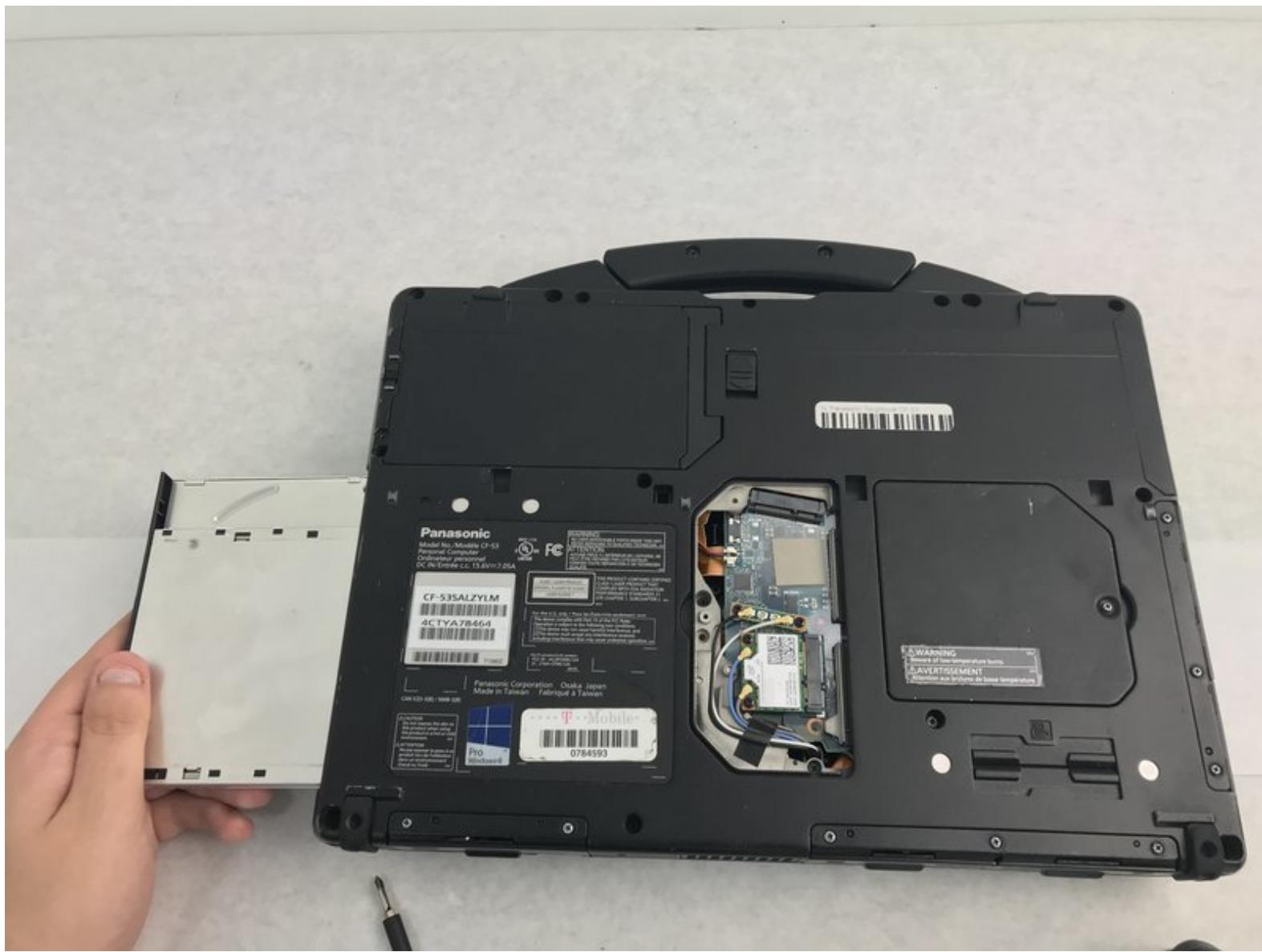




# Panasonic Toughbook CF-53 Optical Drive Replacement

This guide provides step by step instructions on how to replace the optical drive of the Panasonic Toughbook CF-53.

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## INTRODUCTION

To replace the optical drive/ CD-ROM in your Panasonic Toughbook CF-53, follow this replacement guide. The optical drive reads discs and CDs, so if you're experiencing problems with reading or writing discs, and no other troubleshooting techniques have resolved the issue, follow these instructions to completely replace the the optical drive.

