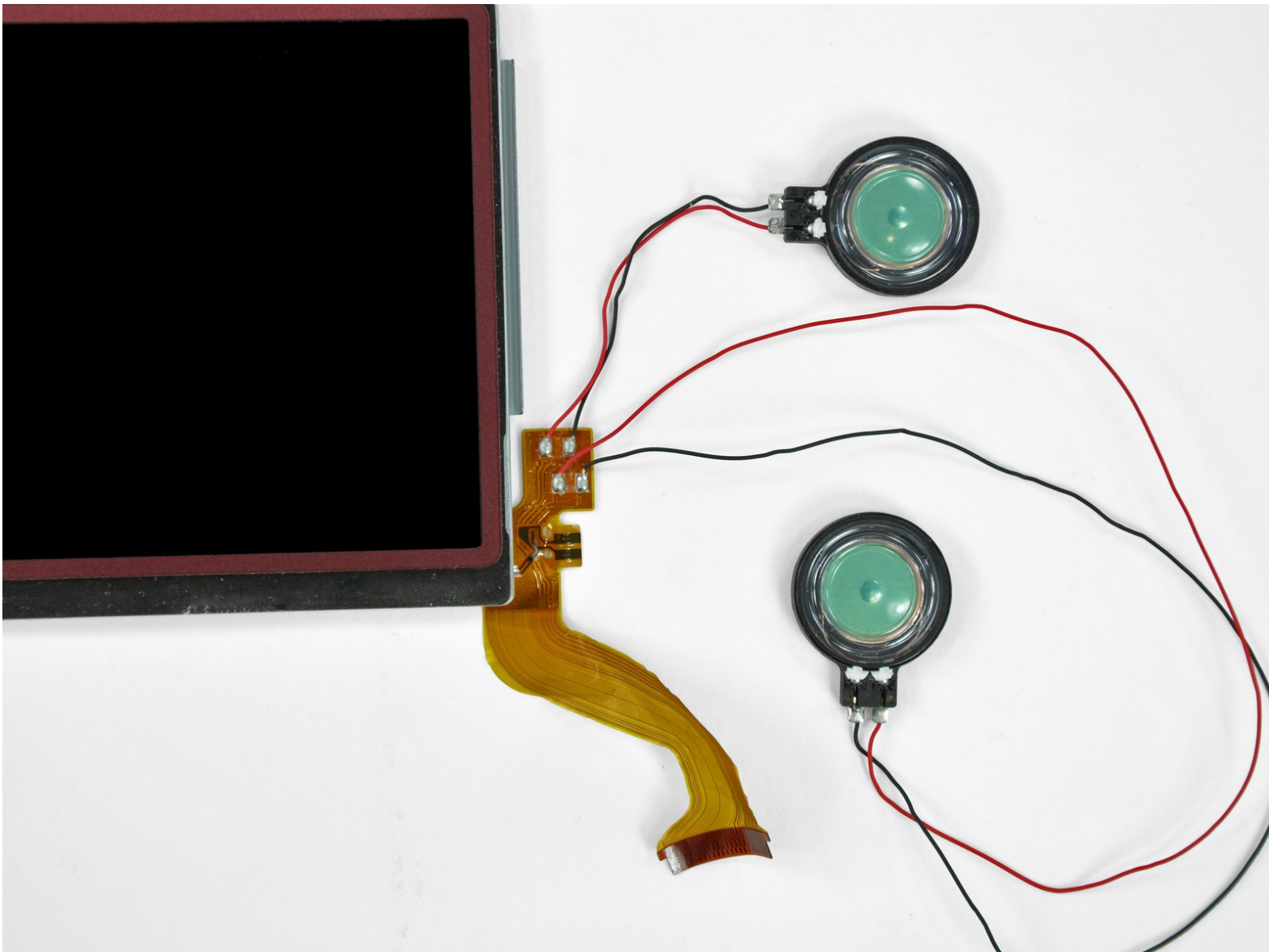




Nintendo DSi XL Upper LCD Replacement

Upper LCD replacement.

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INTRODUCTION

Get your dual-screen functionality back with a new upper display.



TOOLS:

- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Push Pin](#) (1)
- [Solder](#) (1)
- [Soldering Iron](#) (1)
- [Spudger](#) (1)



PARTS:

- [Nintendo DSi XL Upper LCD](#) (1)

Step 1 — Battery



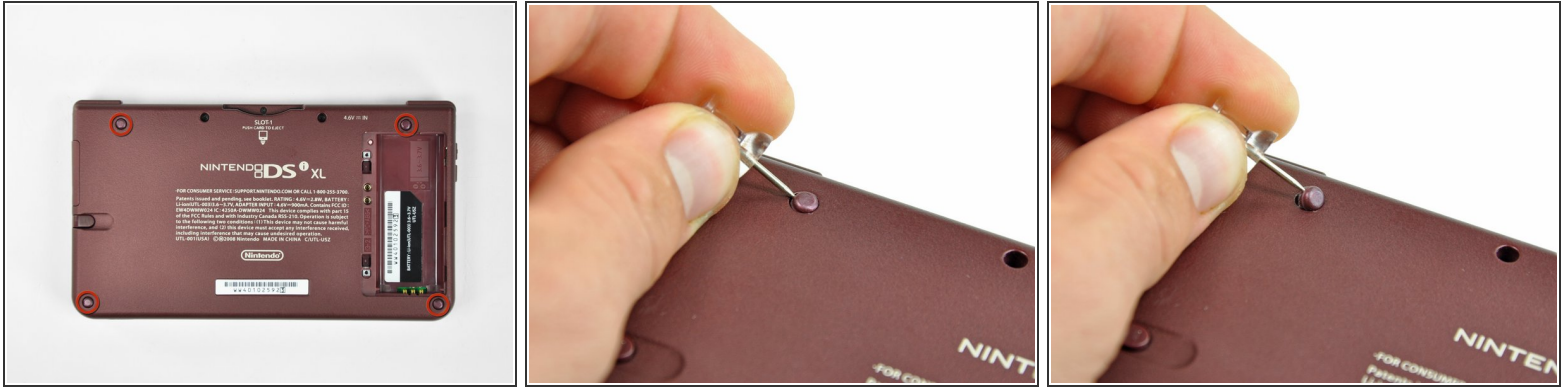
- Remove the two Phillips screws securing the battery cover to the back of the handheld console.
- Lift the battery cover off the back of the DSi XL.

Step 2



- Lift the battery from the DSi XL.

Step 3 — Lower Case



- Remove the four rubber screw covers on the lower case by prying them up with a push pin.

Step 4



- Remove the following seven Phillips screws that secure the lower case to the rest of the DSi XL:
 - Four silver 5.3 mm screws
 - Two black 5.3 mm screws
 - One black 2.5 mm screw

Step 5



 Turn the DSi XL over, and open the display.

- Insert a spudger between the upper and lower case at the bottom left corner of the DSi.
- Slide the spudger along the bottom edge of the upper case to release the latches securing the upper case to the lower case.

