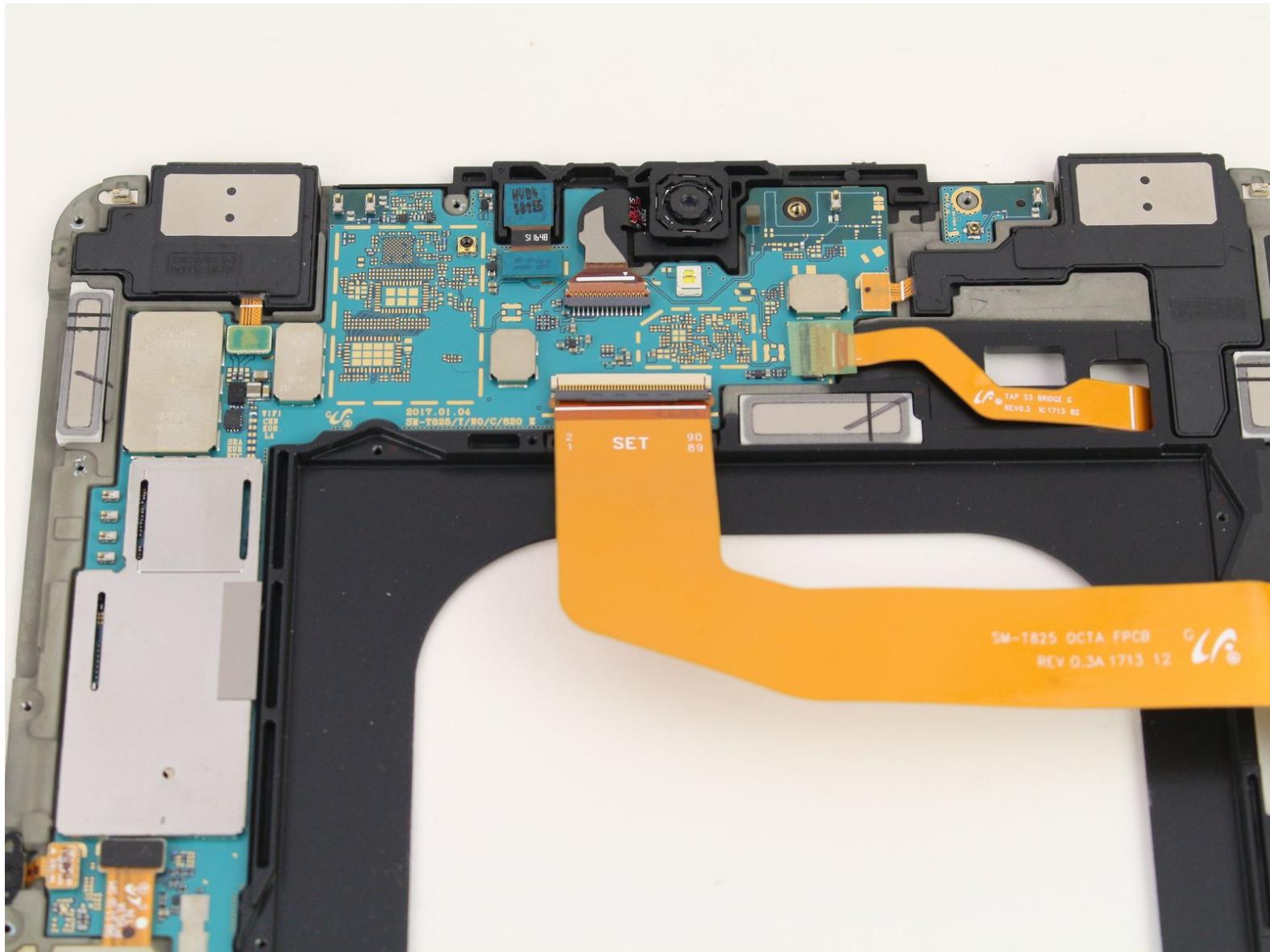




Samsung Galaxy Tab S3 Motherboard Replacement

This guide will show you how to replace your Samsung Galaxy Tab S3 motherboard, which is useful if your device won't turn on.

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INTRODUCTION

The Samsung Galaxy Tab S3 motherboard replacement has multiple steps but once you have gone through the display and battery removal, the motherboard replacement is a straightforward process. Be warned that there are many connectors to undo. A malfunctioning can cause the device to not turn on, unusual visuals on the display, or if your device crashes regularly.

