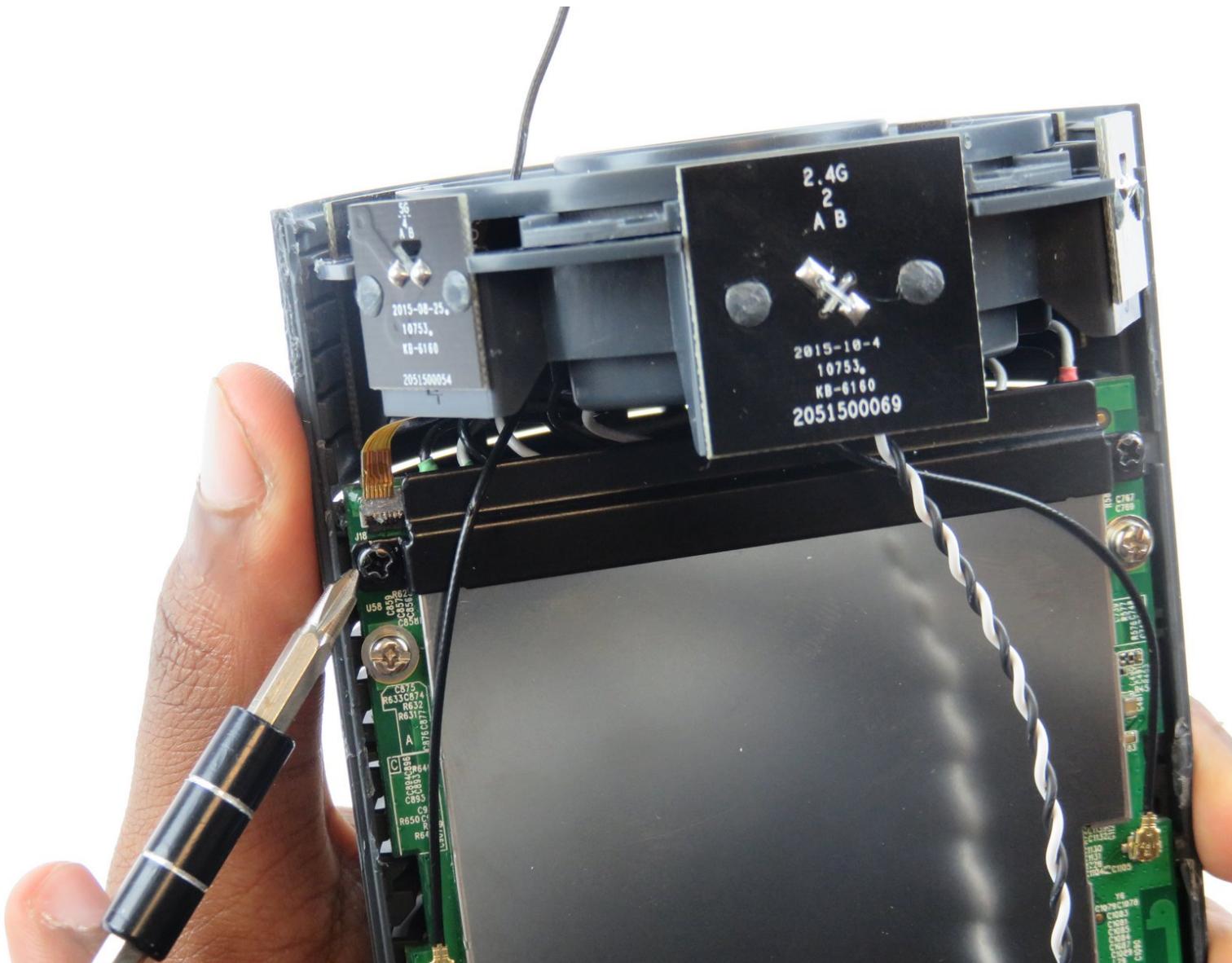




OnHub OnHub Antenna Array Replacement

By the end of this guide, you will be able to replace the antenna array on your OnHub device.

