



Sony Vaio PCG-3C2L Hard Drive Replacement

How to replace a hard drive in a Sony VAIO PCG-3C2L laptop.

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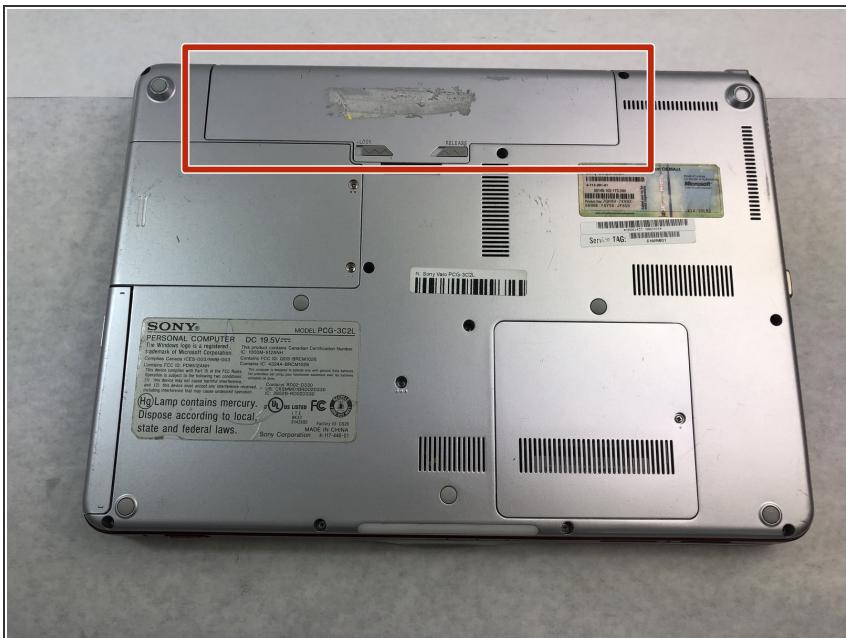
INTRODUCTION

The hard drive stores all the user's data in the laptop, so once the hard drive fails all of the laptop's data is harder to restore. A hard drive would only have to be removed if the laptop's screen fails to display, which is often associated with overheating, or if the user is looking to store a larger data set. Before replacing, make sure the replacement hard drive and a Phillips #0 screwdriver are present.

TOOLS:

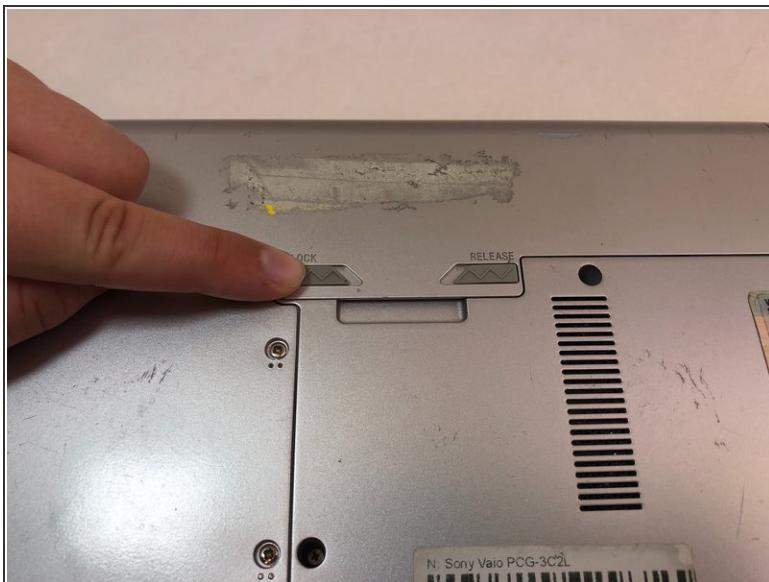
- [iFixit Opening Tools \(1\)](#)
- [Phillips #0 Screwdriver \(1\)](#)

Step 1 — Battery



- Turn your computer over so the bottom is facing up.
- The battery should be in the top on the back of the computer.

