



Sidekick II Teardown

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INTRODUCTION

Complete teardown of Sidekick II

TOOLS:

- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)
- [T6 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)

Step 1 — Outer Casing



- Use the plastic opening tool to remove the 4 buttons on each corner of the Sidekick.
- Gently pry open button and remove button.
- Do this for each of the 3 buttons remaining.

Step 2



- The bumpers on the top and bottom of the phone can be removed by simply "peeling" them off.

Step 3



- Use the Phillips head screwdriver to remove the 4 screws that are underneath the 4 buttons you removed in step one.

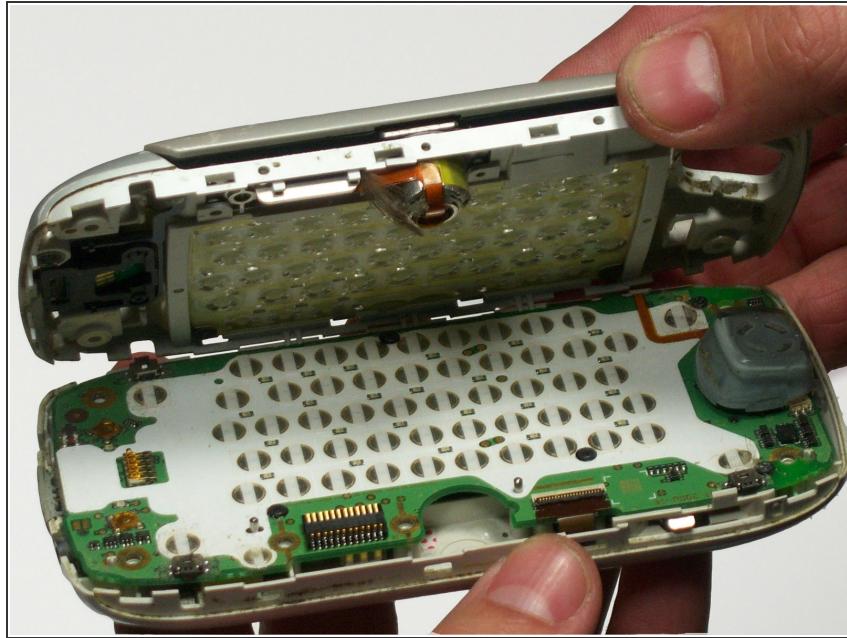
Step 4



- Flip the screen up halfway (90 degrees), to reveal the 2 screws above the right side of the keyboard.
- Use the Torx 6 screwdriver to remove these 2 screws.

⚠ Be careful in handling the phone after removing the screws, because the two main bodies of the phone are no longer attached.

Step 5



- After removing the 6 screws and both bumpers, the phone will be easy to separate into the two main bodies.
- You can use your hands to simply pull apart the top casing from the bottom casing.

Step 6 — Sidekick II Teardown



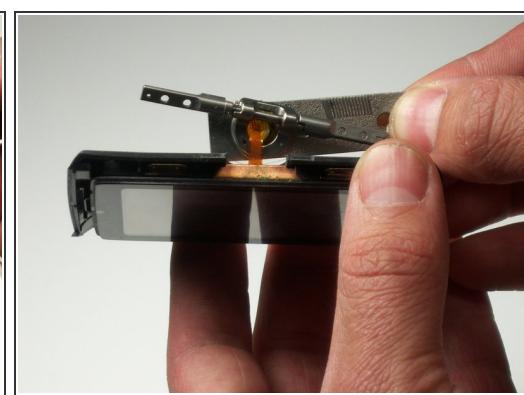
- Remove screen from casing.

Step 7



- Remove 4 screws from back of screen using Torx 6 Screwdriver.
- Pry screen out of casing using fingers.

Step 8



- Remove 4 screws from front of screen with Phillip screwdrivers.
- Peel off the metal covering on the back of the screen.

⚠ Be careful when taking off the metal covering. The orange ribbon will not come out all the way, and it is fragile.