TOOLS:

- [Spudger \(1\)](#)
- [iFixit Opening Tools \(1\)](#)
- [Plastic Cards \(1\)](#)
- [iOpener \(1\)](#)
- [Microwave \(1\)](#)
- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver \(1\)](#)

PARTS:

- [Galaxy Tab S3 9.7 Battery \(1\)](#)

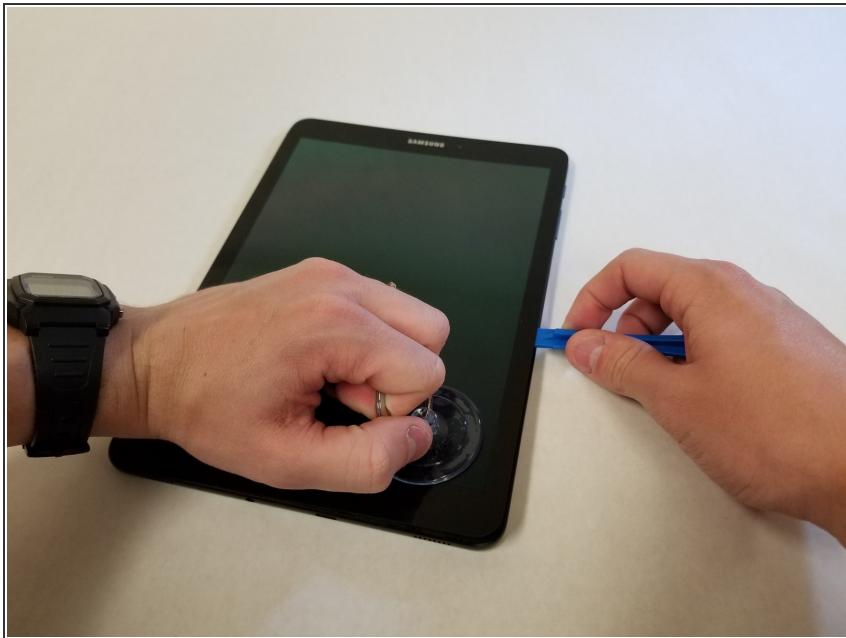
Step 1 — Display



- To soften the adhesive holding the tablet together, heat up the edges of the glass panel using a heated **iOpener** on the edge of the device.
- We used two **iOpeners** to open up the tablet. The process is doable with a single **iOpener**, but would take substantially longer. Alternatively, you can use a heat gun to quickly loosen the adhesive.
- Leave the **iOpener** on edge for two minutes.

i Be careful not to burn yourself while handling the hot **iOpener**. For more information on the **iOpener**, use the [iOpener Instructions Guide](#).

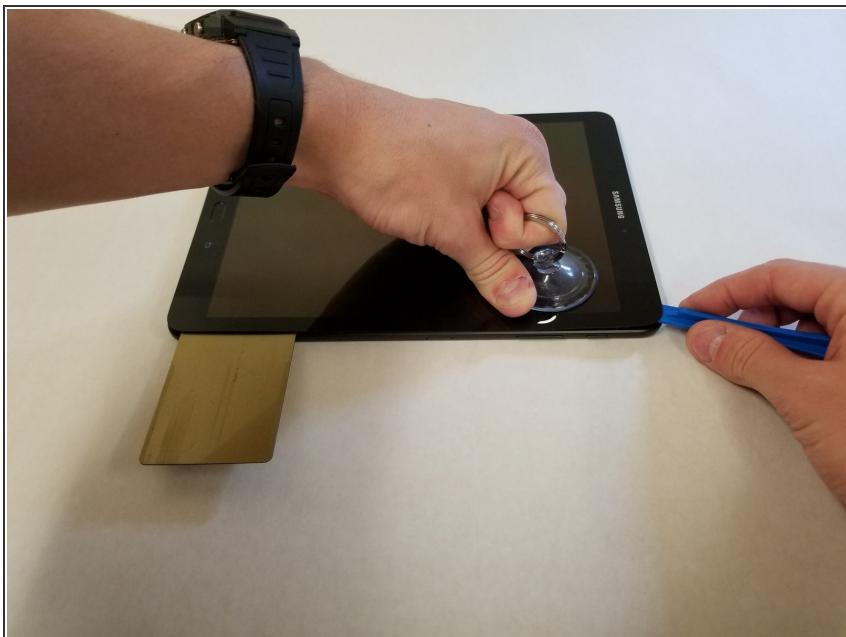
Step 2



- Place a **suction cup** near edge that you heated up with the **iOpener**.
- Press down on the **suction cup** to create a seal, and pull up with force to create a separation between the display and the midframe.
- Use an **opening tool** to split apart the glass panel from the midframe.