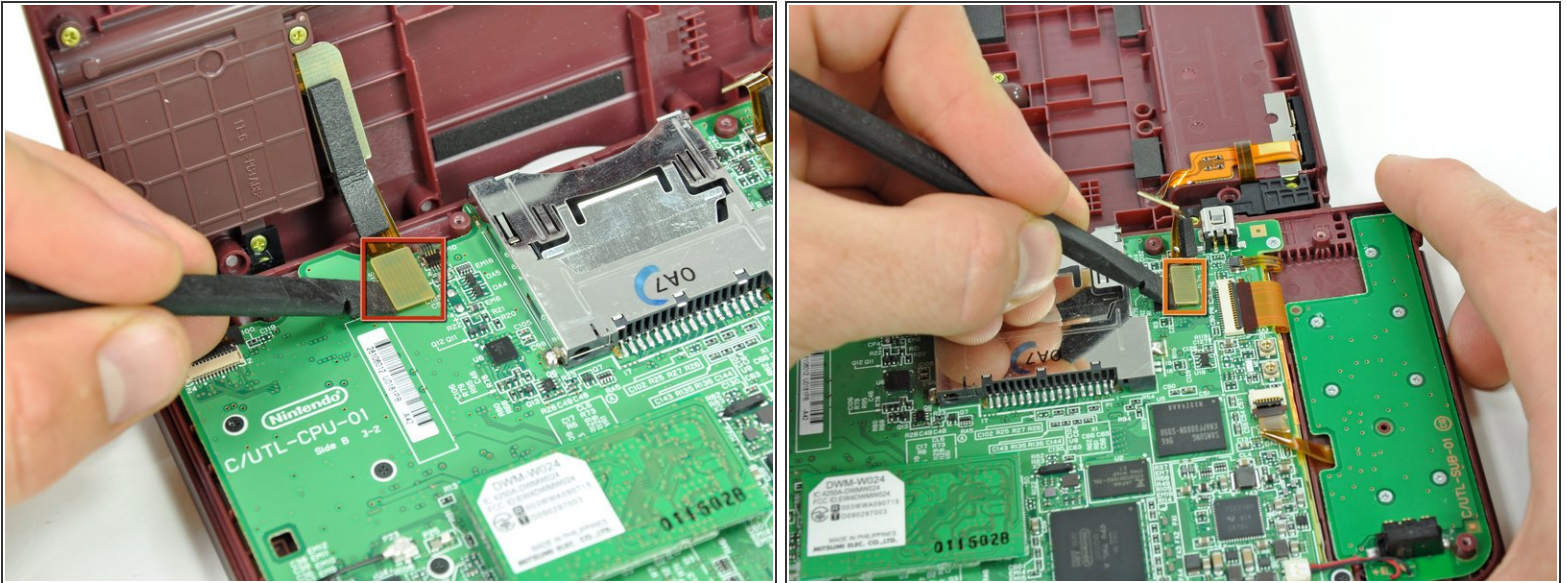
Step 6



- i** Close the display and turn the DSi XL over.

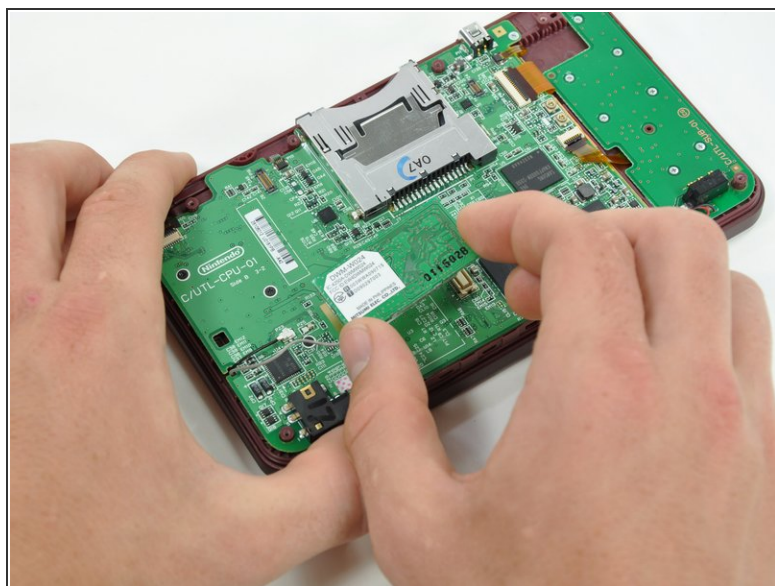
 - Lift the lower case from the front edge.
 - Rotate the lower case away from the DSi.
- i** The lower case cannot be completely removed yet, since it is still connected to the motherboard.

Step 7



- Using a spudger, pry the SD card/right shoulder button connector off its socket.
- Pry the volume button/left shoulder button connector off its socket on the motherboard with a spudger.

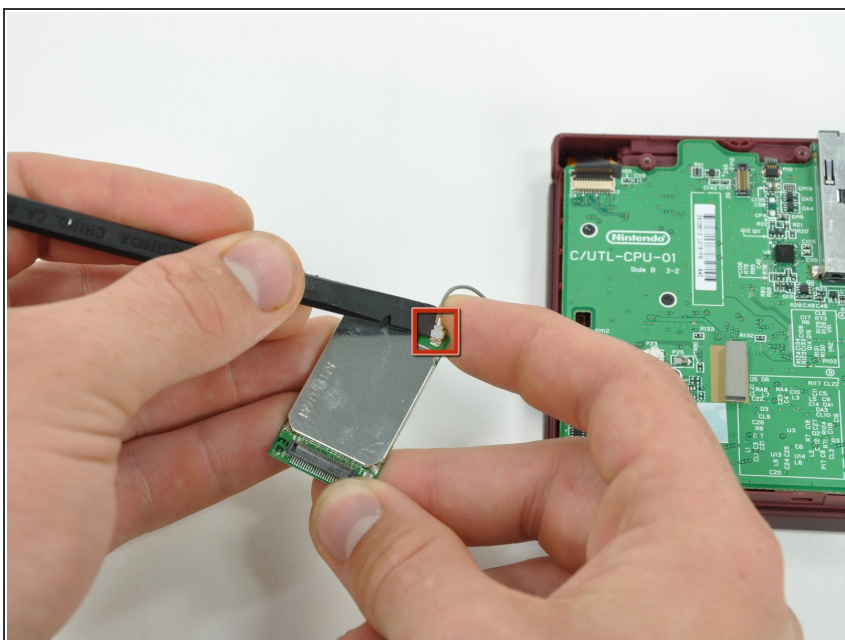
Step 8 — Wi-Fi Board



- Lift the Wi-Fi board up off its socket on the motherboard.

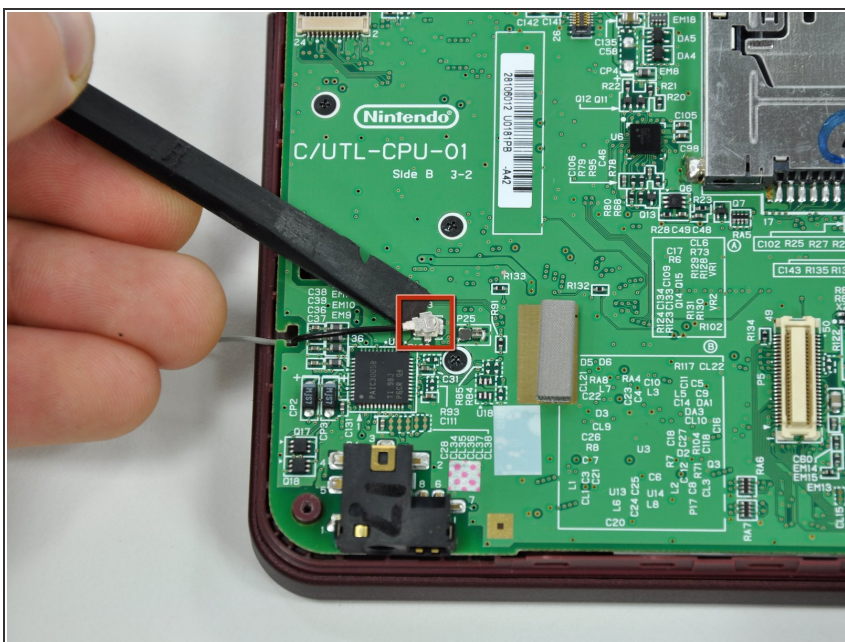
⚠ Do not attempt to completely remove the Wi-Fi board yet. It is attached to the motherboard by an antenna cable.