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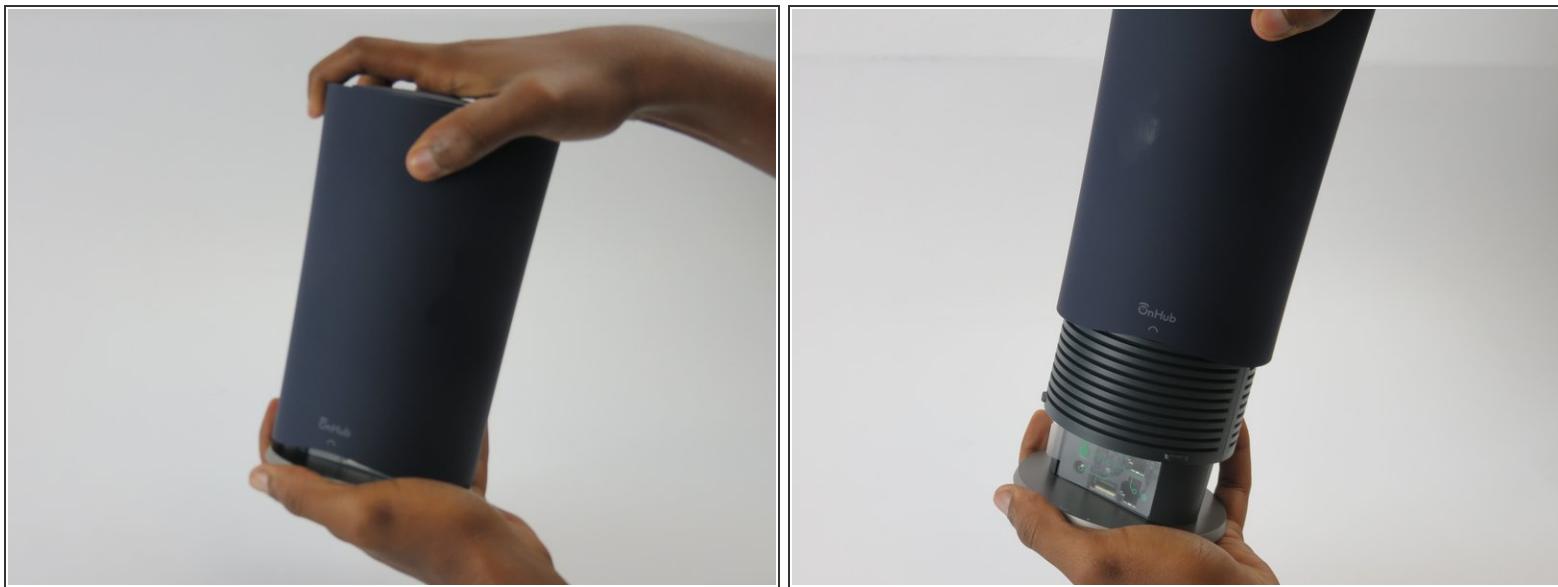
INTRODUCTION

The antenna array is arguably the second most important component to the OnHub router, and in this guide we'll show you how to replace this essential part. A word of caution before proceeding, the gold connections for the wires are delicate. If they do get bent you can bend them back into place if you are careful.

TOOLS:

- [Phillips #1 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Desoldering Braid](#) (1)
- [Metal Spudger Set](#) (1)
- [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)
- [Tweezers](#) (1)
- [Solder](#) (1)
- [Soldering Iron](#) (1)
- [Staples](#) (1)

Step 1 — Speaker Grille



⚠ Make sure the device is unplugged before proceeding with the disassembly.

- While holding the base firmly using the palm of one hand, remove the cowl (cover) by turning the cowl counterclockwise until a snap is heard. Once disengaged, pull upwards.

Step 2



- Place the plastic opening tool under the speaker grille, and just above the light ring.
- Move the plastic opening tool around the groove while applying upward force to pry loose the 4 clips holding the grille in place.

Step 3



- Using a metal spudger, carefully remove the congestion-sensor antenna by undoing the two clips.