Step 2



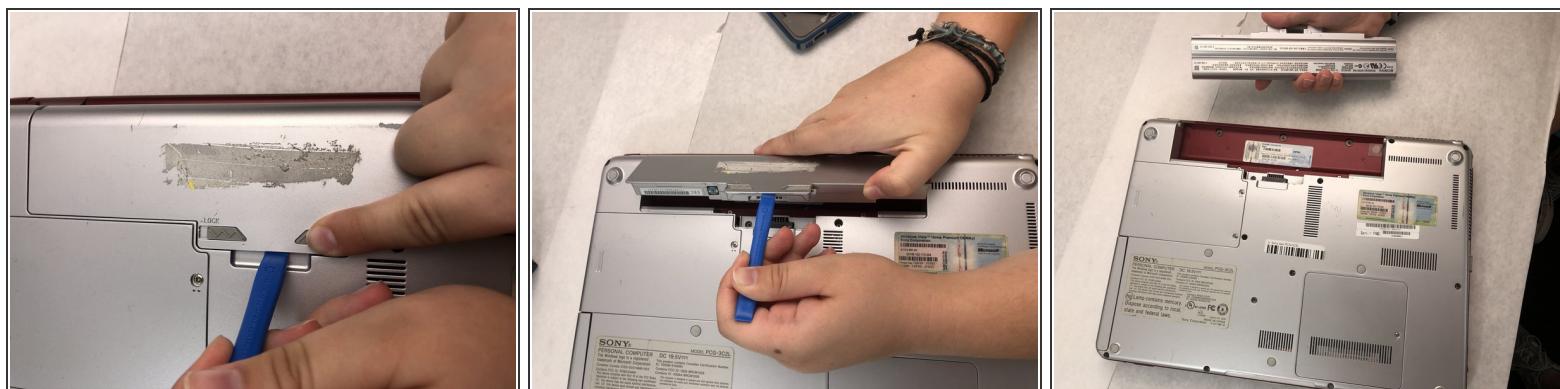
- Initially, the "lock" button should be pushed all the way to the left. To unlock the battery, move the lock button from the left to the right.

Step 3



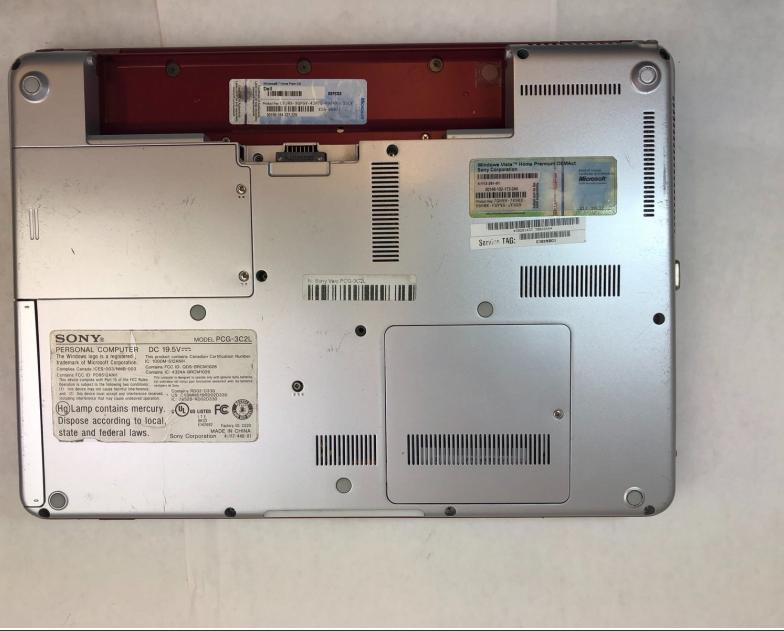
- After unlocking the battery, hold the "release" button and push to the left.