 Be careful to not break the glass when prying from the frame.

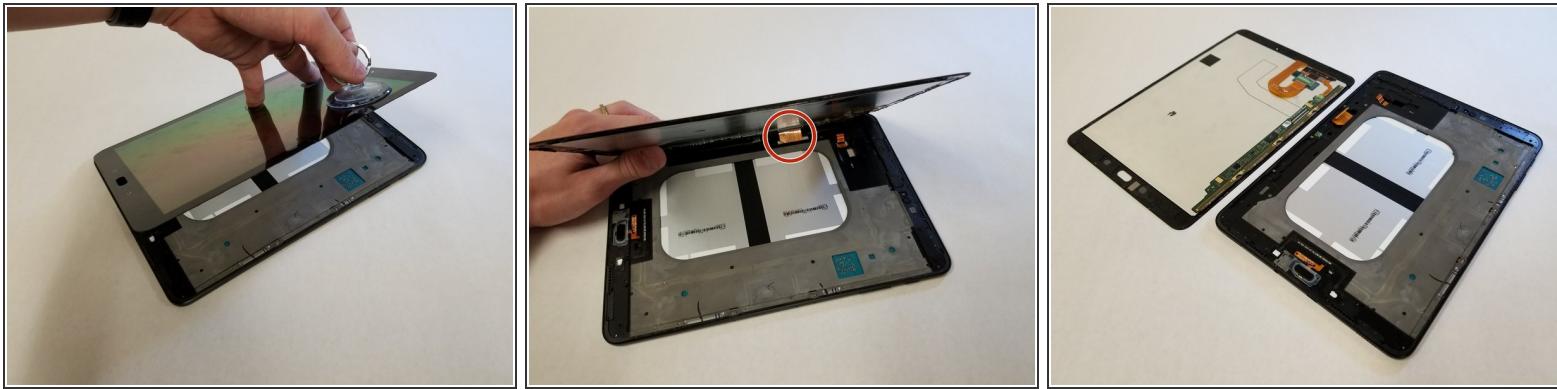
Step 3



- As you continue along the edge using the **opening tool**, use a **plastic card** to keep the glass separate from the midframe.

 You can also use multiple **opening picks** instead of a **plastic card**.

Step 4



⚠ As you remove the glass panel, be careful not to tear the ribbon connecting the motherboard to the display.

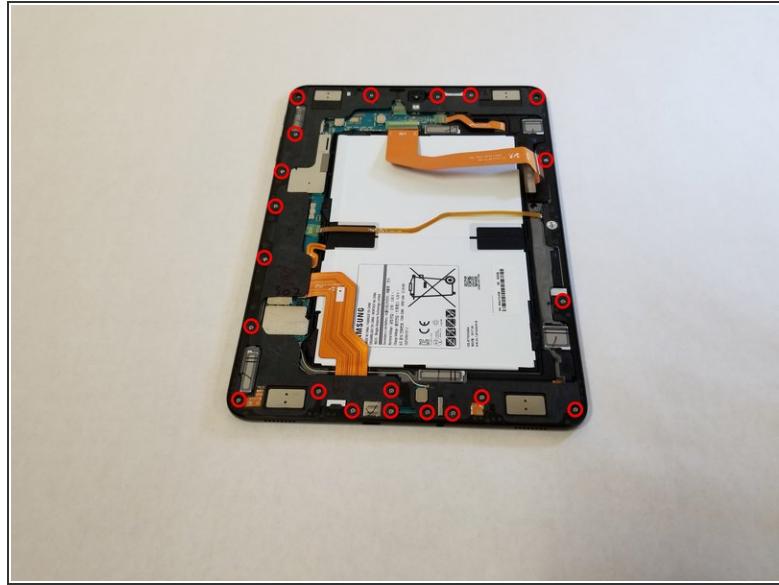
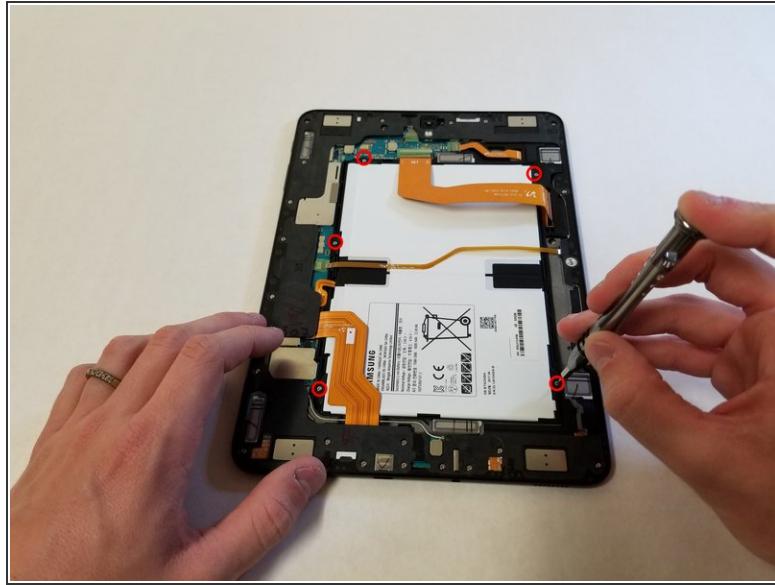
- Pull off the glass panel using the **suction cup**.
- Carefully disconnect the ribbon connecting the display assembly to the motherboard. You can disconnect this ribbon from either end.