Step 9



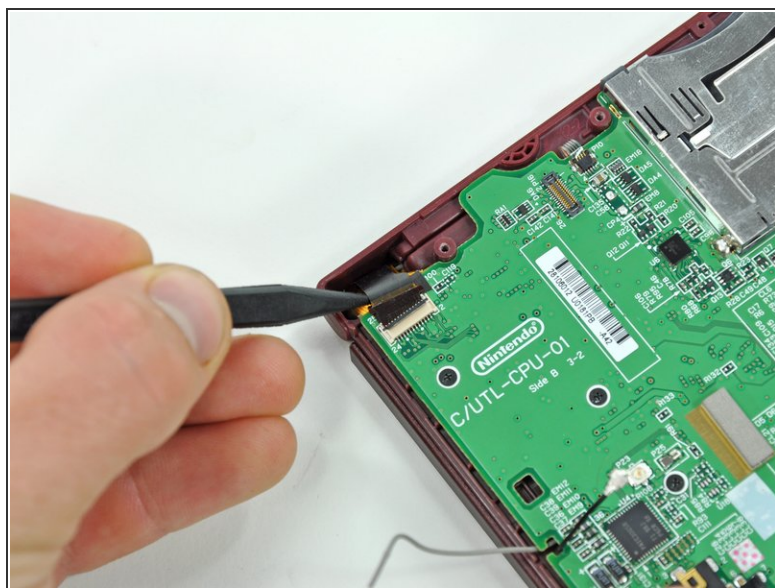
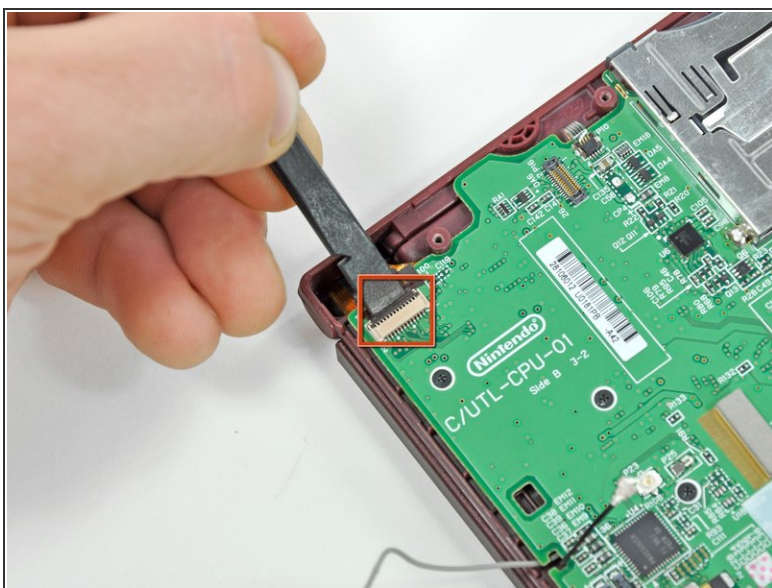
- Use a spudger to pry the Wi-Fi cable off its socket on the underside of the Wi-Fi board.

Step 10 — Motherboard



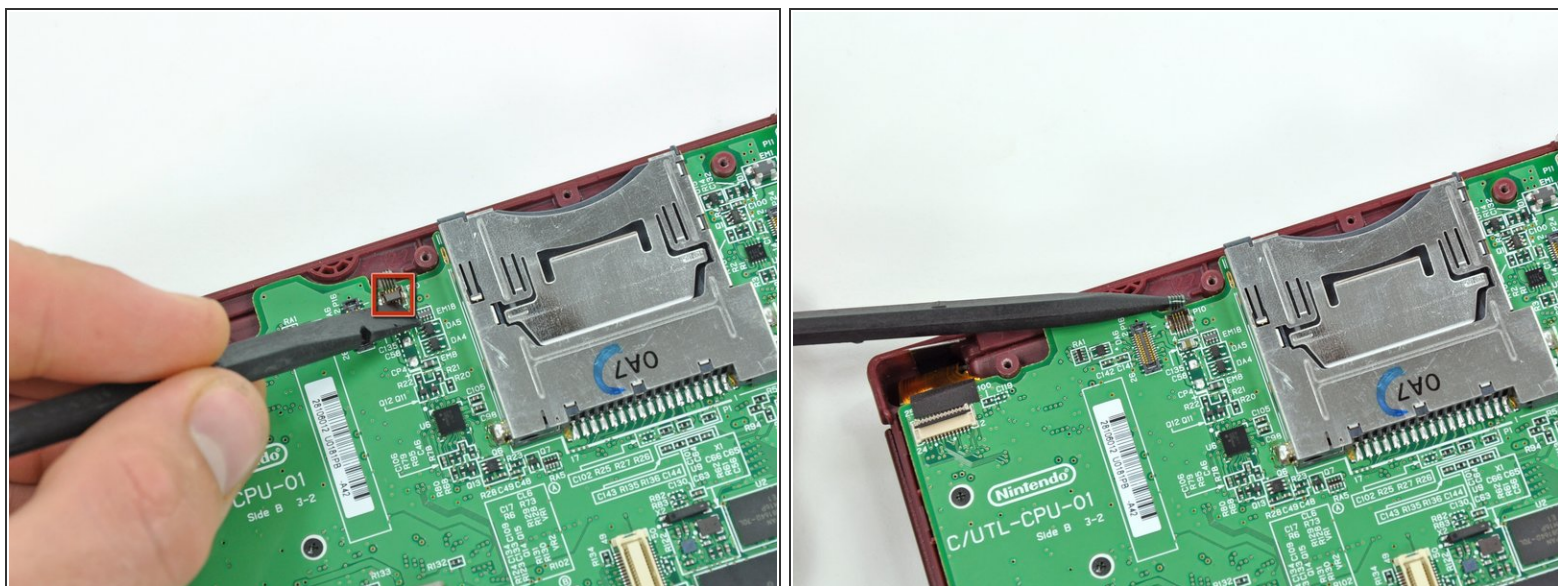
- Use a spudger to pry the microphone cable off the motherboard.
- ❗ Pry from underneath the cable.

Step 11



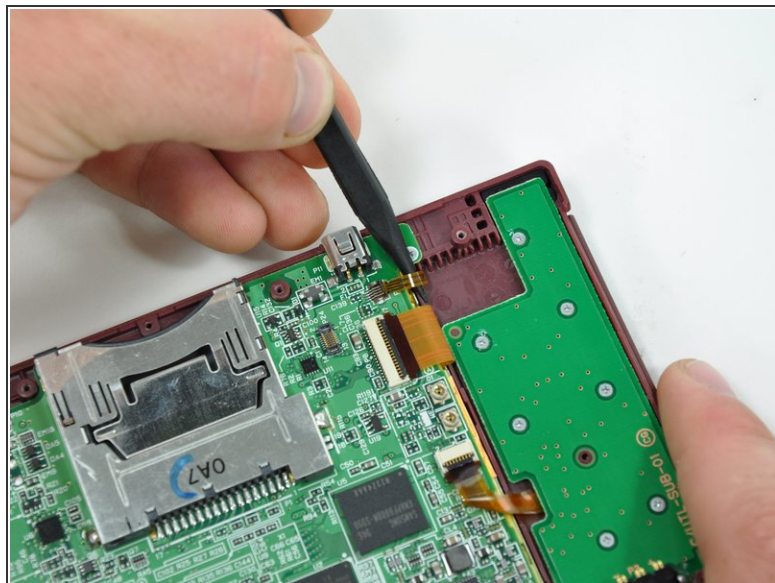
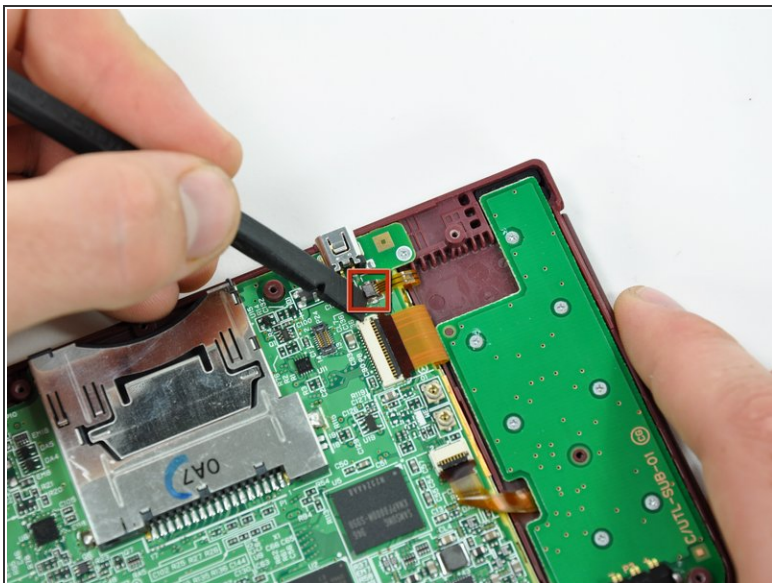
- Using the flat end of a spudger, flip up the retaining flap on the camera ribbon ZIF connector.
- Use the pointed end of a spudger to pull the camera ribbon from the ZIF connector.