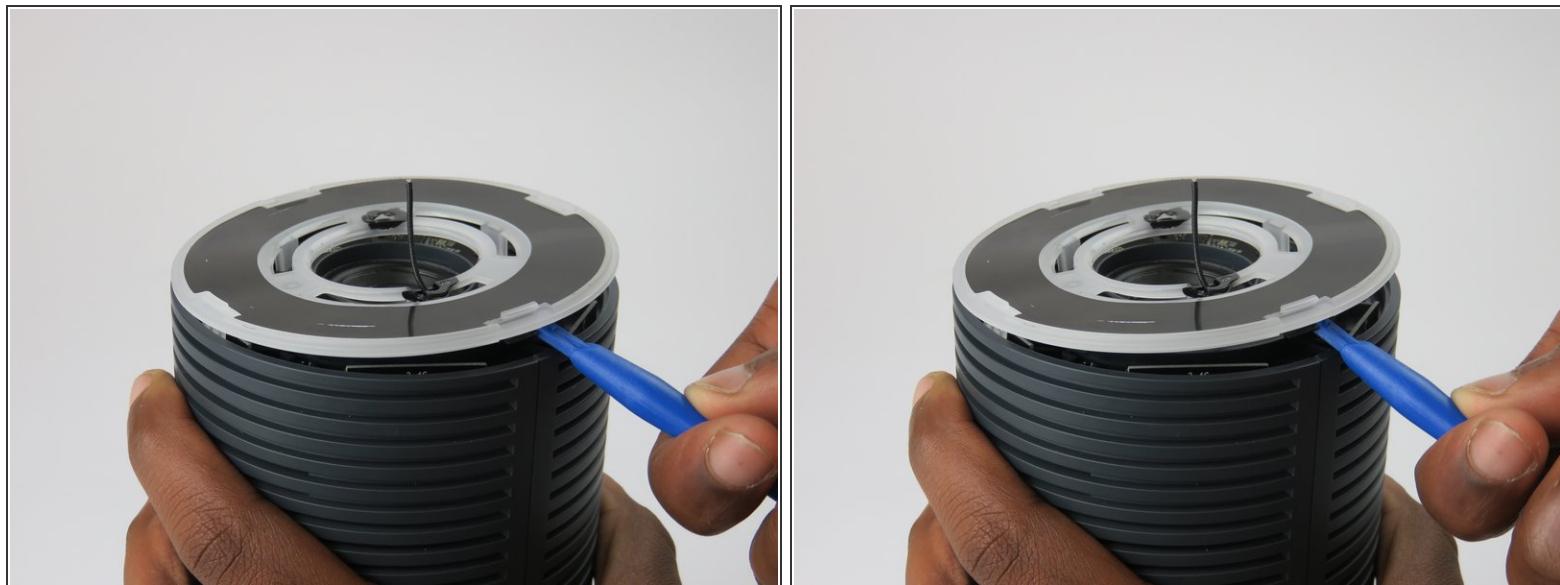
⚠ There is a delicate wire connection to the antenna that is easily broken if not careful.

Step 4 — Congestion-sensing Antenna



- Remove the wire connection to the antenna by soldering it off.
- For help with soldering and de-soldering check out the [iFixit Soldering Guide](#)

Step 5 — Outer Casing



- You must remove the plastic cover found just above the speaker.
- Wedge the plastic opening tool under the cover and apply pressure in an upward direction.
- There are four clips that you are removing. When disengaged, these clips will make a snapping noise.

⚠ Though the snapping noise is normal, take care not to break these clips.

Step 6



- Upon removing the cover, four screws and the speaker housing will be exposed.
- Unscrew the four 12mm screws using a #1 Phillips head screwdriver.
- This unlocks the speaker housing and antenna array from the casing.

Step 7



- On the bottom of the OnHub is two screws holding the casing to the base.
- To access these screws, you must remove the rubber pad that is glued to the base.
- To remove the pad, slide a metal spudger under the edge of the pad. Pry the pad away from the base, removing the glue.
- Once the pad is pulled up enough to grab, peel it the rest of the way exposing the screws.

⚠ The rubber pad is thin and fragile; be careful not to tear when removing.

Step 8



- Remove the two 12mm screws under the base of the OnHub by using a #1 Phillips head screwdriver.