Step 5



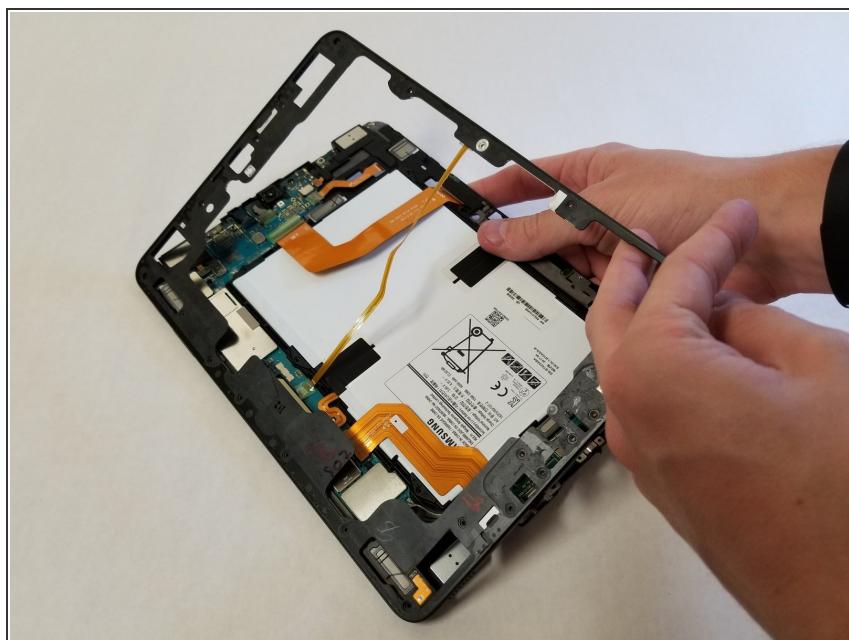
- Repeat steps 3 through 7 to remove the rear glass panel on the opposite side of the device.

Step 6 — Battery



- Use a Phillips #000 screwdriver to unscrew the five screws securing the battery, and the twenty-two screws surrounding the midframe.