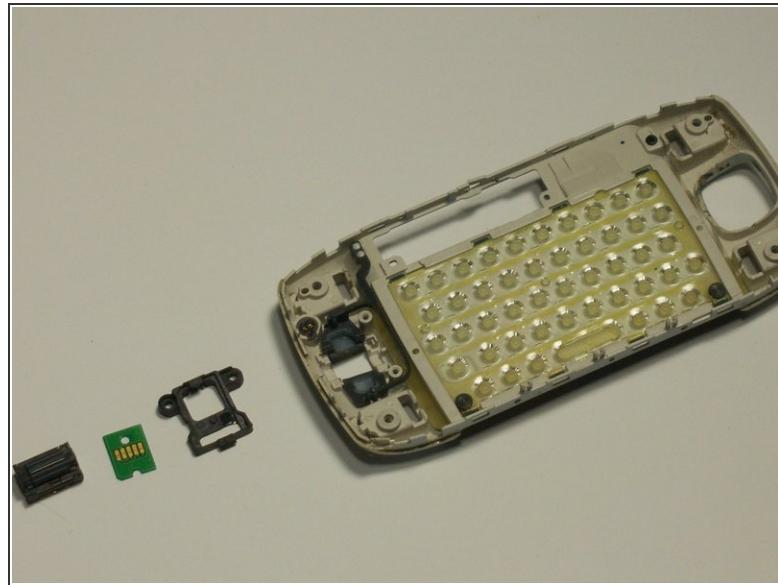
Step 9



- Remove the protective cover in front of the screen.

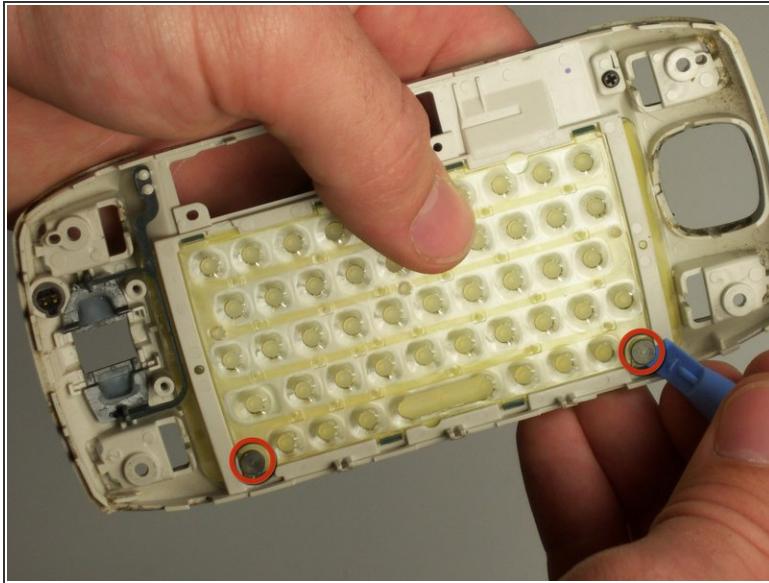
 Do not use metal tools, you may damage the protective cover or the screen. Use your fingers only.

Step 10



- Take the screws out using the Torx 6 screwdriver.
- Then lift the thumb wheel and housing off of the front panel.

