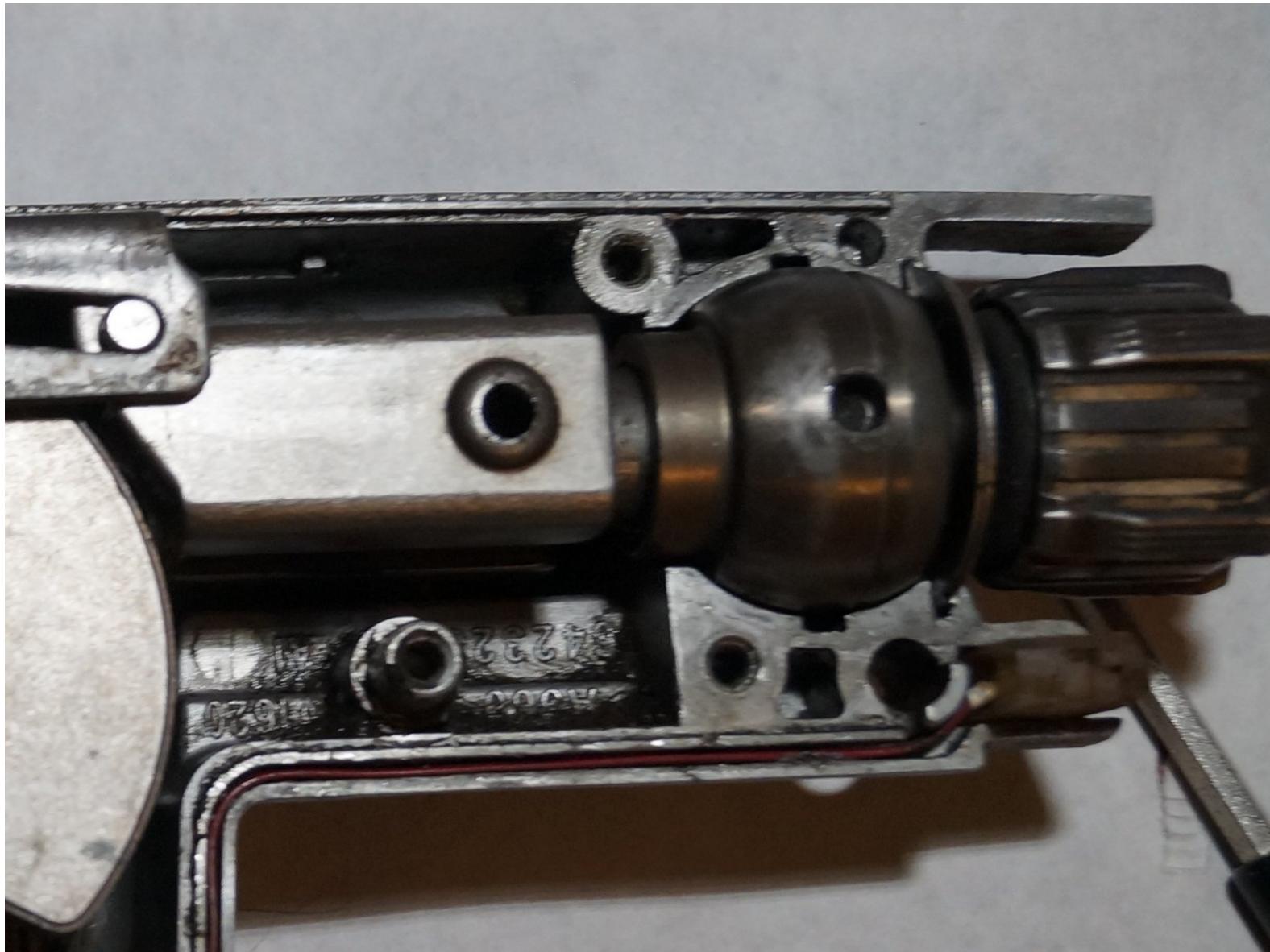




# Ridgid GEN5X R8642 Blade Clamp Assembly Replacement

This guide will show the steps that are required to replace a faulty blade clamp assembly for the Ridgid GEN5X R8642.

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## INTRODUCTION

This guide is to help users replace the blade clamp assembly for the Ridgid GEN5X R8642 saw. For this guide you will need: a spudger, a T20 Torx Screwdriver, a Phillips screwdriver size J1, replacement gear assembly for Ridgid GEN5X R8642, and a good attitude.

### TOOLS:

- [T20 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Spudger](#) (1)
- [JIS #1](#) (1)

## Step 1 — Blade Clamp Assembly



- Remove the plastic tab holding the handle cover in place by prying upward with the spudger until the tab pops off.

## Step 2



- Remove the handle cover by pulling it towards the front of the saw.