Step 12



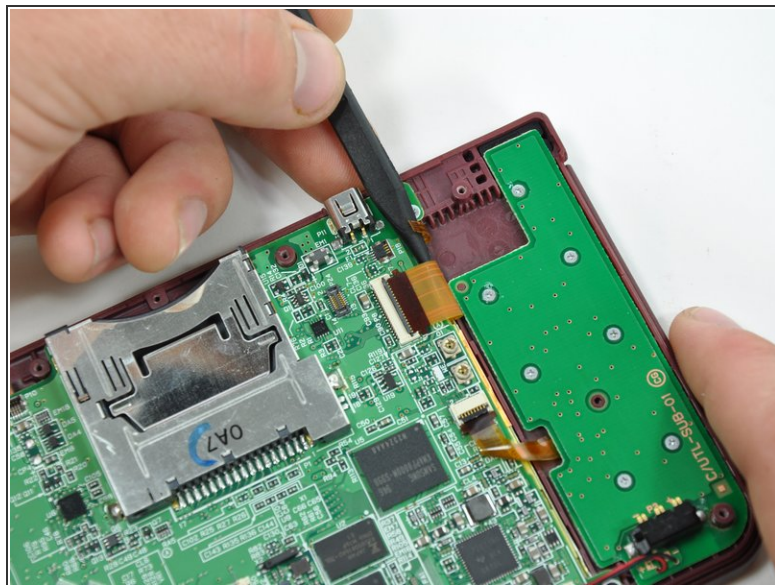
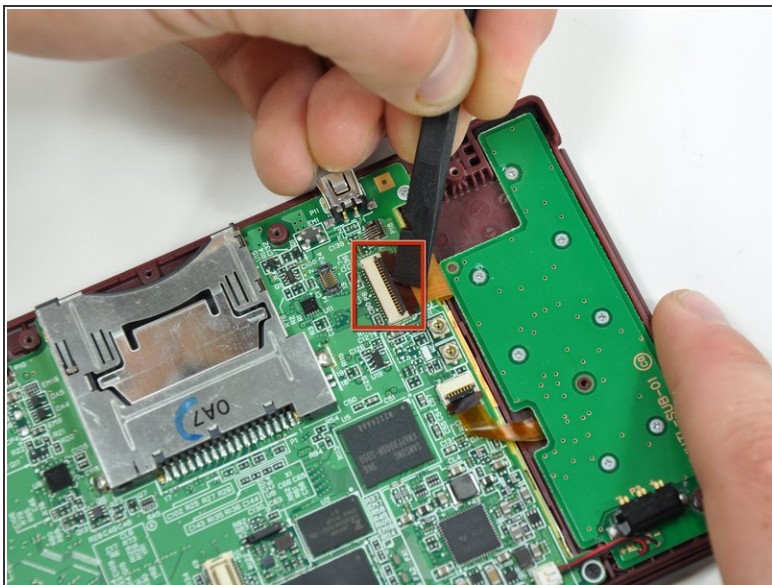
- Using the flat end of a spudger, flip up the retaining flap on the touchscreen cable ZIF connector.
- With the pointed end of the spudger, pull the touchscreen cable from its connector on the motherboard.

Step 13



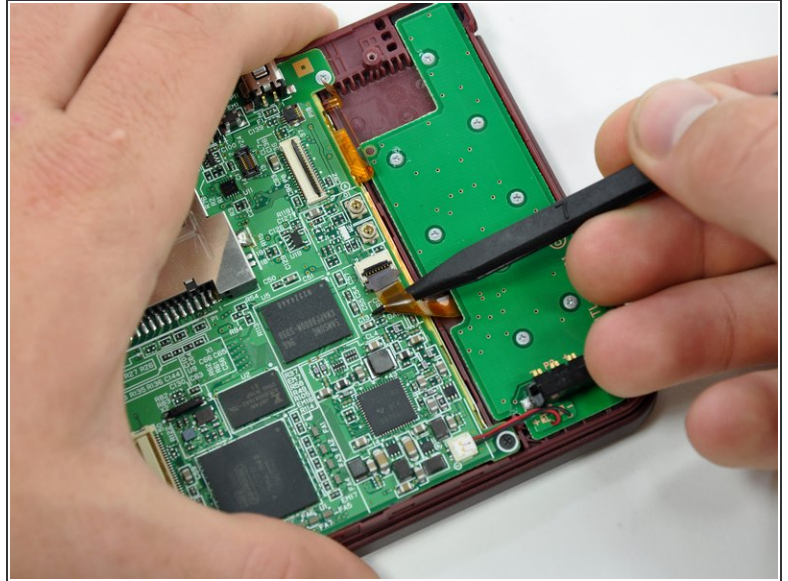
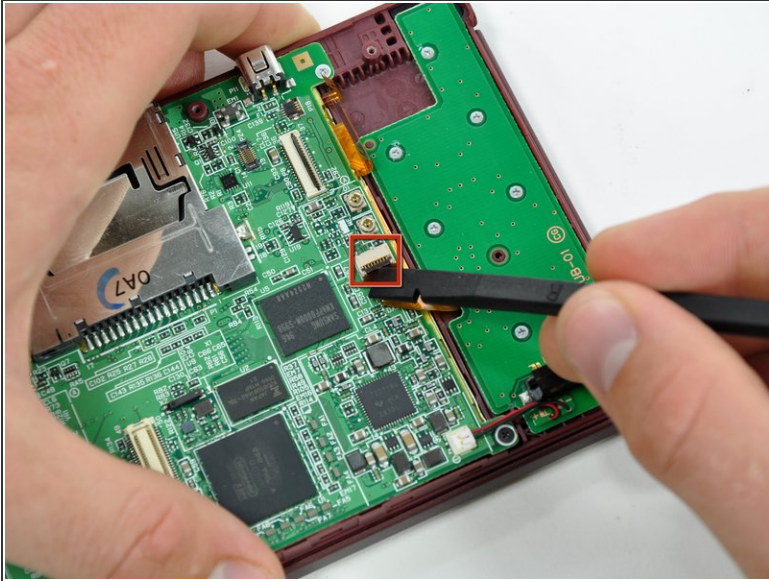
- Using the flat end of a spudger, flip up the retaining flap on the backlight cable ZIF connector.
- With the pointed end of the spudger, pull the backlight cable from its connector on the motherboard.

Step 14



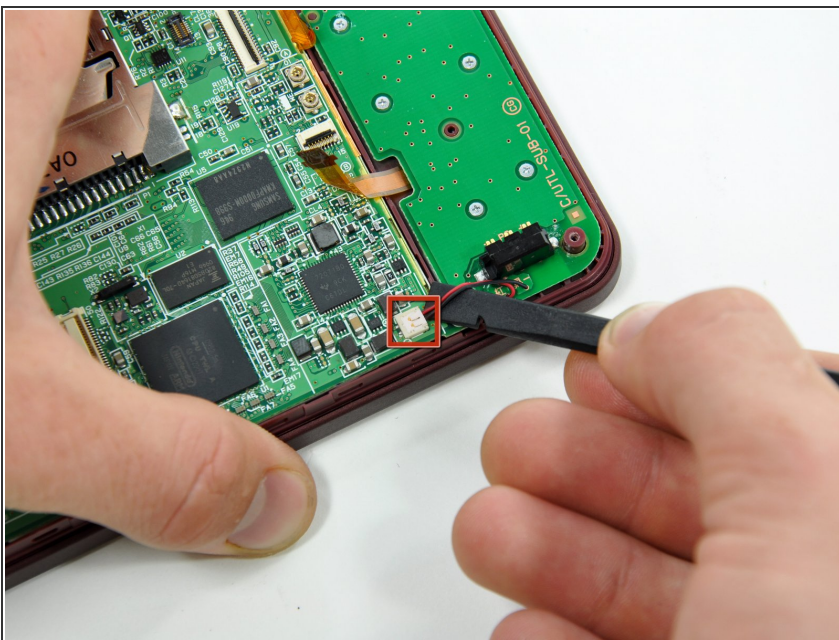
- Using the flat end of a spudger, flip up the retaining flap on the lower display data cable ZIF connector.
- With the pointed end of the spudger, pull the lower display data cable from its connector on the motherboard.

