



Sony VAIO VPC-EB33FM Hard Drive Replacement

The purpose of this installation guide is to provide instructions on removing and installing the hard drive of the Sony VAIO VPC-EB33FM laptop.

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INTRODUCTION

This guide will inform readers on how to safely uninstall the hard drive of the Sony VAIO VPC-EB33FM laptop using your hands and a Phillips #00 screwdriver.

TOOLS:

- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)

PARTS:

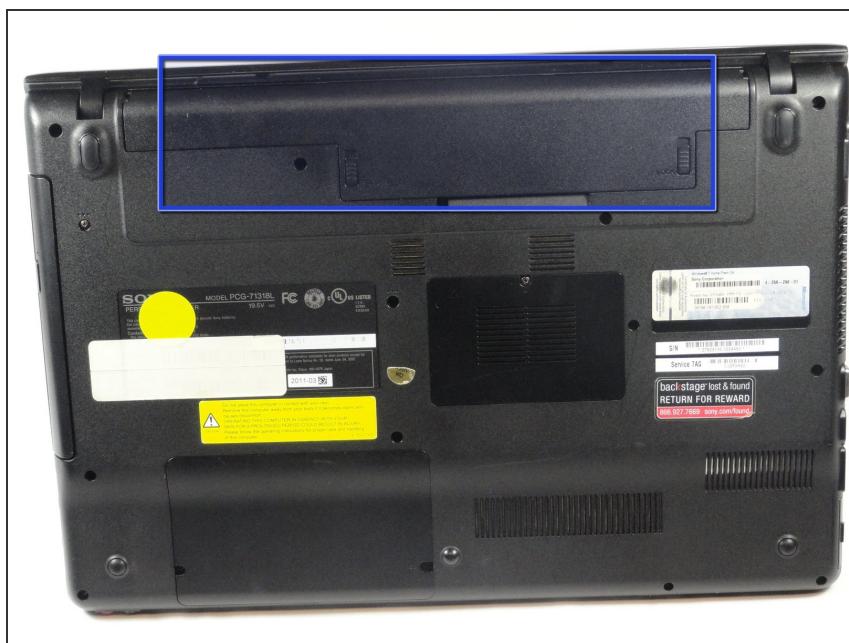
- [500 GB 5400 RPM Western Digital - Scorpio Blue SATA-II Hard Drive](#) (1)

Step 1 — Battery



- If the laptop isn't turned off, then do so by holding down the power button.
- Turn the laptop onto its backside.

Step 2



- Locate the battery below the screen attachment.
- *(i)* The battery is shaped as a long rectangle with rounded edges.

Step 3



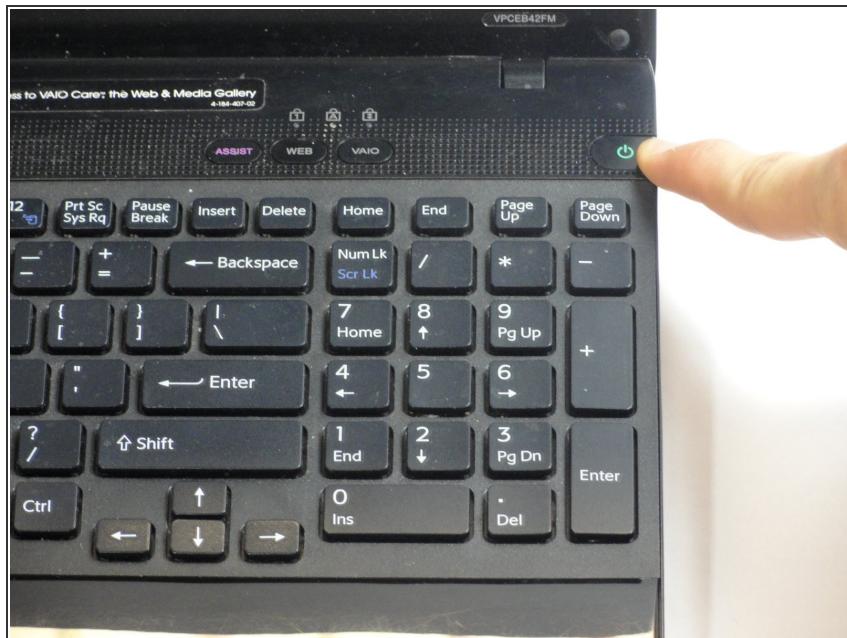
- Press into the release button while holding the unlock button in position.