Step 7



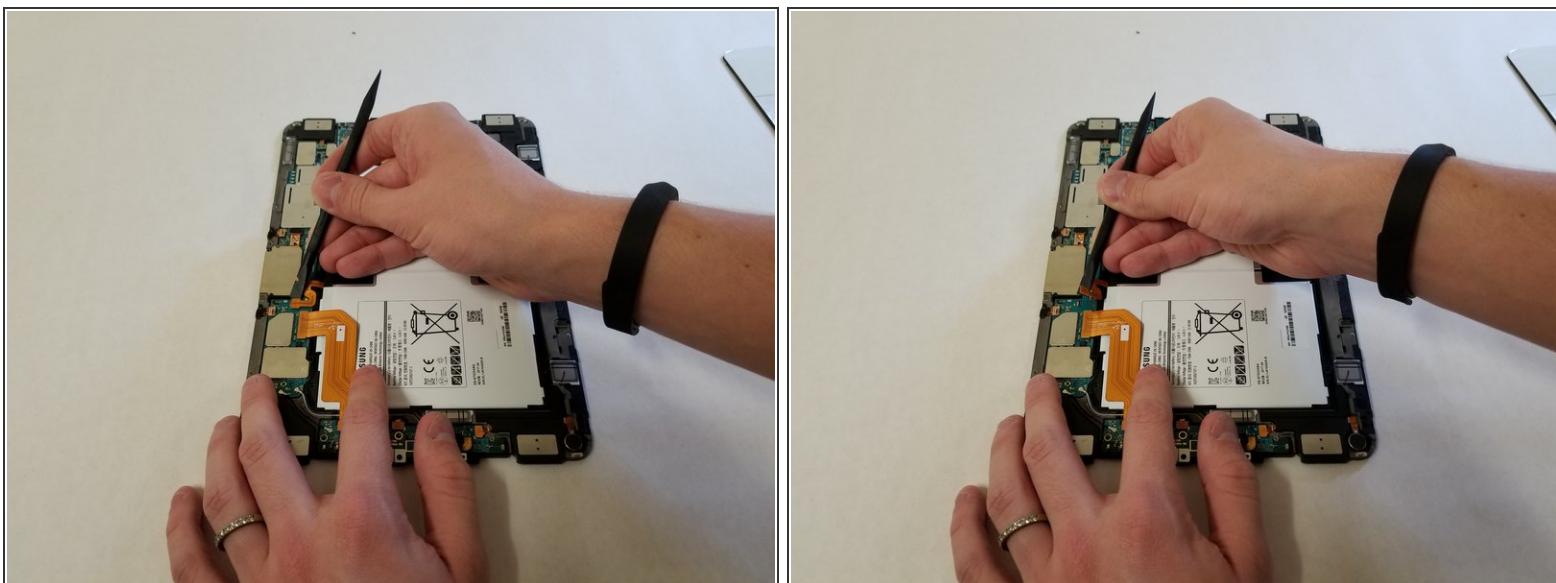
- The midframe should snap off from the device's motherboard.

Step 8



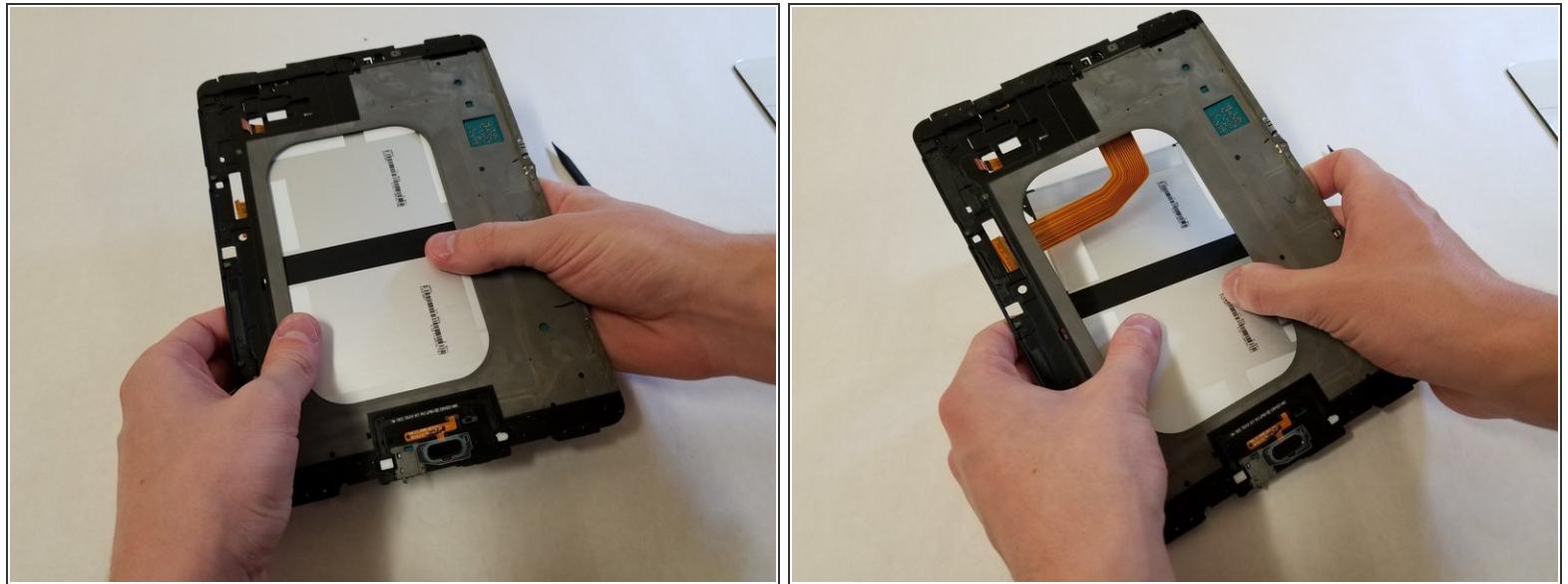
- Locate the ribbon running from the midframe and disconnect it from the motherboard with the flat end of a **spudger**.