Step 9

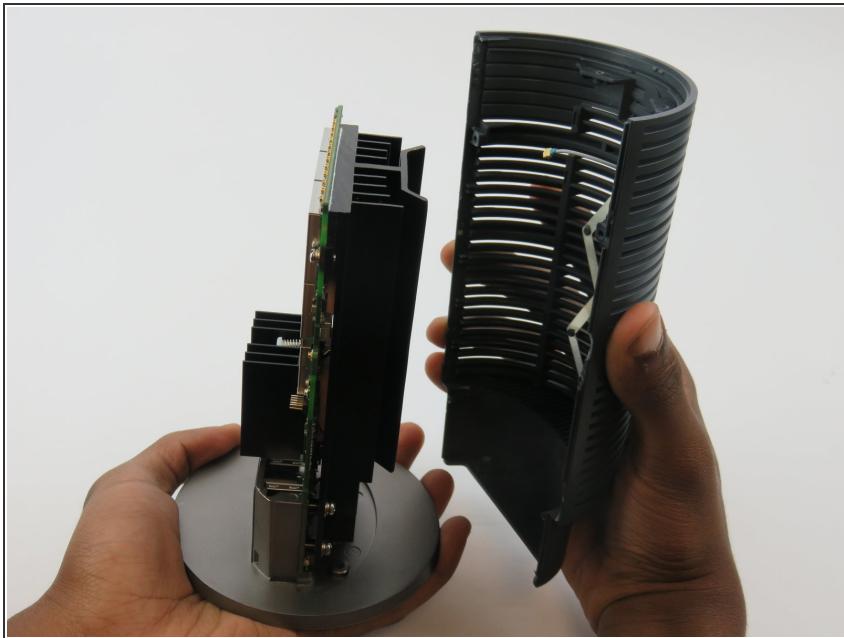


- Once the two screws are removed from the base, it is time to split the casing apart.

⚠ It is okay if a couple clips break. It will still hold together with a few remaining.

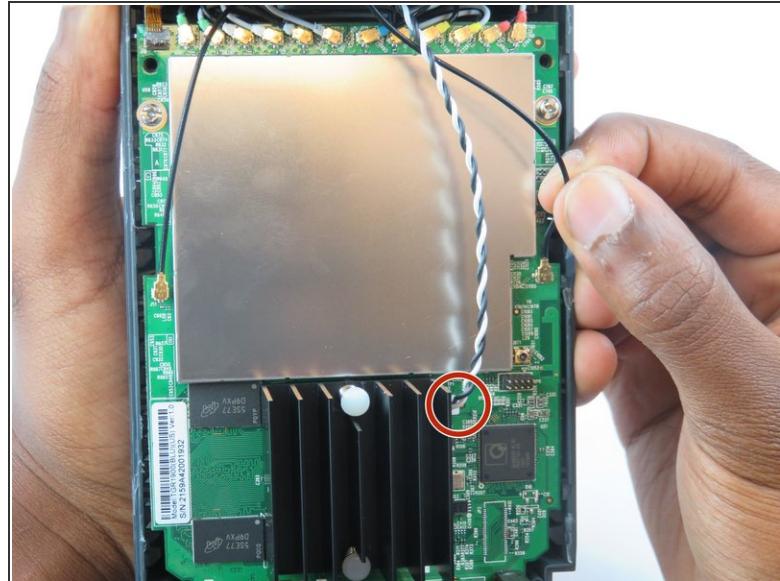
- Wedge a spudger between the two casing halves, and pry the clips apart starting from the top
- There are three hooking style clips in total.