Step 15



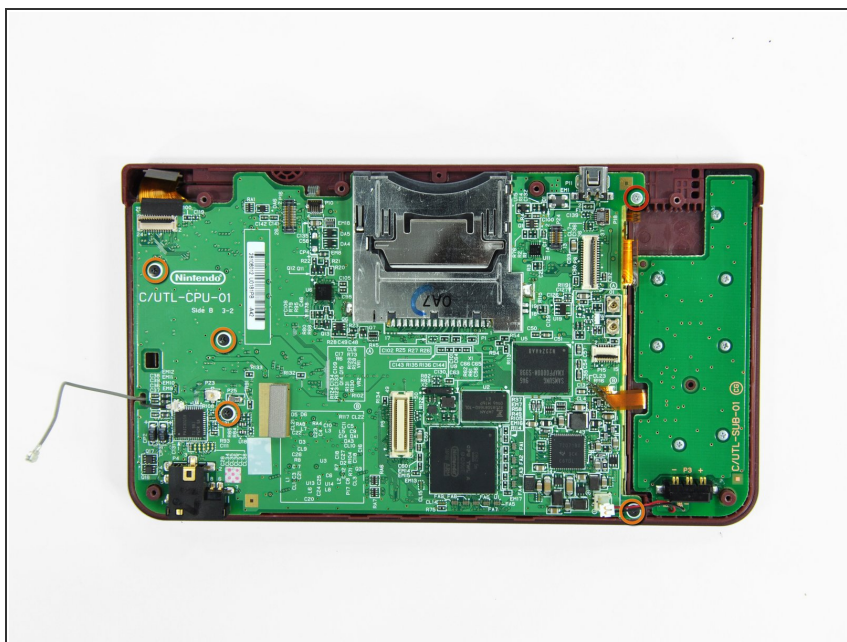
- Using the flat end of a spudger, flip up the retaining flap on the ZIF connector for the D-Pad/power button cable.
- With the pointed end of the spudger, pull the D-Pad/power button cable from its connector on the motherboard.

Step 16



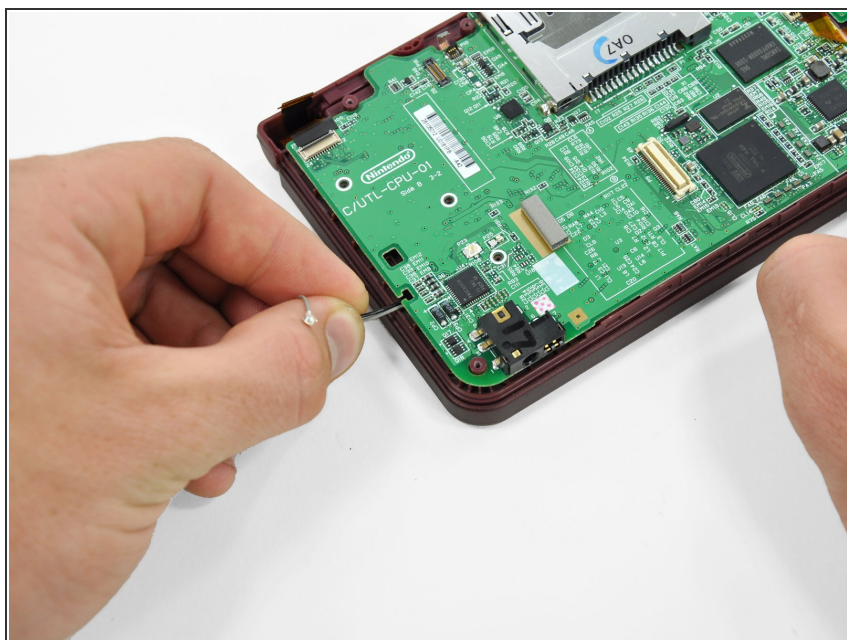
- Using the flat end of the spudger, pry the battery cable up off its socket on the motherboard.

Step 17



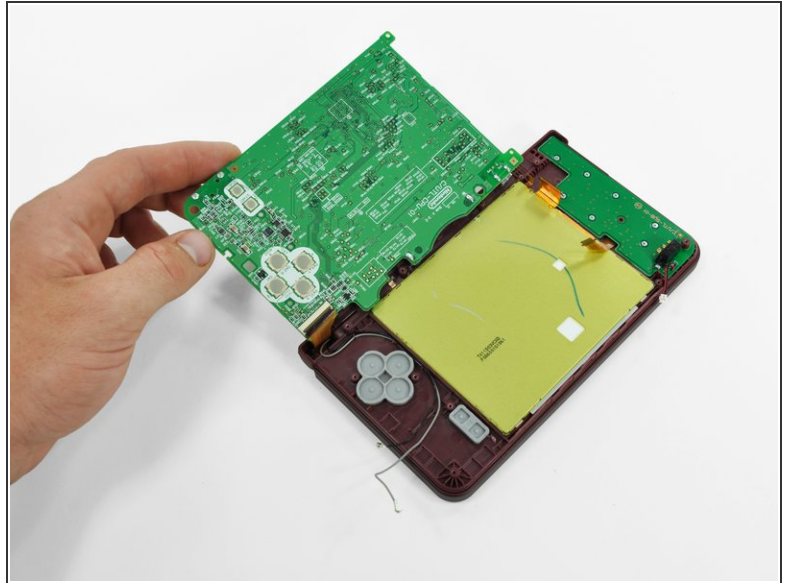
- Remove the screws securing the motherboard to the upper case:
 - A single 2.5 mm silver Phillips screw
 - Four 3.7 mm black Phillips screws

Step 18



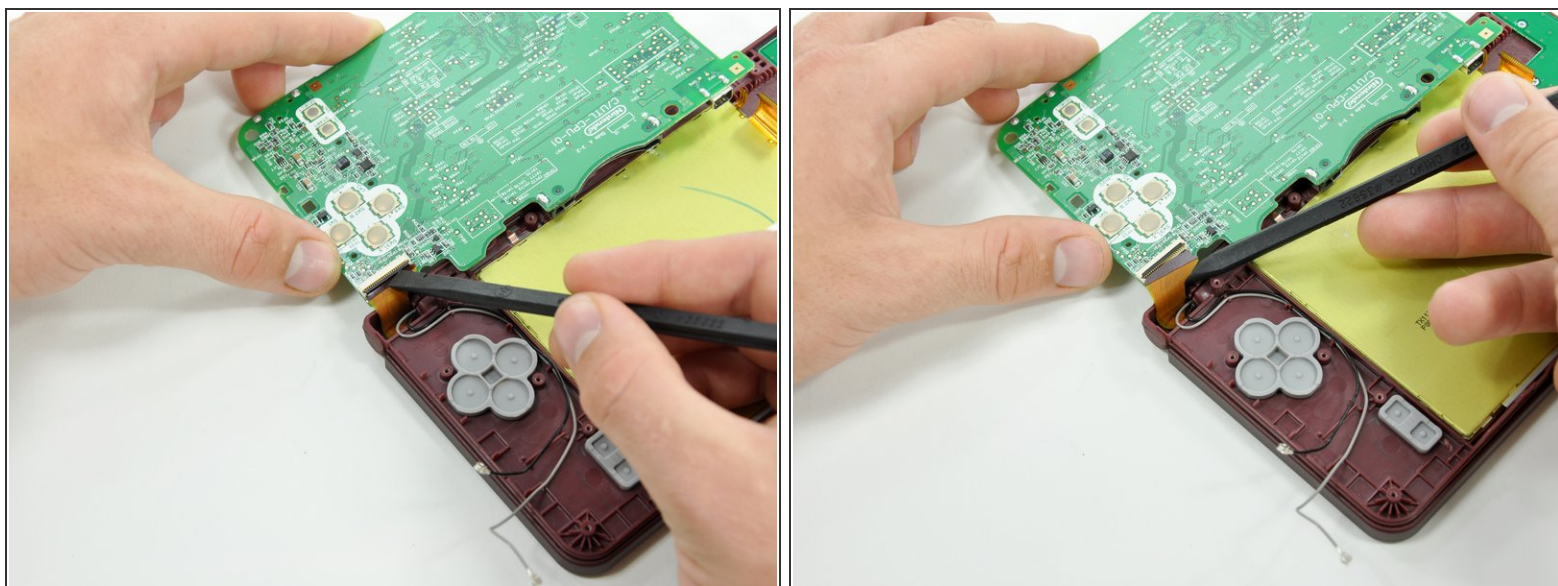
- Deroute the microphone and antenna cables through the slot in the motherboard.

Step 19



- Rotate the motherboard off the lower case.
- ⓘ The motherboard cannot be completely removed yet. It is still attached by the upper LCD's display data ribbon cable.

