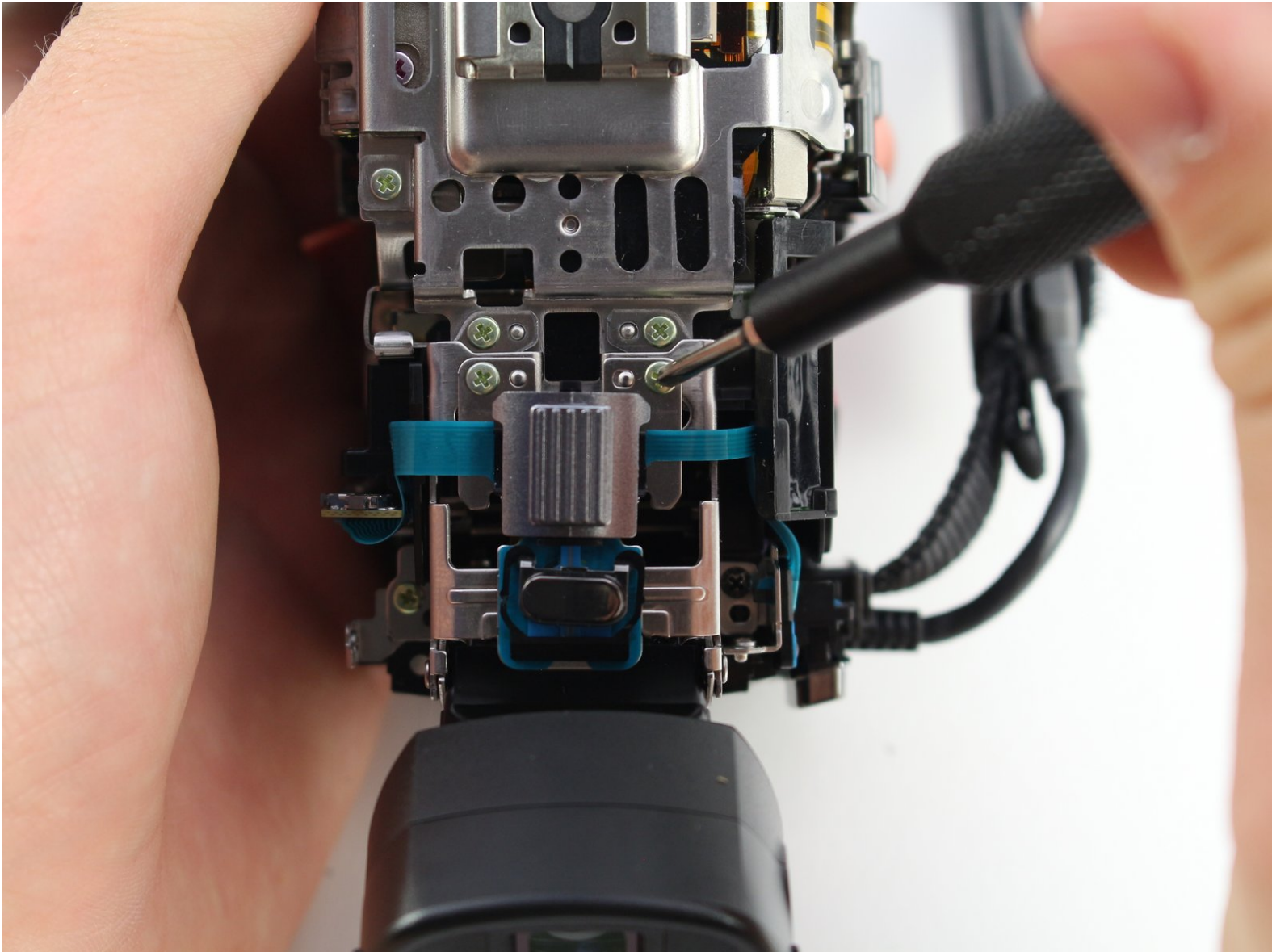




# Sony Handycam FDR-AX33 Zoom and Photo Button Replacement

Use this guide to replace the zoom and photo button on your Sony Handycam FDR-AX33.