Step 9



- Use the flat end of the **spudger** to pop off the connector between the battery and the motherboard.

Step 10



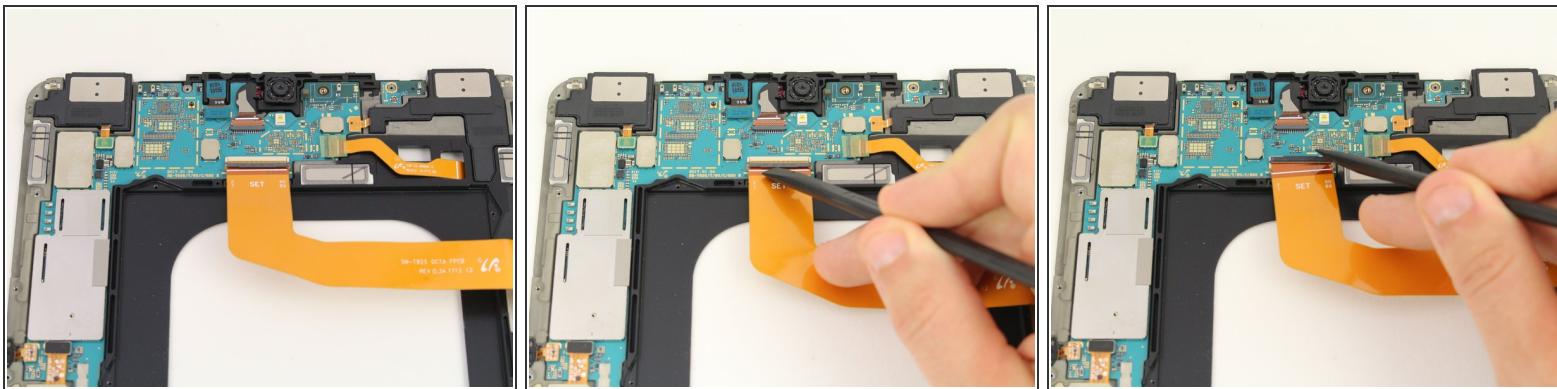
- Flip the midframe over and pop the battery out, making sure to slide it out from underneath the ribbon cables.

Step 11



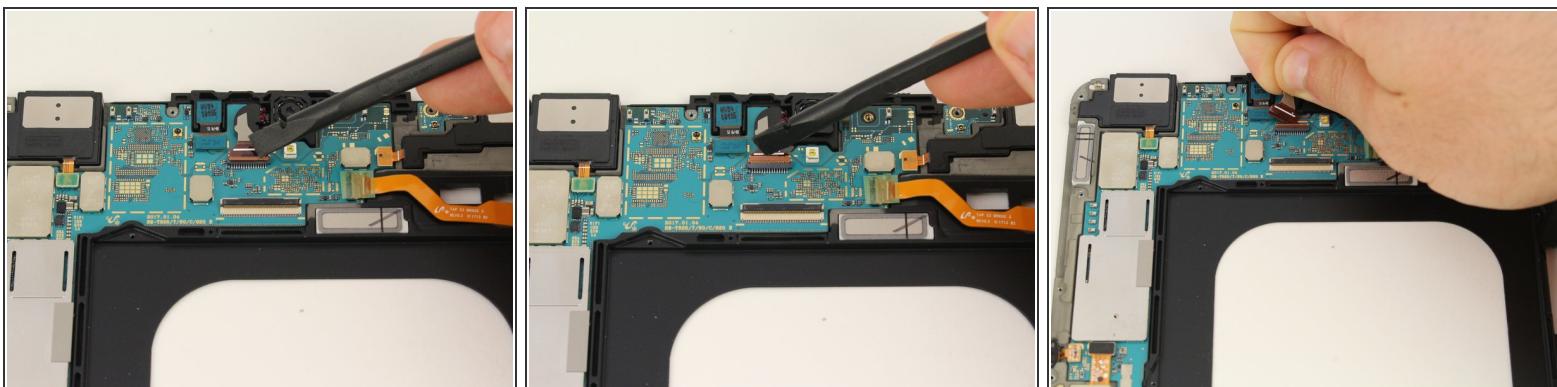
- The battery should now be removed and detached from the device.