Step 4



- Lift the battery out at the notch while holding the release button.

Step 5 — Hard Drive



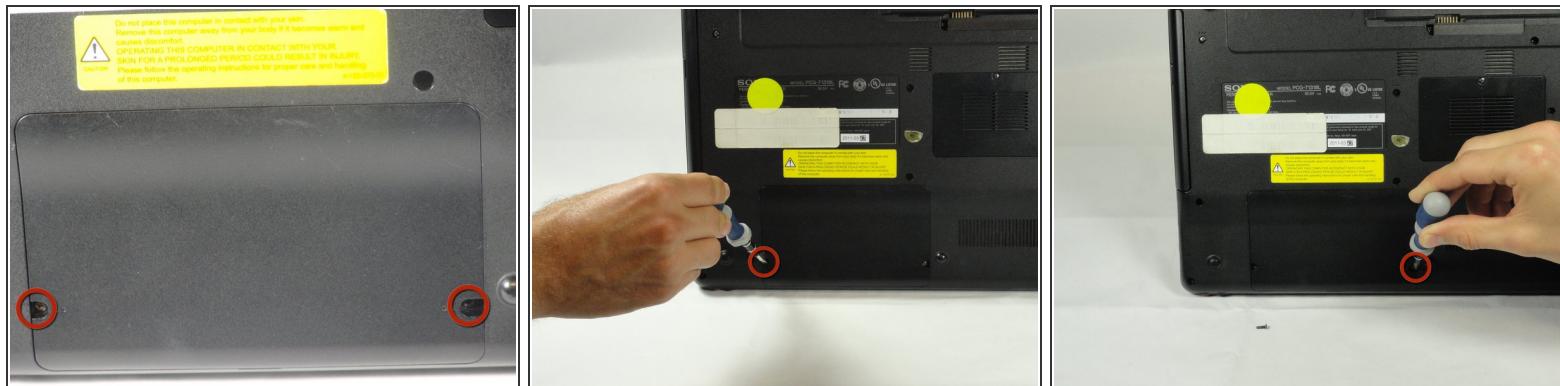
- Remove all charge from the laptop by holding down the power button for at least 5 seconds.

Step 6



- Turn laptop onto its backside and locate the hard drive cover panel.

Step 7



- Use a Phillips #00 screwdriver to remove the two 7.75-mm cover screws on the bottom corners of the panel.

Step 8



- Use a finger/fingernail to grip the notch at the bottom of the panel to lift it off.

(i) You may need to use your other hand to safely remove the panel.