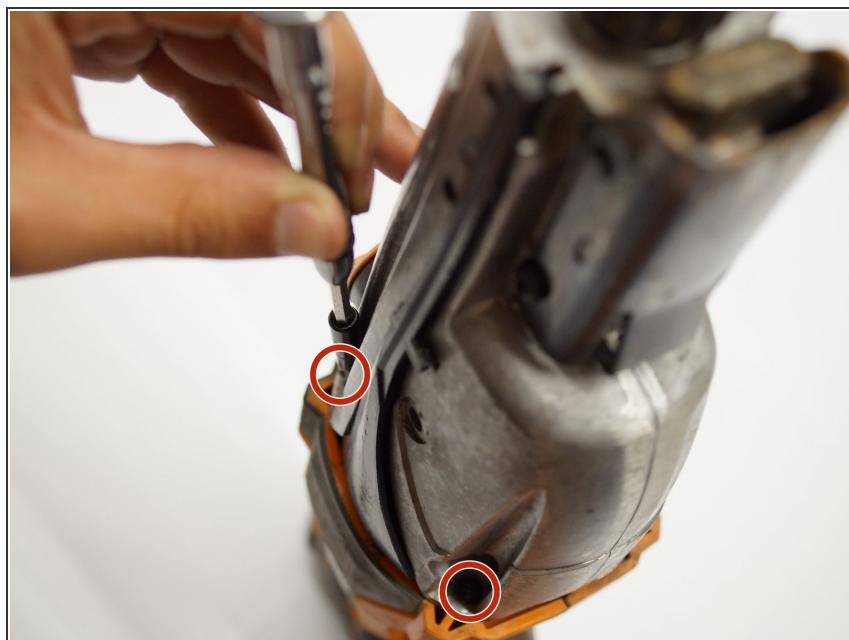
**i** The grip can sometimes become stuck and may require a decent amount of force to remove.

## Step 3



- Use a T20 Torx screwdriver to remove the nine M4 X 16mm screws from the plastic housing.

## Step 4



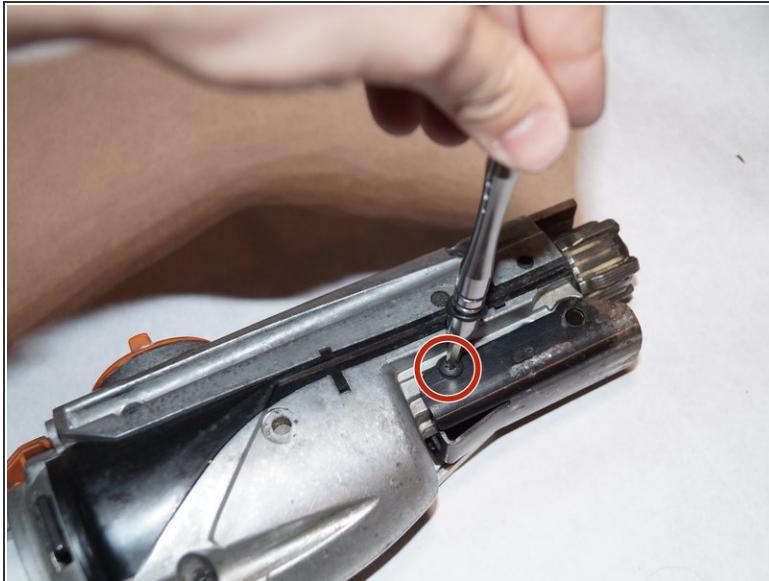
- Use a JIS #1 screwdriver to remove the two M4 x 25mm screws on both sides of the metal housing.

## Step 5



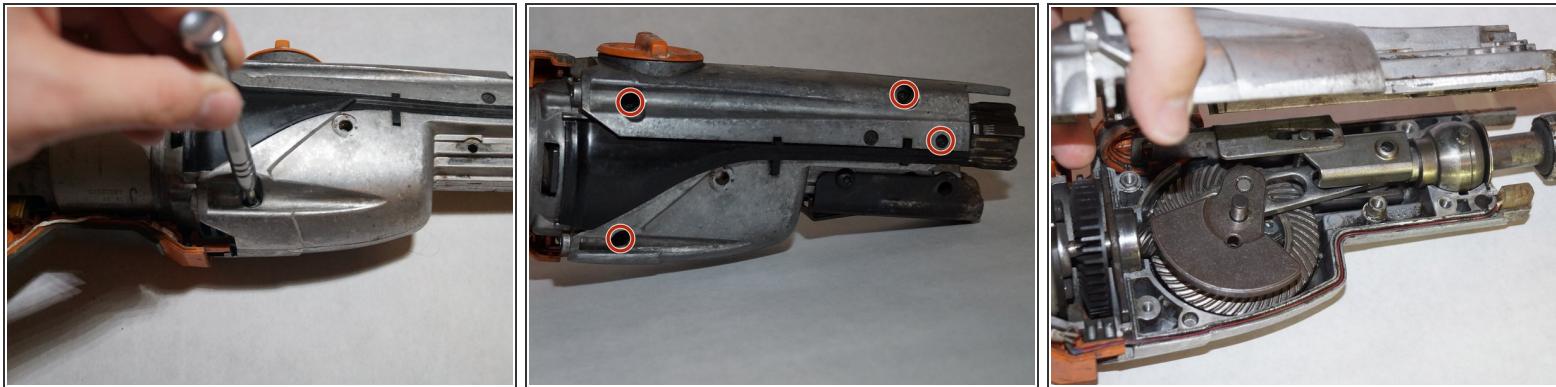
- Remove one half of the plastic housing using a spudger so that the internal system is exposed.