Step 10



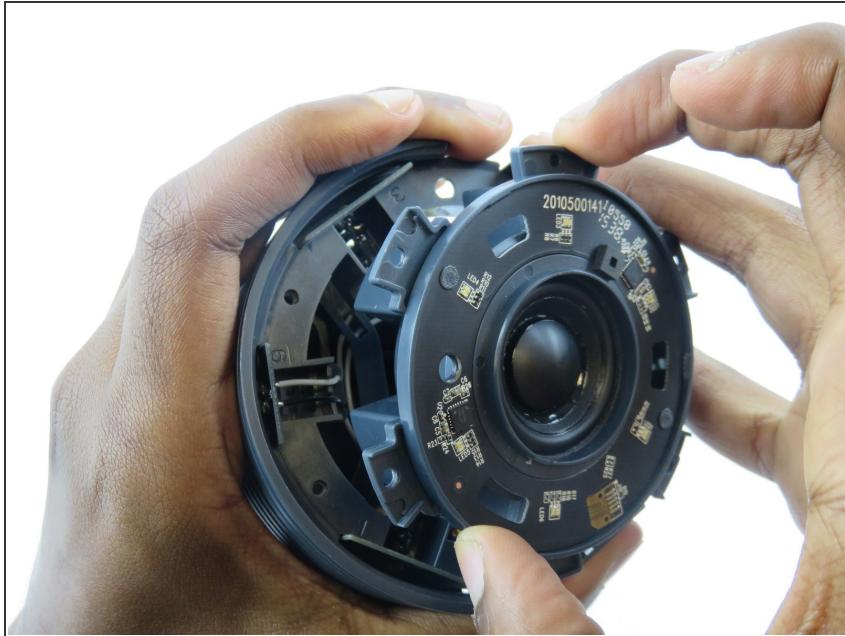
- Once unclipped, you can slide the two casing halves apart, and remove the casing.

Step 11 — Speaker



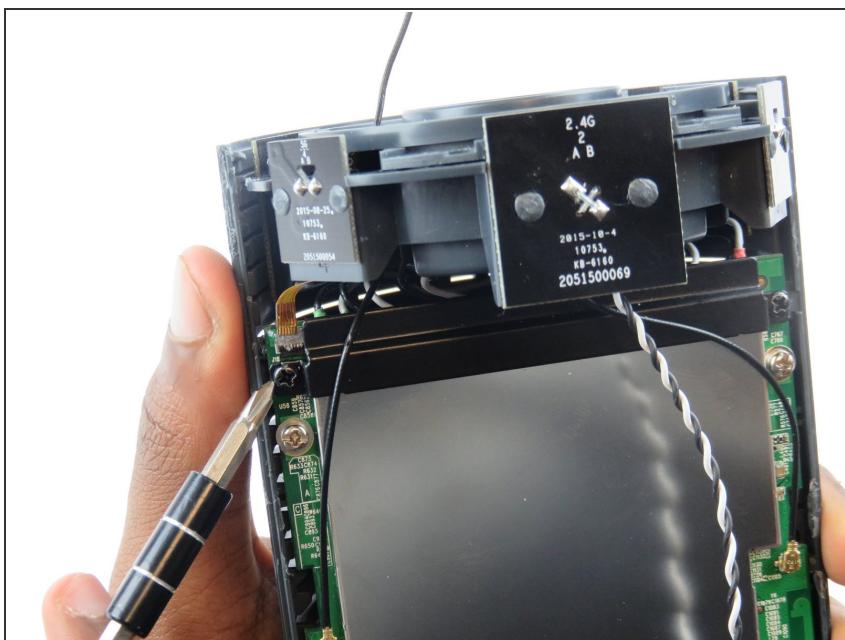
- Underneath the speaker is an intertwined black and white wire.
- Disconnect the wire from its connection to the motherboard.