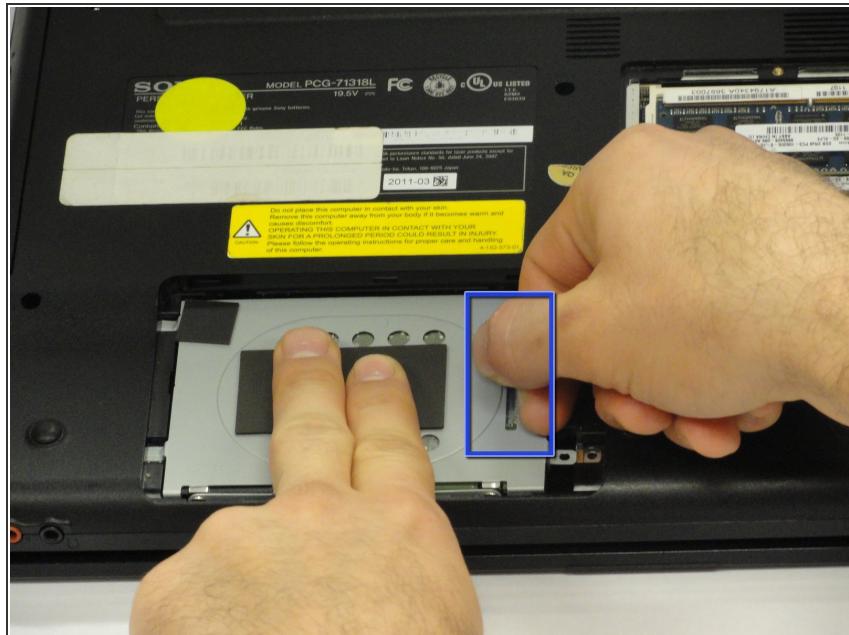
(i) You can also use a spudger for this step

Step 9



- ⓘ The hard drive should now be exposed.
- Remove the two remaining 7.75-mm screws using the Phillips #00 screwdriver.

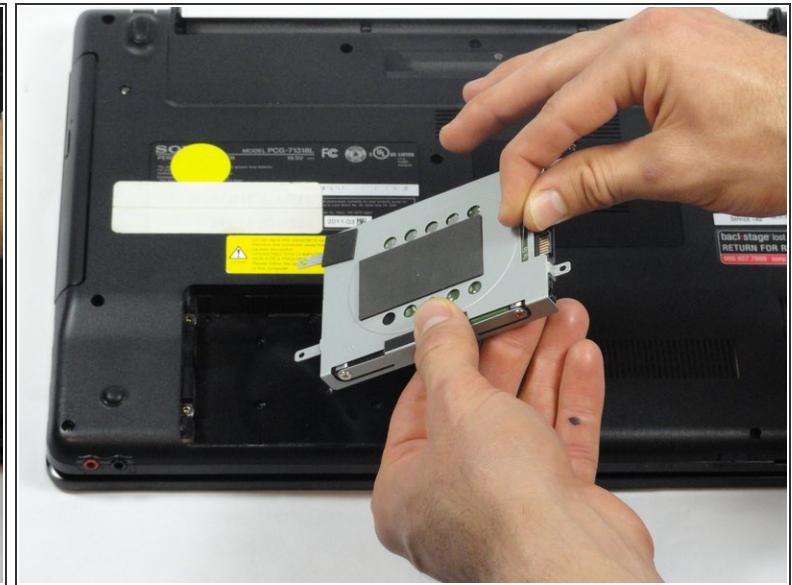
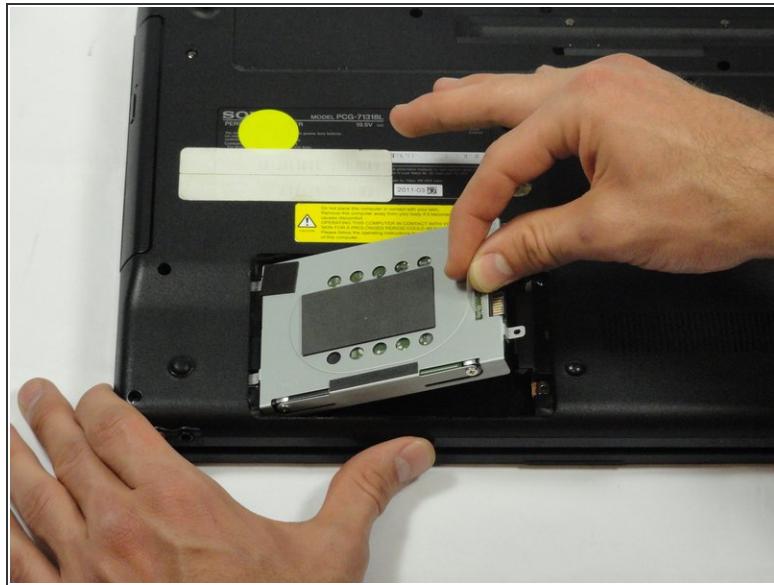
Step 10



- Grab the tab between your thumb and index finger.
- Hold the hard drive securely in a horizontal position using your other hand.
- Push the hard drive to the left using the plastic tab to disconnect it from the laptop.