## Step 6



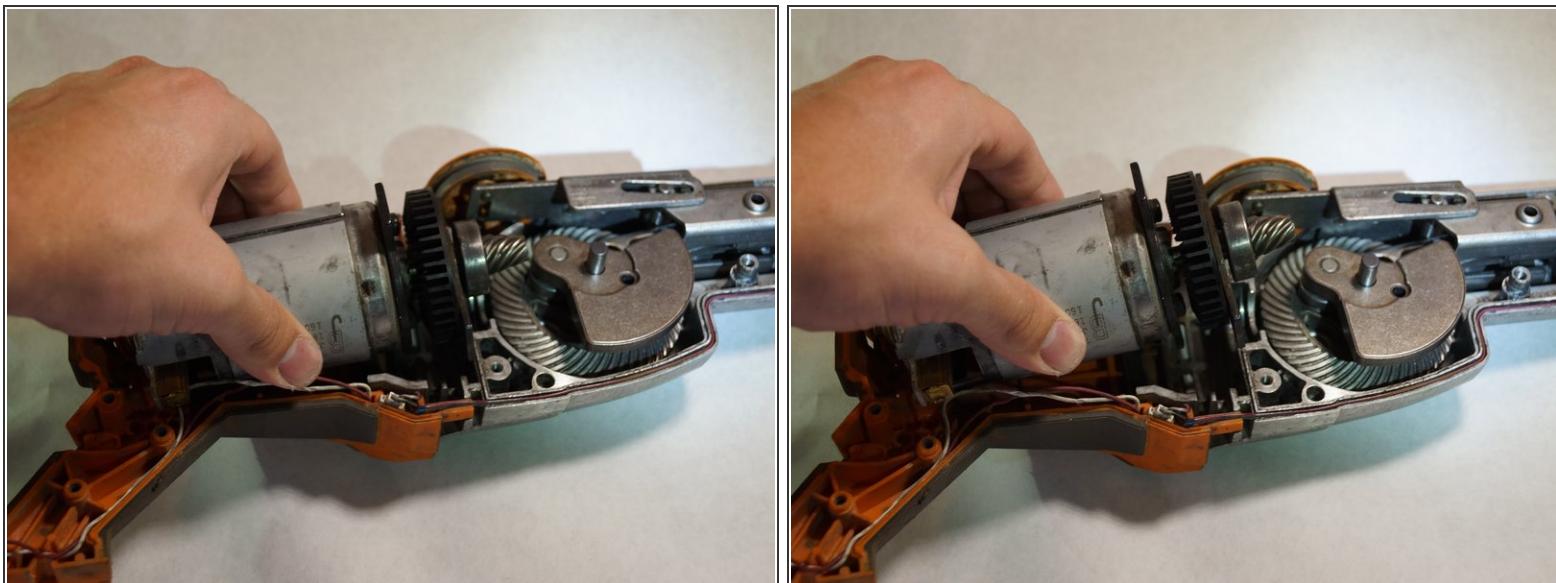
- Remove the one 16mm T20 screw that holds the grip support onto the saw.

## Step 7



- Remove the five T20 Torx screws from the gear assembly cover and pull the cover off.