Step 20



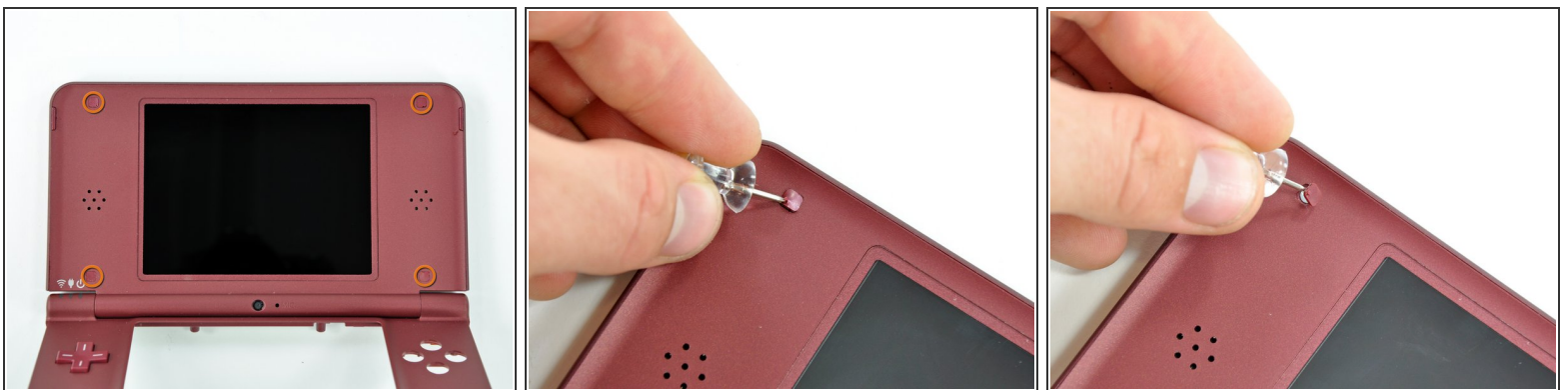
- Using the flat end of a spudger, flip up the retaining flap on the upper display data cable ZIF connector.
 - With the pointed end of the spudger, pull the upper display data cable from its connector on the underside of the motherboard.
- i** The motherboard is now free from the upper case.

Step 21 — Lower Display Assembly



- With the console still upside-down, open the DSi XL slightly.
- Push the lower display away from the upper case.
- Remove the lower display from the DSi XL.

Step 22 — Rear Bezel



- Turn the DSi XL over and open the display.
- ☑ When re-assembling the device, be sure to re-install the ABXY and Start/Select buttons, as they are likely to fall out once the handheld console is turned over.
- Use a pushpin to remove the four plastic screw covers on the front bezel.

Step 23



- Remove the four 3.5 mm silver Phillips screws securing the rear bezel to the front bezel.

Step 24



- Using two hands, gently slide the rear bezel upwards.

i The rear bezel will move only about 2 mm.

Step 25



- Insert a spudger into the gap between the front and rear bezel.
- Rotate the spudger away from the DSi XL, prying the two bezels apart.

Step 26



- In the same manner as described above, continue prying along the top edge of the front and rear bezels.

Step 27



- Separate the rear bezel from the front bezel.

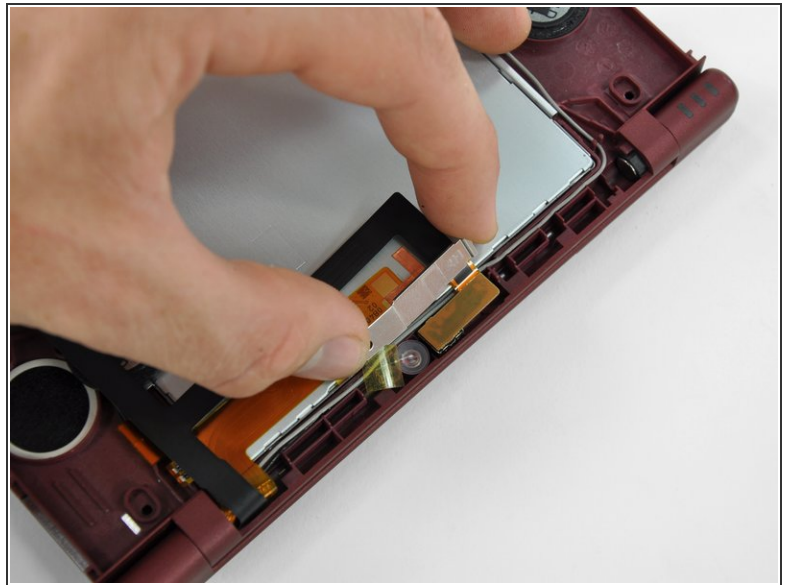
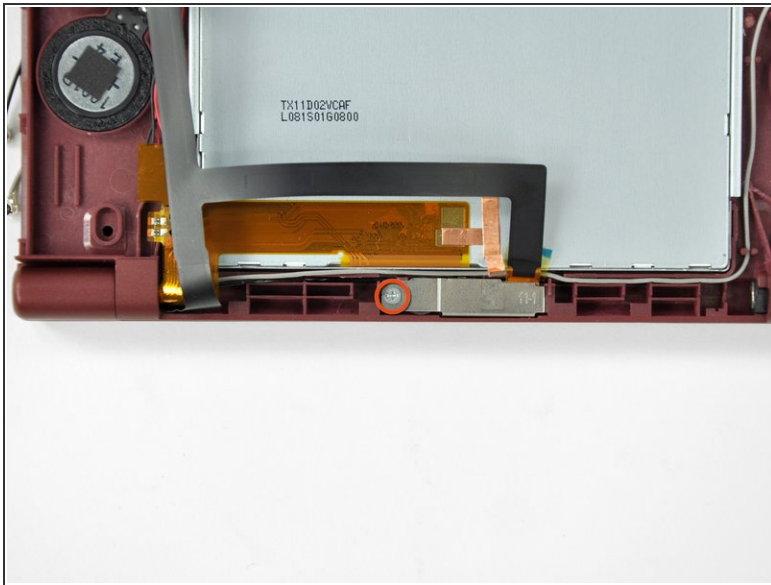
 Do not attempt to completely remove the rear bezel yet. It is still attached to the front bezel by the rear-facing camera.

Step 28



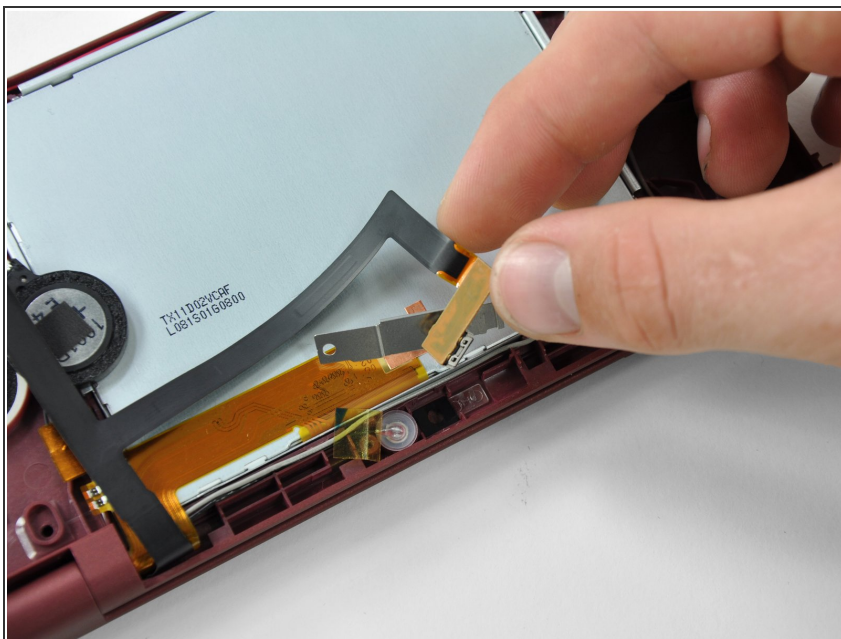
- Using the flat end of a spudger, pry the rear camera off the rear bezel.
- Remove the rear bezel.

Step 29 — Camera Assembly



- Remove the Phillips screw holding the metal securing bracket in place.
- Lift the metal bracket off the camera.
- ❗ The bracket cannot be completely removed yet, because it is attached to the upper display data cable.

Step 30



- Lift the camera out of its seat on the front bezel.