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## INTRODUCTION

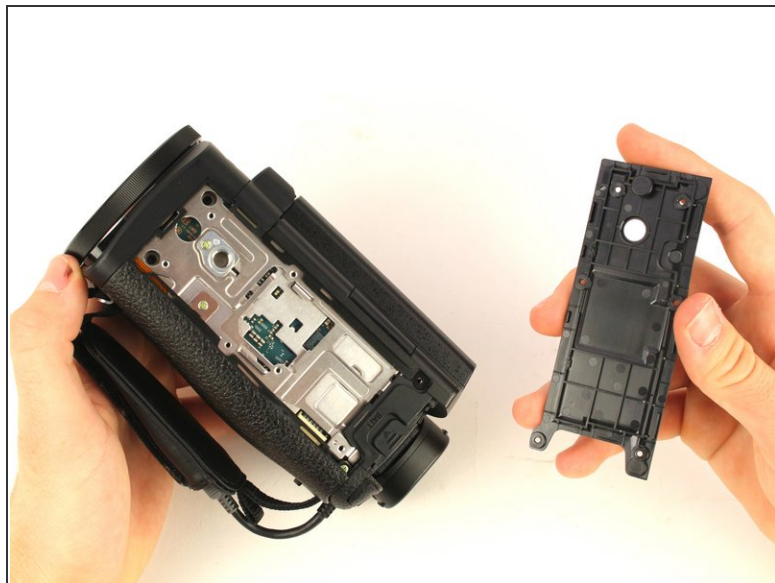
This guide will help you if your zoom button or the photo button is failing to function properly. You will need to be cautious throughout the procedure as the buttons are very fragile.

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### TOOLS:

- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
  - [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)
  - [Spudger](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — Panel



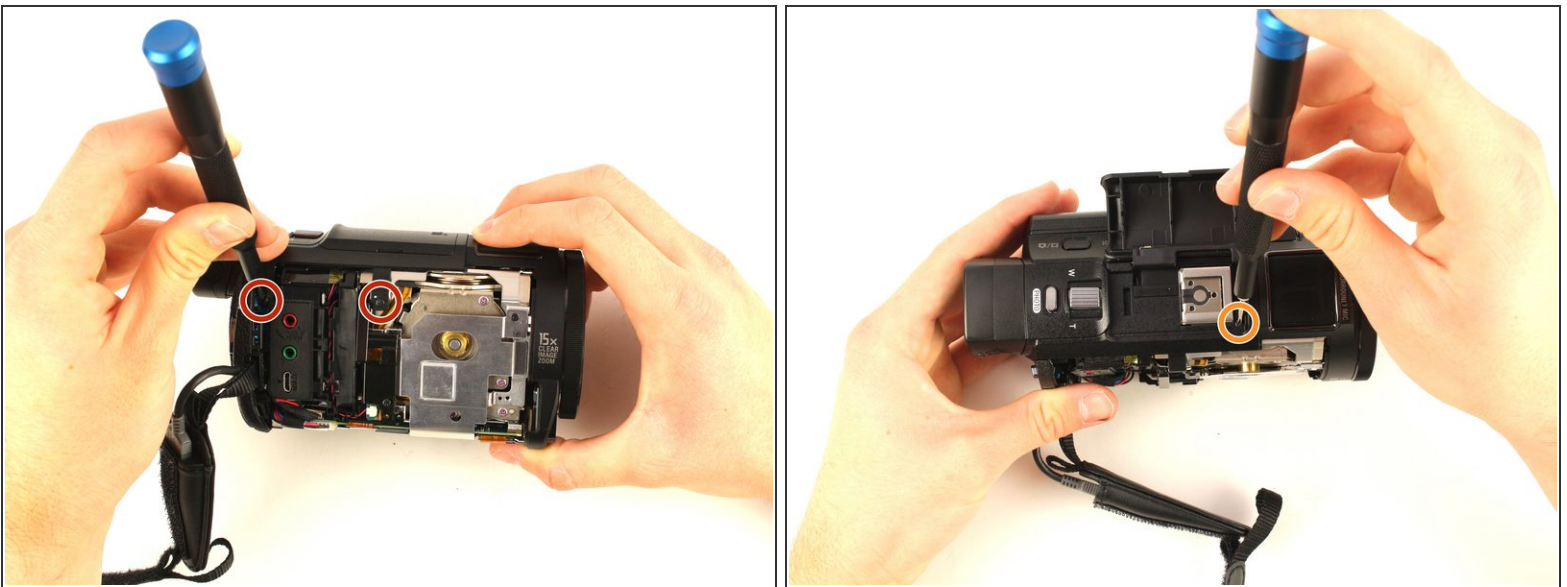
- i** Remove the battery by pushing the latch towards the body of the camera. Push the battery down and pull it out.
- Remove the six black 4 mm Phillips #00 screws from the bottom panel of the camera.
- Pull off the bottom panel. It may be difficult, but tugging on it shouldn't cause harm to yourself or the device.
- i** Be sure to un-velcro the handle strap.