### TOOLS:

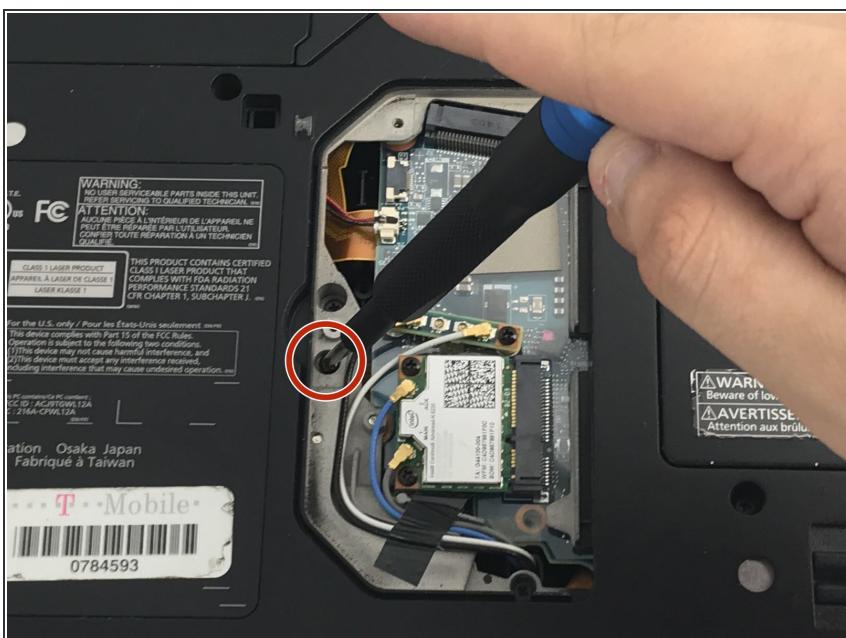
- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Spudger](#) (1)

## Step 1 — Optical Drive



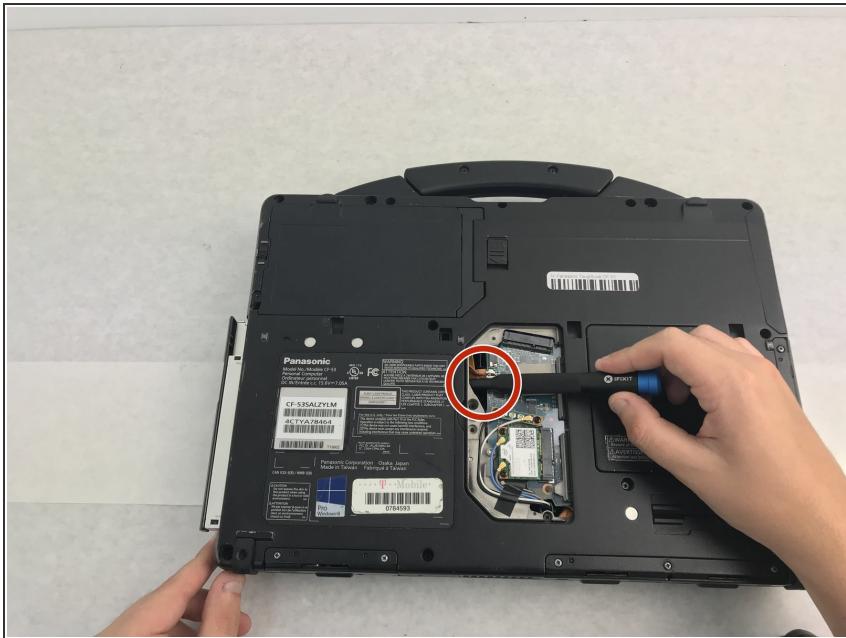
- Orient the laptop onto its top and face the bottom towards you.
- Remove the 3 mm Phillips #00 screws securing the Wi-Fi card/optical drive plastic cover.

## Step 2



- Remove the 5 mm Phillips #00 screw on the silver tab to the left.

## Step 3



- Reach under the silver tab and push the optical drive out of the side of the device using a spudger.

## Step 4



- Now that the drive is completely disconnected from the device, slide the optical drive out of its slot.

*(i)* The end of the drive may seem to be stuck inside the device during removal. If this is the case gently wiggle the drive side to side and apply a small force until it pops free.

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