Step 12 — Motherboard



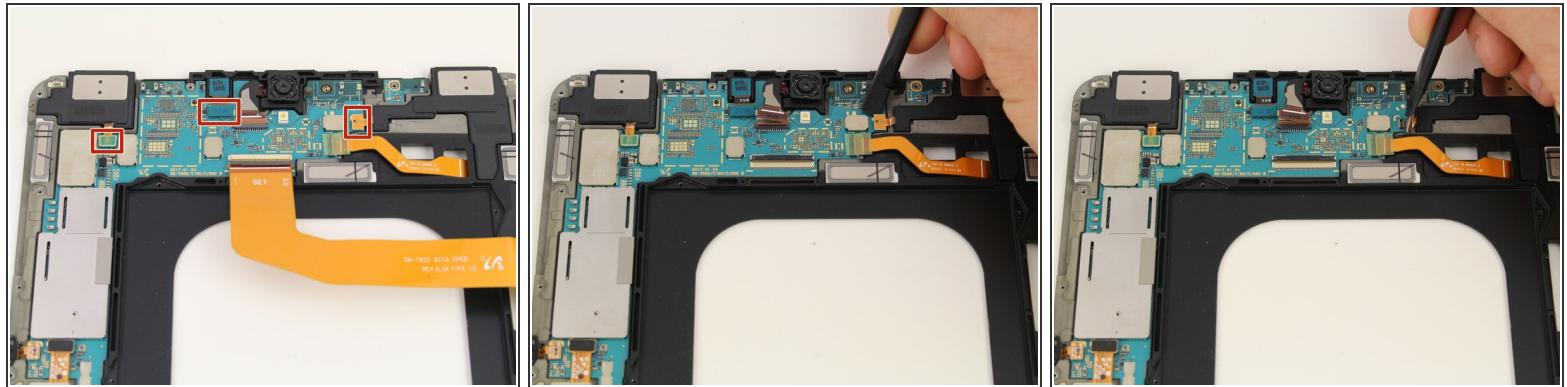
- Use the black nylon spudger to lift the gray ZIF connector up and pull out the orange ribbon cable below the camera.

Step 13



- Remove the ribbon cable for the front facing camera after popping the red ZIF connector bar up with a spudger.

Step 14



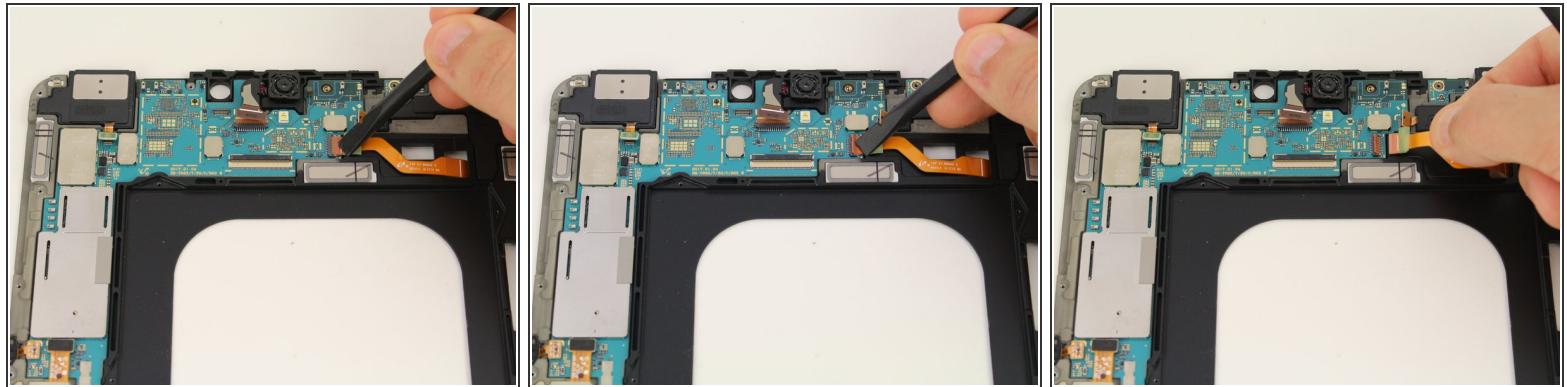
- Disconnect the three press fit connectors in the top section of the midframe by prying upwards with the spudger.