## Step 2



- Remove the 3 mm Phillips #00 screw from the bottom of the camera.
  - Remove the 4 mm Phillips #00 screw from the right panel.
  - Pull the right panel off. Again, it might be difficult, but pulling hard shouldn't harm you or the camera.
- i** You may have to use the opening tool to remove this panel.

## Step 3



- Remove the two 4 mm Phillips #00 screws from the top right corner of the camera.
- Remove the 4 mm Phillips #00 screw from in front of the flash mount.

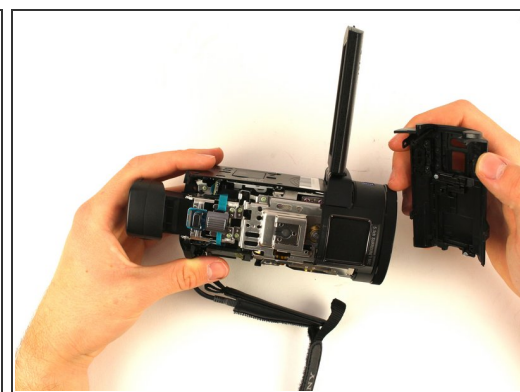


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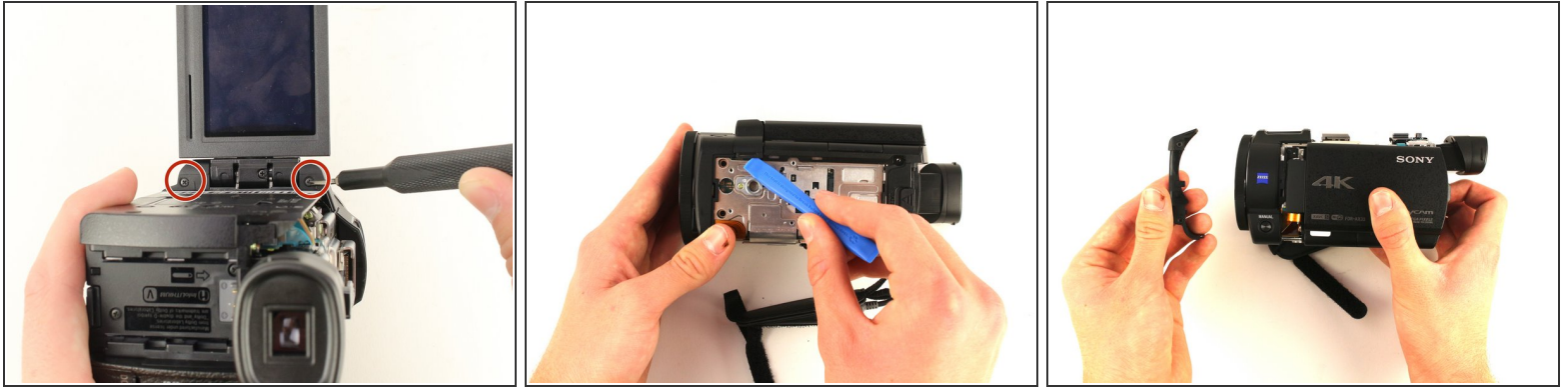
- Remove the 3 mm Phillips #00 screw from below the right side of the battery slot.
- Remove the black 5 mm Phillips #00 screw from the top of the battery slot.