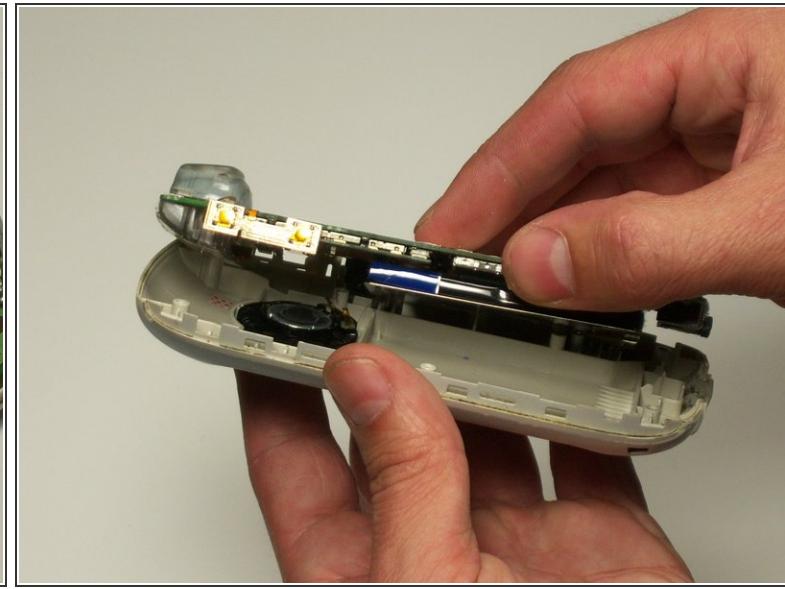
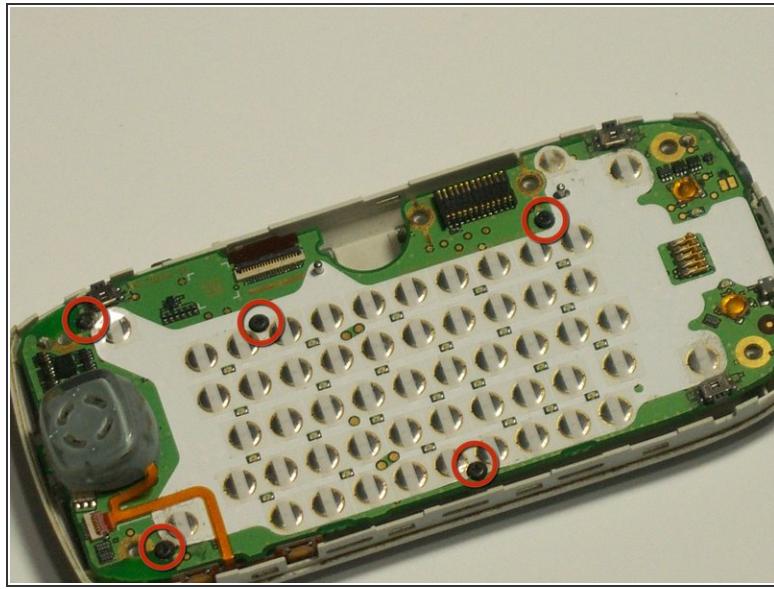
Step 11



- Remove 2 black "rivets" from back of casing with the plastic opening tool.

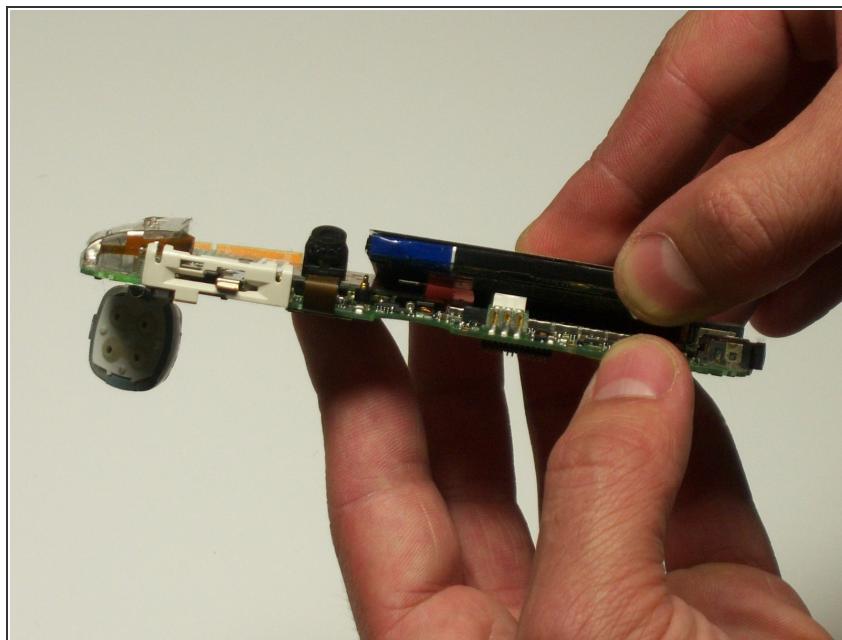
 Press keyboard out of front of casing using thumbs. Don't press too hard as you may break the board.

Step 12



- Remove the 5 black screws with a Phillips head screwdriver.
- Lift the bottom of the control board from housing, and separate the two.

Step 13



- Carefully remove battery and back plate.

⚠ Do not use metal tools, you may damage the control board. Use only your fingers.

Step 14



- Here are all of the pieces that you have disassembled