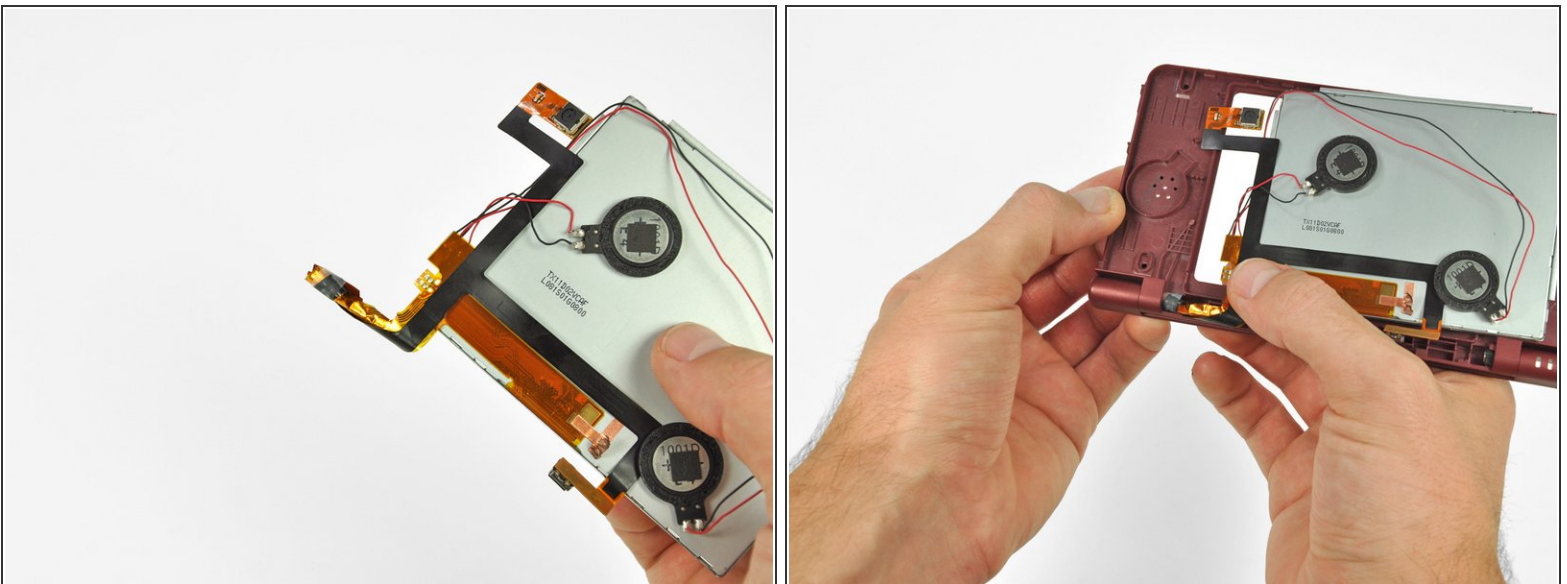
Step 31



- Grab the LCD and camera cable with one hand, and slowly feed the camera cable and data display cable through the right hinge connecting the upper case and front bezel.
- Use your free hand to guide the ends of the cables through the right hinge.

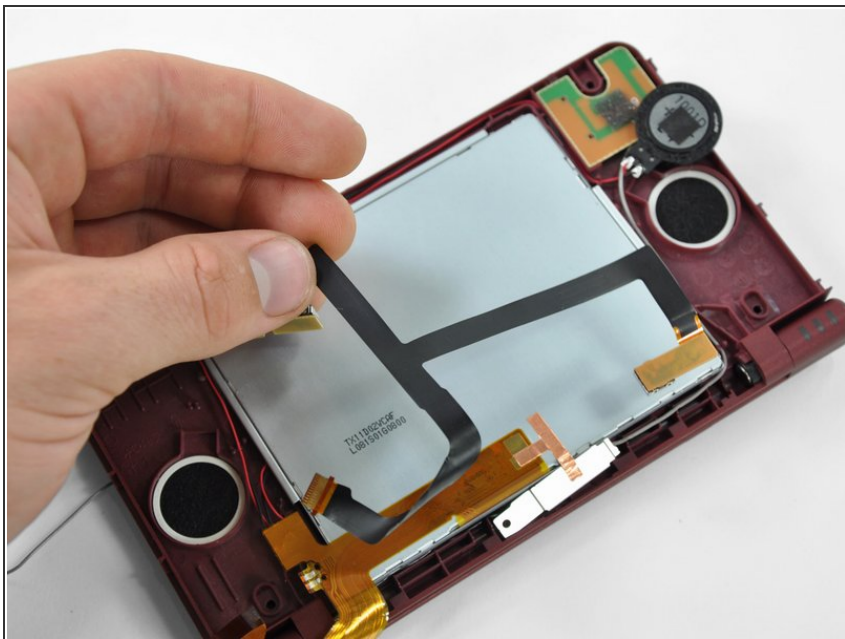
⚠ Be careful when feeding the thin ribbon cable through the hole; it will tear easily.

Step 32



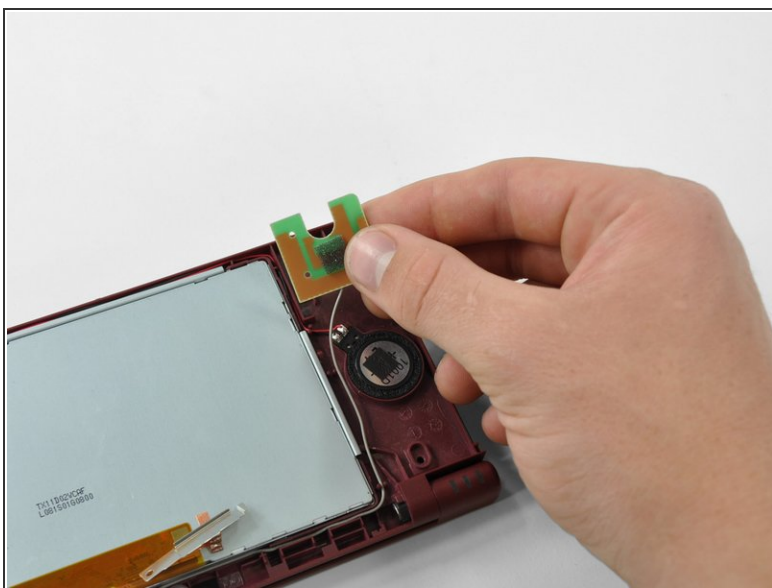
- ⓘ When feeding the camera and upper LCD cables through the right hinge, it is helpful to wrap the cables together with a piece of tape.
- ⓘ Be sure to wrap the cables tight enough to get through the hole, but not so tight as to damage or bend the the connections.

Step 33



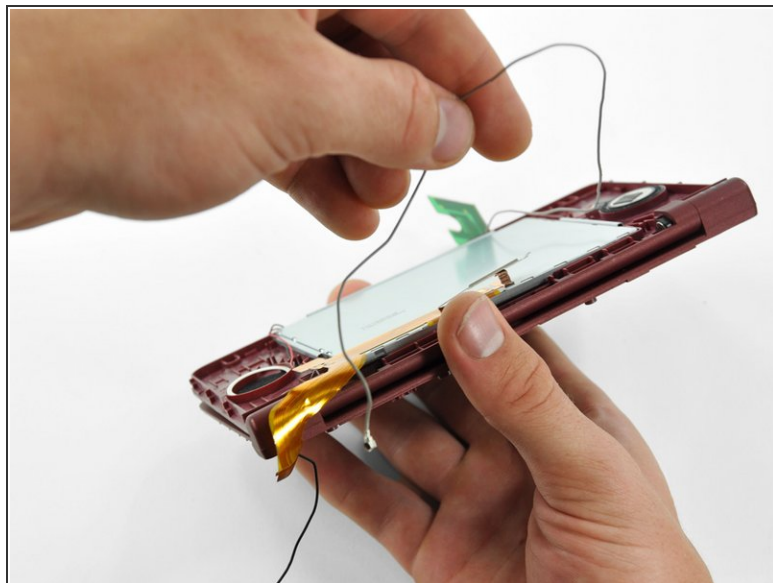
- Remove the camera ribbon from the DSi XL.