## Step 5



- Remove the three 4 mm Phillips #00 screws from the left panel underneath the display screen.
- ⓘ You'll need to extend the eyepiece by pulling it out from the body of the camera.
- Pull the top panel off of the device with the iFixit opening tool.

## Step 6



- Remove the top and bottom 4 mm Phillips #00 screws from the display screen hinge.
- Use the iFixit opening tool to remove the screen hinge.

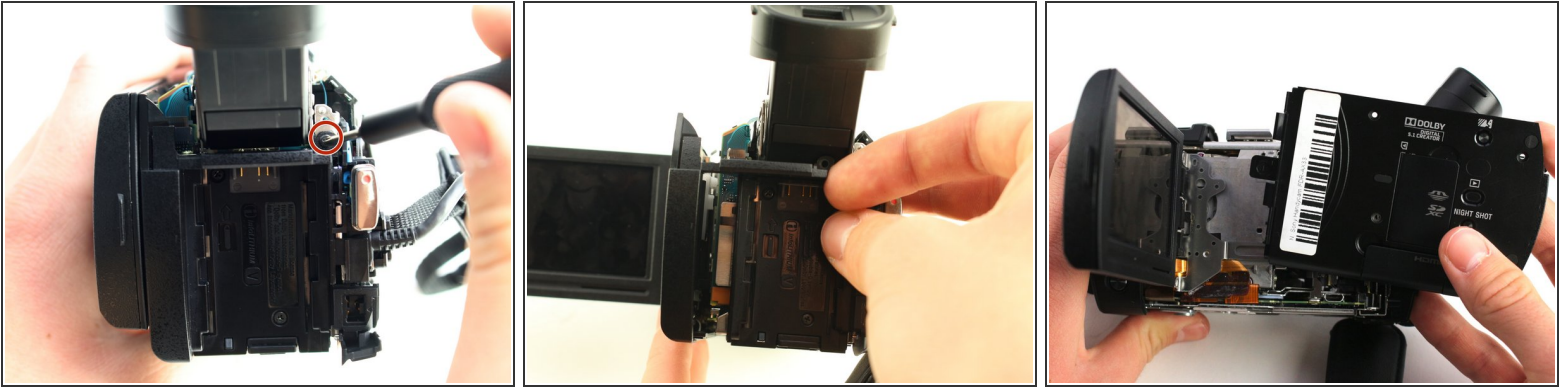
## Step 7



- Remove the 3 mm Phillips #00 screw from between the eyepiece and the panel directly to the right of the battery slot.
- ⓘ Angle the eyepiece up to reach the screw with the screwdriver.
- Take the panel directly to the right of the battery slot off of the camera.

