



Removing factory feet from a Mac Laptop (Non-Retina)

If you are replacing your laptop's original feet due to multiple originals being damaged, this guide will show you how to break any intact feet.

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INTRODUCTION

This guide replaces the previous foot replacement guide: [\(Archived\) How to reduce Mac Laptop temperatures](#)

While foot replacement does not need to be done in a set, many modern 3rd party replacements are now rubberized and come in a set and in many cases, the original feet tend to fail as the system ages. If you want to change the set out to fix the problem for good or make your laptop non-slip, this guide will show you how to break the feet for replacement. **These steps do not apply to the rMBP (PCIe, T1 and T2) series.**

Guide notes

- **Once the foot is broken, there is no way to go back. Be sure you want to do this before removing surviving feet!**
- **While bottom panel damage is unlikely if done with caution, it can happen if you work over an edge.**
 - Place the bottom on a flat surface to avoid damaging the cover while doing this. **In most cases, the original feet are brittle enough a light cut will suffice.**
- **Once the foot is removed, it must be replaced and CANNOT be reused.**
 - Make sure you have a set of four available for this procedure as you will need to replace these intentionally damaged feet due to the design.
- Place the old feet in a container designated for the remains of the original set. This is so you don't mix them up.

TOOLS:

- [Utility Knife](#) (1)
A pocket knife can be used if available.
- [iFixit Opening Picks set of 6](#) (1)
Used to remove the inner plug
- [Spudger](#) (1)
- [Adhesive Cleanup Kit](#) (1)
Can be substituted with denatured alcohol.

PARTS:

- [MacBook and MacBook Pro Unibody Plastic Feet](#) (1)
Non-Retina MBP (ODD) and MB Unibody (USB only)
- [MacBook Air Rubber Feet](#) (1)
For the MBA

Step 1 — Remove the bottom cover



 **Depending on where the notebook is being worked on, consider disconnecting the battery to protect your components.**

 **Due to multiple variations, this step is not described in detail.**

- Remove the bottom cover of your MacBook with the guide for [your specific system](#). **I am using a 2011 13" MacBook Pro.**

Step 2 — Removing fully failed feet



- Before removing the good feet, remove the failed feet first. ***These may be removable without disassembly if the internal plug has completely failed.***
- After removing the damaged feet, install your new feet. ***Follow the corresponding disassembly guide for your specific Mac to take it apart.***

Step 3 — Removing feet with structural support



- To remove the intact feet, score the internal plug. Once scored, remove the plug with a [guitar pick](#).
- After removing the inner plug, push the foot out with a [spudger](#) or screwdriver.

Step 4 — Install the new feet



- Clean the chassis with denatured alcohol or [adhesive cleaner](#).
- After removing the old feet, install the new set onto the bottom cover.
- Install the cover on the computer.