Step 34 — Wi-Fi Antenna



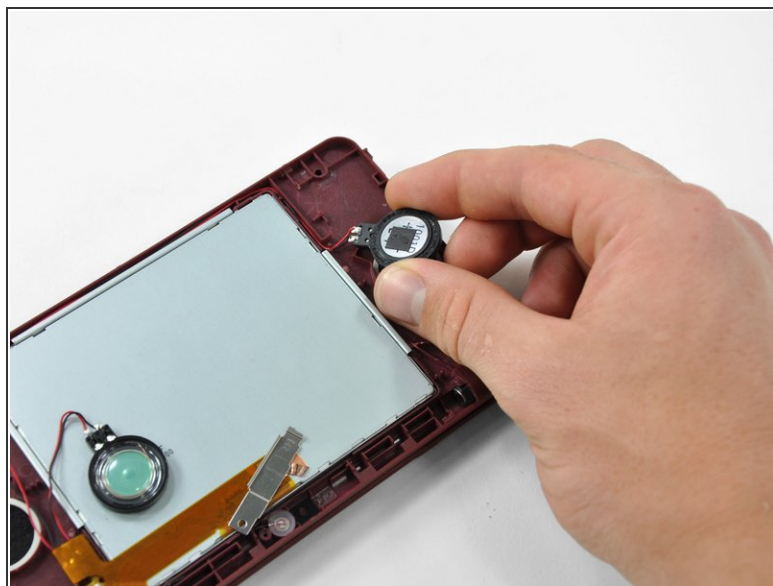
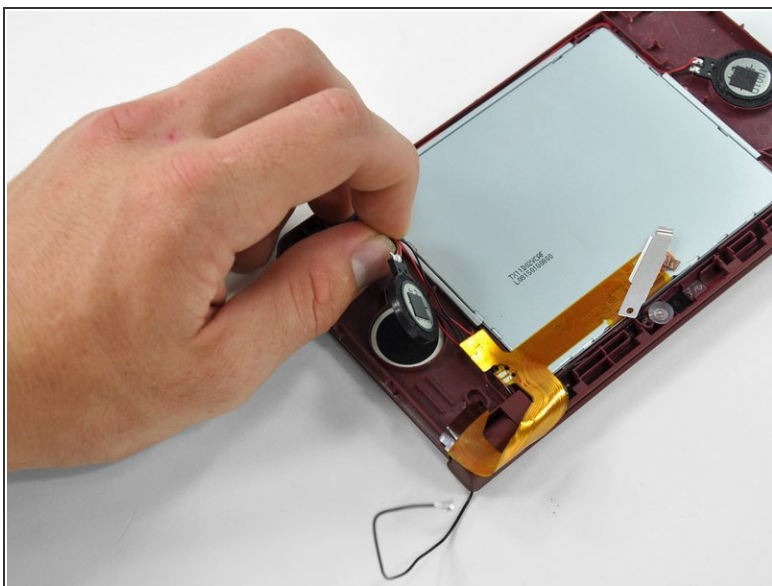
- Lift the Wi-Fi antenna off the front display bezel.
- De-route the Wi-Fi antenna cable from its grooves at the bottom of the front display bezel.

Step 35



- Pull the Wi-Fi antenna cable through the right hinge connecting the front bezel and upper case.

Step 36 — Upper Display Assembly



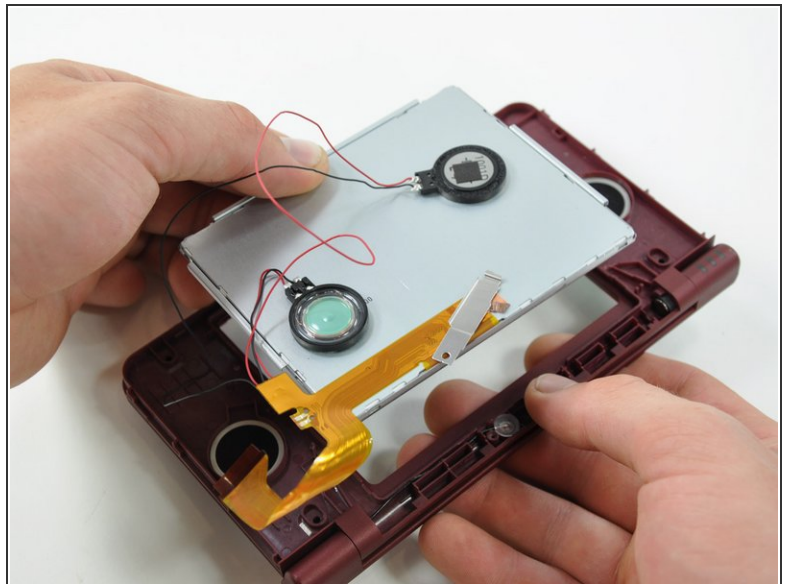
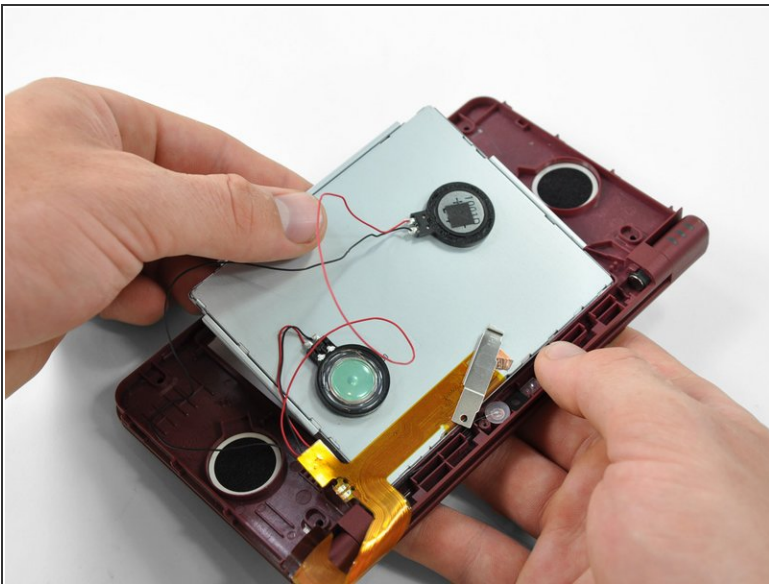
- Lift both of the speakers from their seats on the front display bezel.

Step 37



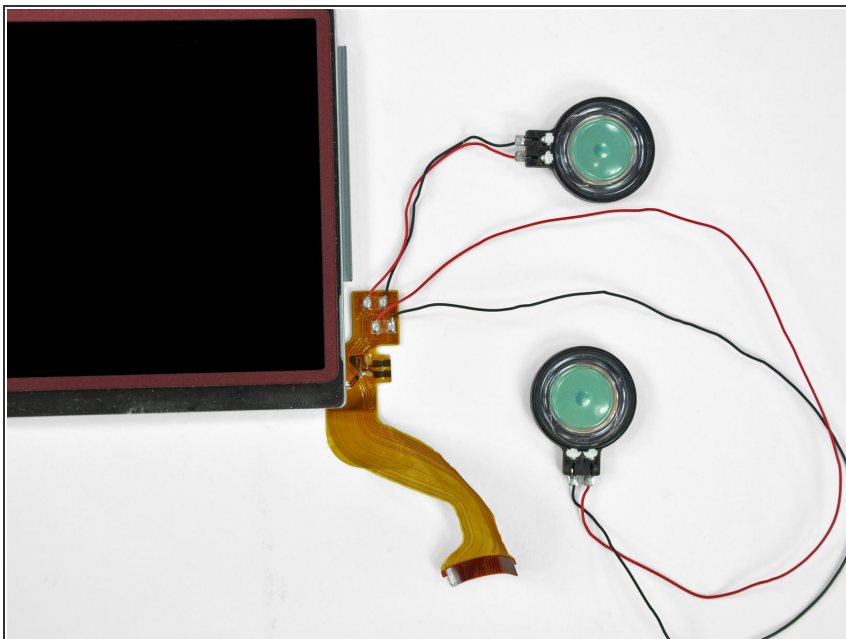
- De-route the speaker wires that run above the upper display screen.

Step 38



- Remove the upper display assembly.

Step 39 — Upper LCD



- To separate the upper LCD and speakers, desolder the contacts on the orange ribbon cable.
- For detailed instructions on how to solder this type of connection, see our guide for [repairing soldered connections](#).
- Upper LCD remains

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