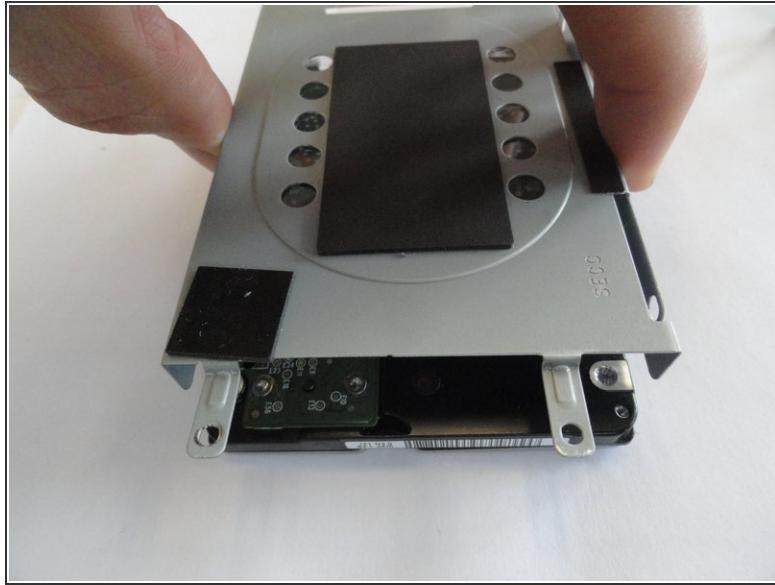
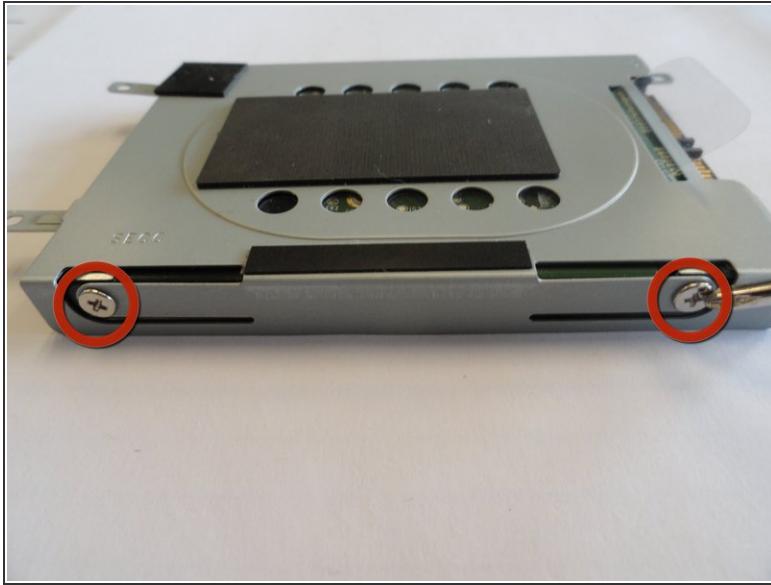
⚠ To prevent damage of the connection on the hard disk drive or the laptop, perform this task slowly and with care.

Step 11



- While still holding the plastic tab, lift the right side of the hard drive out at a 45° angle.
- Pull the hard drive out.

Step 12



- If you need to remove the bracket from the hard drive, follow the next few steps:
 - Remove the two 3.67-mm screws from either side of the bracket with a Phillips #00 screwdriver.
 - Lift the bracket off the hard drive.

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