Step 4



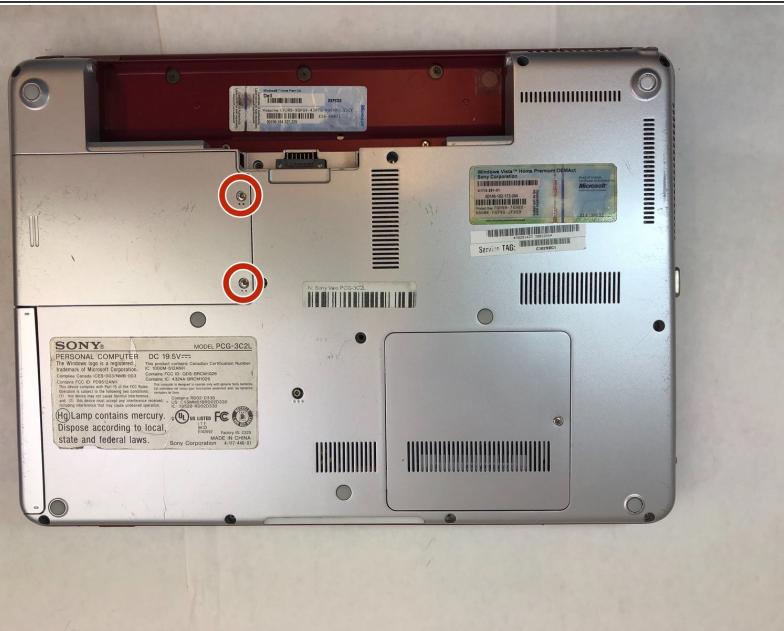
- Keep the "release" button pressed.
- Use the iFixit opening tool (or your hands) to lift the battery up.

Step 5 — Hard Drive



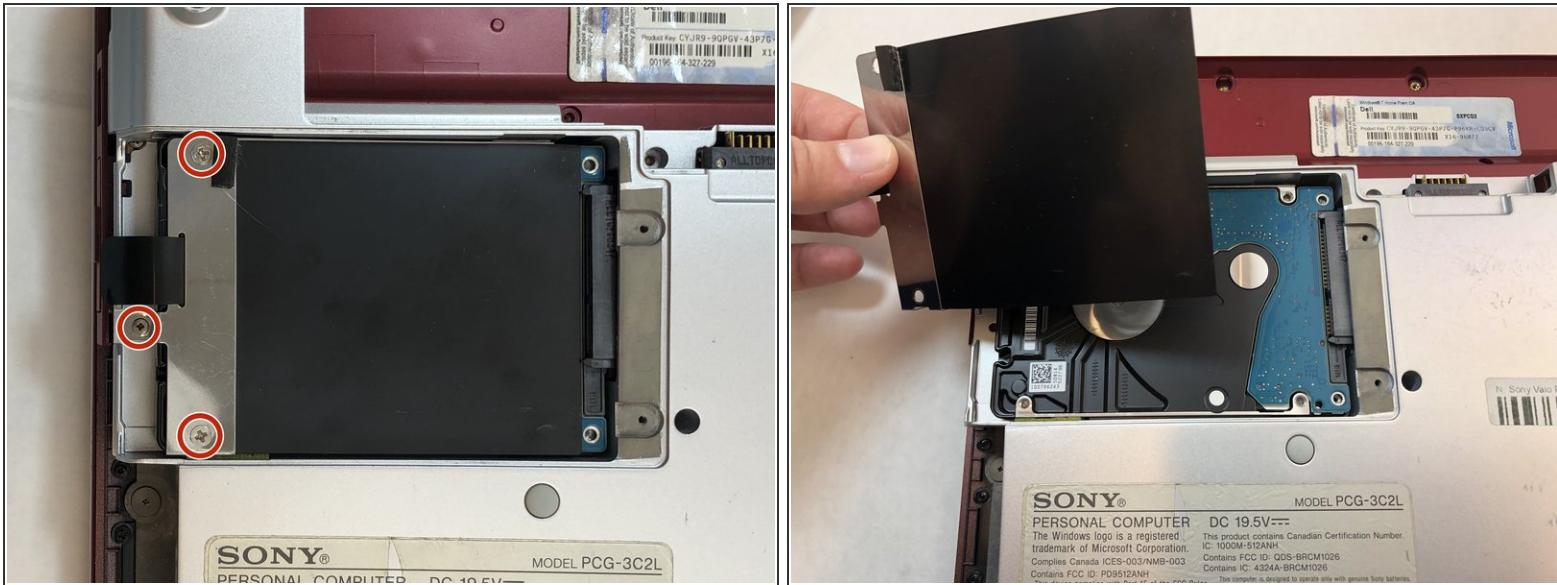
- Place the laptop so that the bottom is facing up.

Step 6



- Using a Phillips #0 screwdriver, remove the two 3.5mm screws on the hard drive cover.

Step 7



- Using a Phillips #0 screwdriver, remove the three 8mm screws on the hard drive casing.
- Remove the black hard drive casing by pulling it off.

Step 8



- Remove the hard drive by carefully sliding it out.

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