Step 12



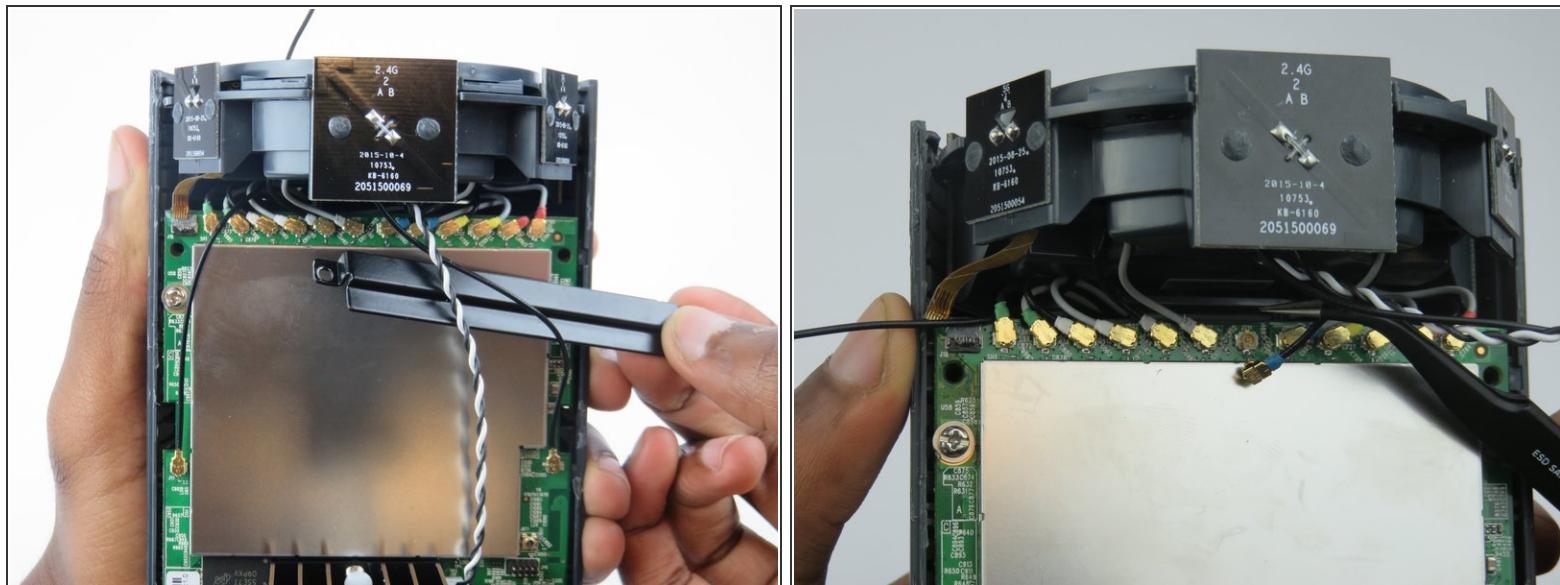
- The speaker should now easily come off with a firm grip on the OnHub device and pull.

Step 13 — OnHub Antenna Array



- There is a black, horizontal brace covering 12 wire connections.
- Remove the brace, held by two screws

Step 14

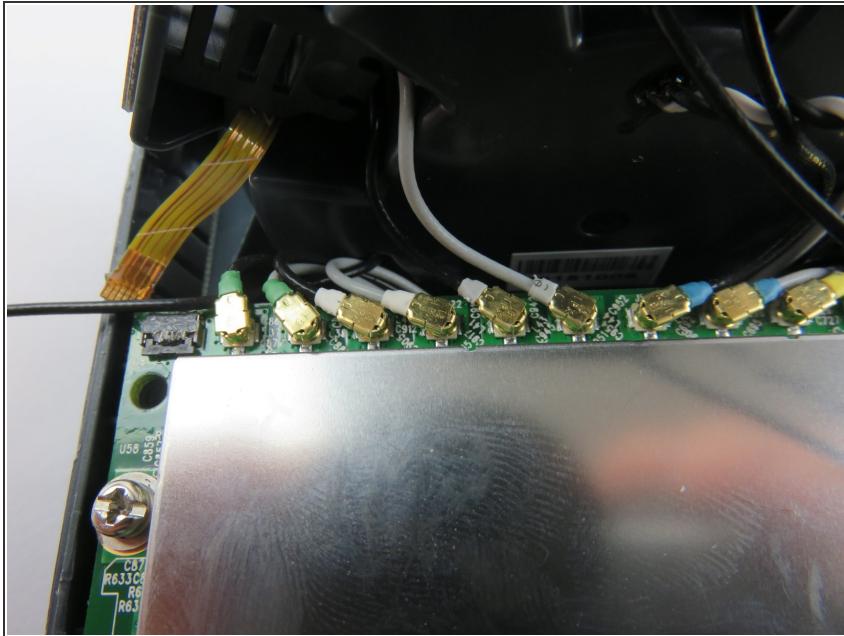


- Make a note of each wire's position and color, so it will be easier to reconnect later.
- Using tweezers, gently disconnect each of the 12 wire connections, attached to the top of the motherboard.

! Be careful when removing the gold connectors as they are easily bent.

i The connection points can be bent back if not damaged too badly.

Step 15



⚠ Make sure to carefully pull the tape style wire furthest to the left that is held by glue.

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