Step 15



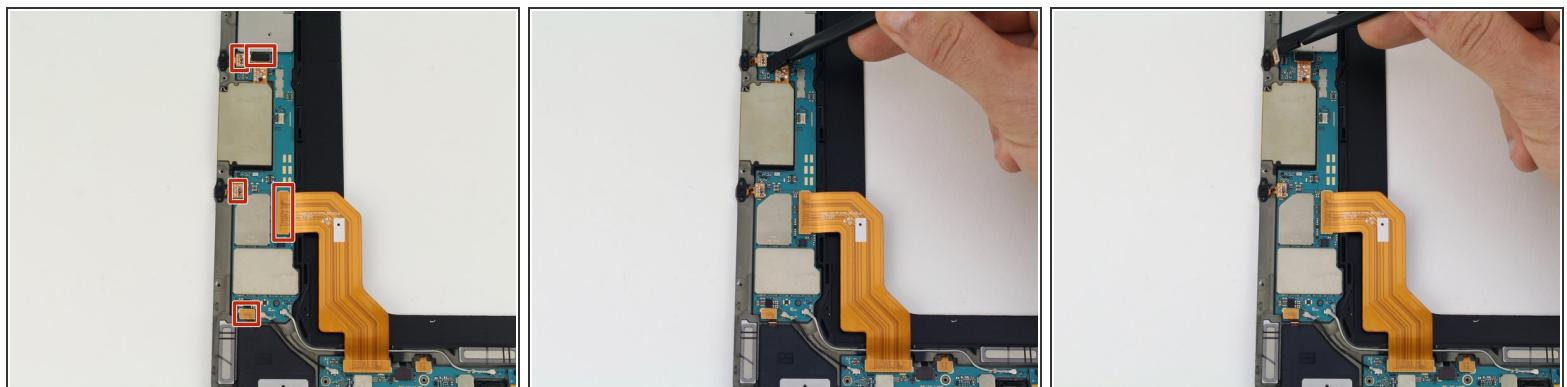
- Pull back the green tape on the upper section of the motherboard with your tweezers to reveal the ZIF connector below.

Step 16



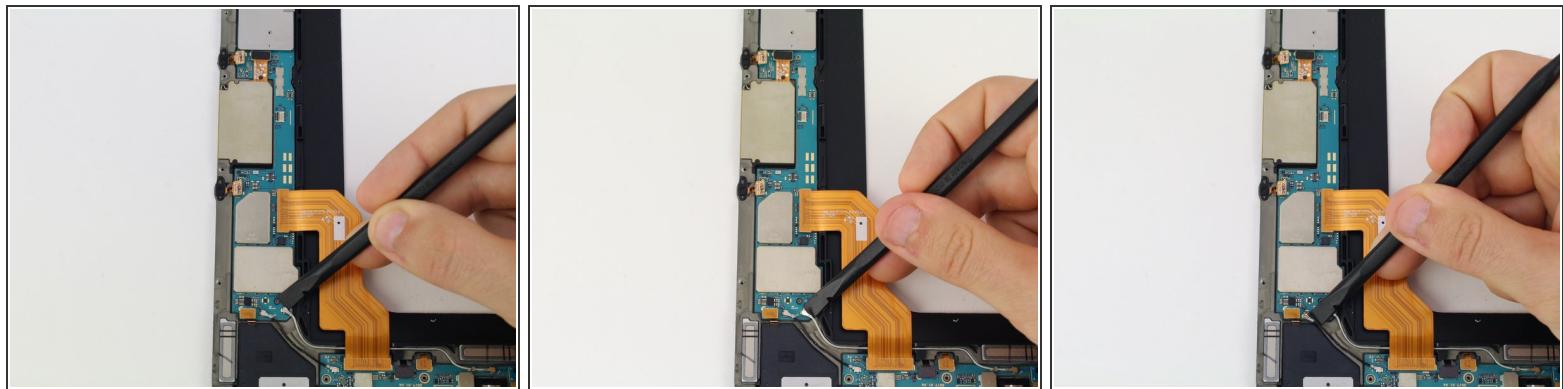
- Push the red bar up from the ZIF connector with the spudger and pull the orange, touchpad ribbon cable out.

Step 17



- Use the spudger to disconnect five more press fit connectors on the left side of the motherboard by prying upwards.

Step 18



- Pop the coaxial antenna cables off from the motherboard with the spudger.

Step 19



- Using your fingers, move all the cables aside and wiggle the motherboard free.

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