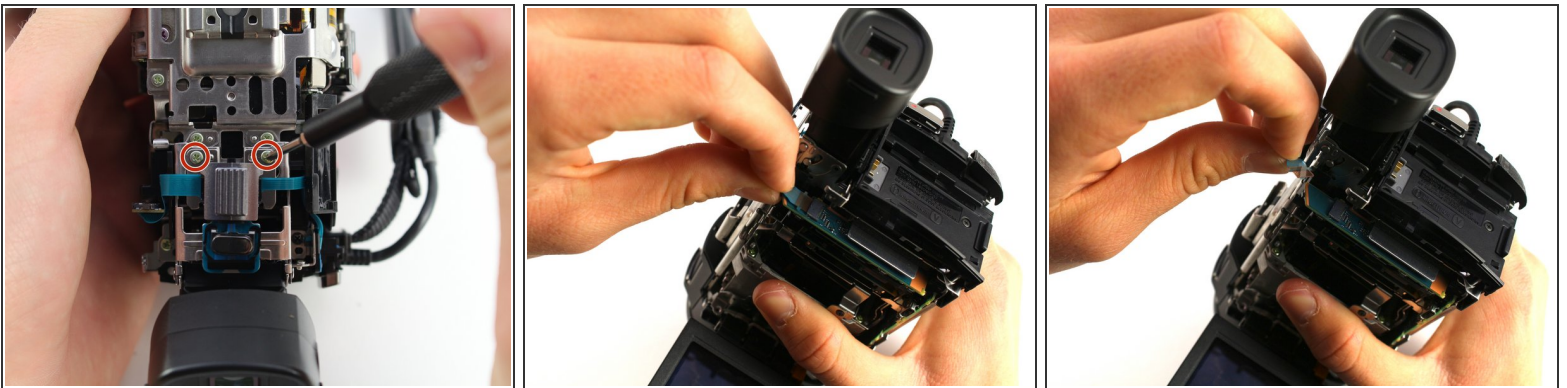


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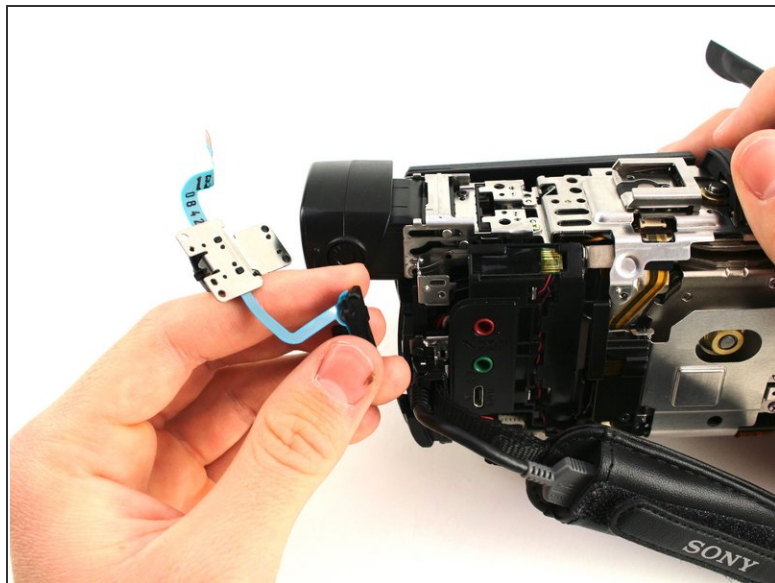
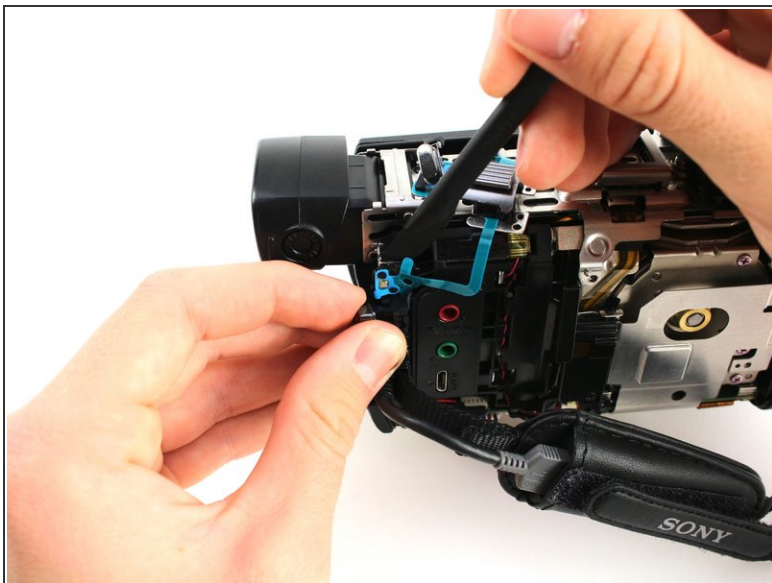
- Remove the 4 mm Phillips #00 screw above and to the right of the battery slot.
  - Pry the left panel out at an angle by pushing the plastic slat between the battery slot and the eyepiece.
  - Wiggle the left panel and pull it out gently.
- i** The left panel can be hard to remove so make sure to apply a good amount of force, but be cautious to not harm yourself or the device.

## Step 9 — Zoom, Photo, and Record Button



- Remove the two 3 mm Phillips screws directly in front of the zoom button.
- Slide the blue copper PCB out of the connector.

## Step 10



- Unclip the black plastic piece from behind the record button in order to remove the photo, record, and zoom buttons.
- ⓘ Use the black nylon spudger to remove the record button.

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