## Step 8



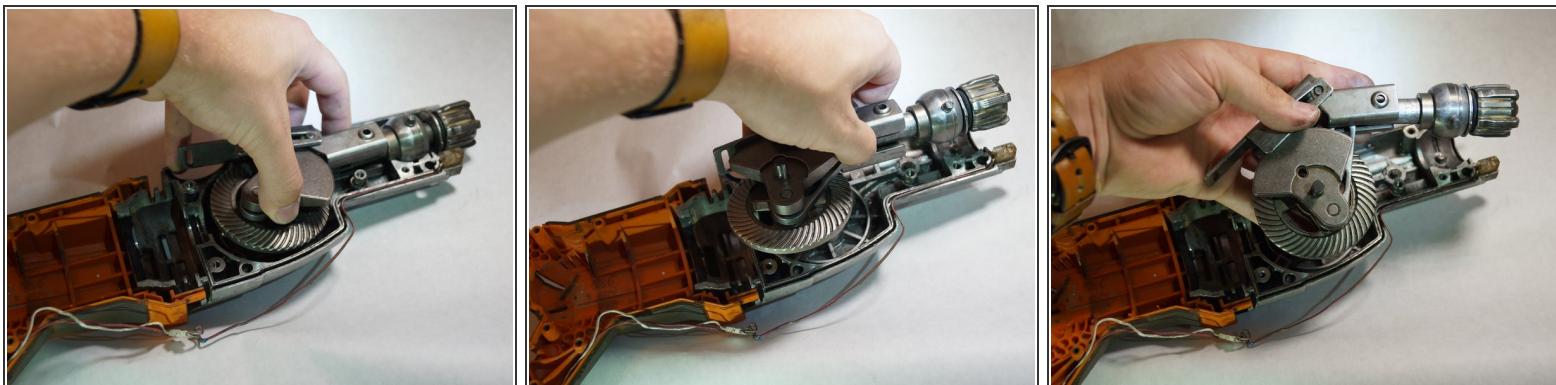
- Carefully remove the motor making sure not to harm any of the wires that are attached. Place motor gently out of the way.

## Step 9



- Remove the orbital switch by pulling straight up on it.
- Be careful to not lose the spring and pin that is inside of the switch.

## Step 10



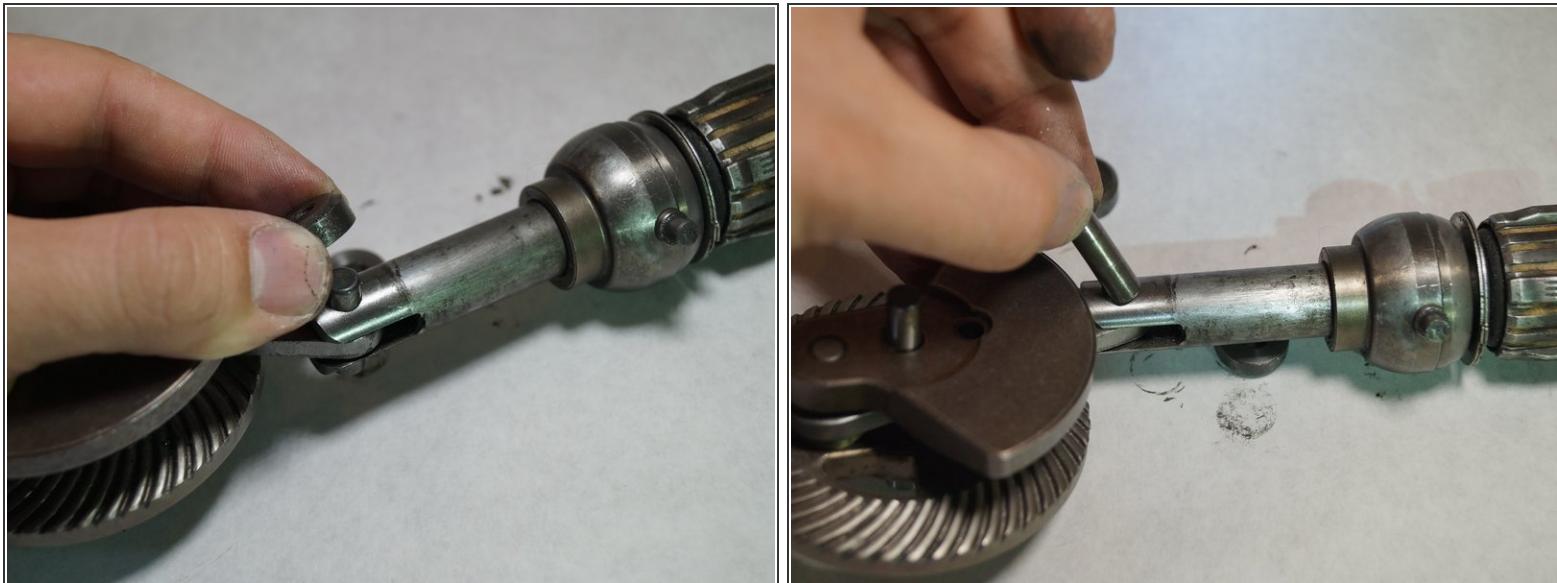
- Remove the gear assembly by pulling it straight up.

## Step 11



- Pull the pin holding the metal guide housing in place.
- Slide the metal guide housing back off the gear assembly.

## Step 12



- Remove the guide bushing by pulling up on it.
- Then slide the pin out that holds the gear assembly and blade clamp assembly.

## Step 13



- Slide the blade clamp assembly off the gear assembly.

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