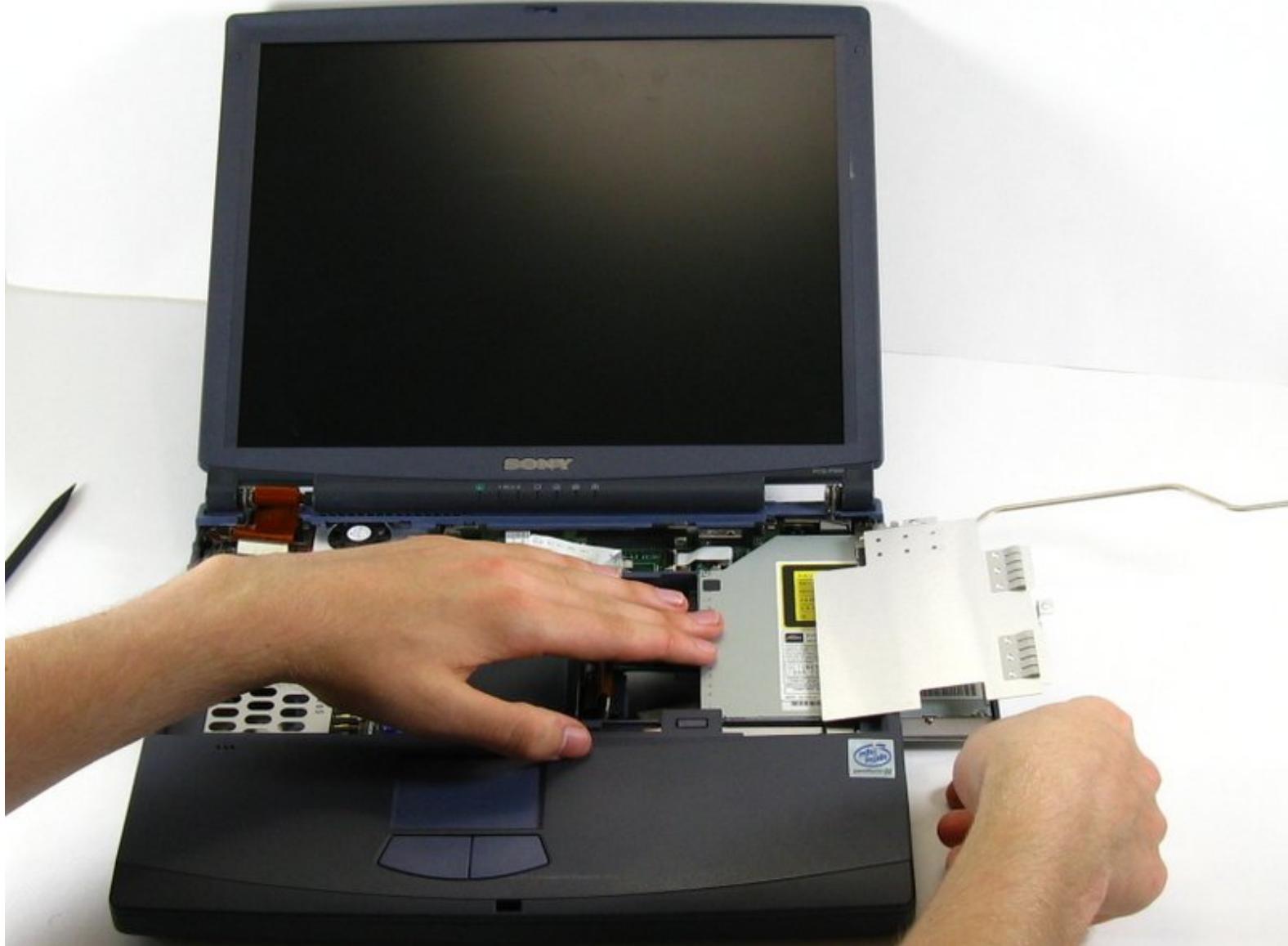




# Sony Vaio PCG-F360 Optical Drive Replacement

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## INTRODUCTION

This guide will show you how to release the optical drive. There are a variation of screws that need to be removed before you can release the optical drive by sliding it out. Please read the instructions while using the pictures for reference.

### TOOLS:

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

## Step 1 — Battery



- Position the laptop screen-side down as shown.
- In this position the battery housing will be located on the right hand side.

## Step 2



- Lift the panel up and then out to gain access to the battery.

## Step 3



- Use the indentations to pull the old battery out.

## Step 4



- The battery is now removed and it is safe to move on to uninstalling other components.

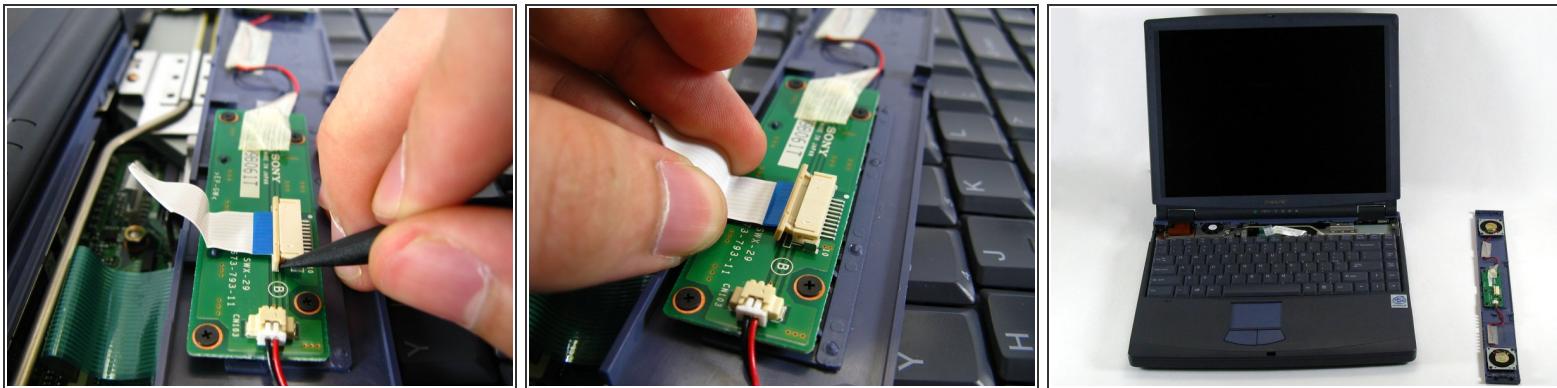
## Step 5 — Keyboard



- There are two screws on the left hand side of the laptop near the IR (Infared remote) receiver (see image). Remove them using a Phillips #00 Screwdriver.
- Slide the speaker panel towards the left, then carefully flip it over onto the keyboard.

 Make sure not to pull the speaker panel away from the computer just yet - it is still connected!

## Step 6



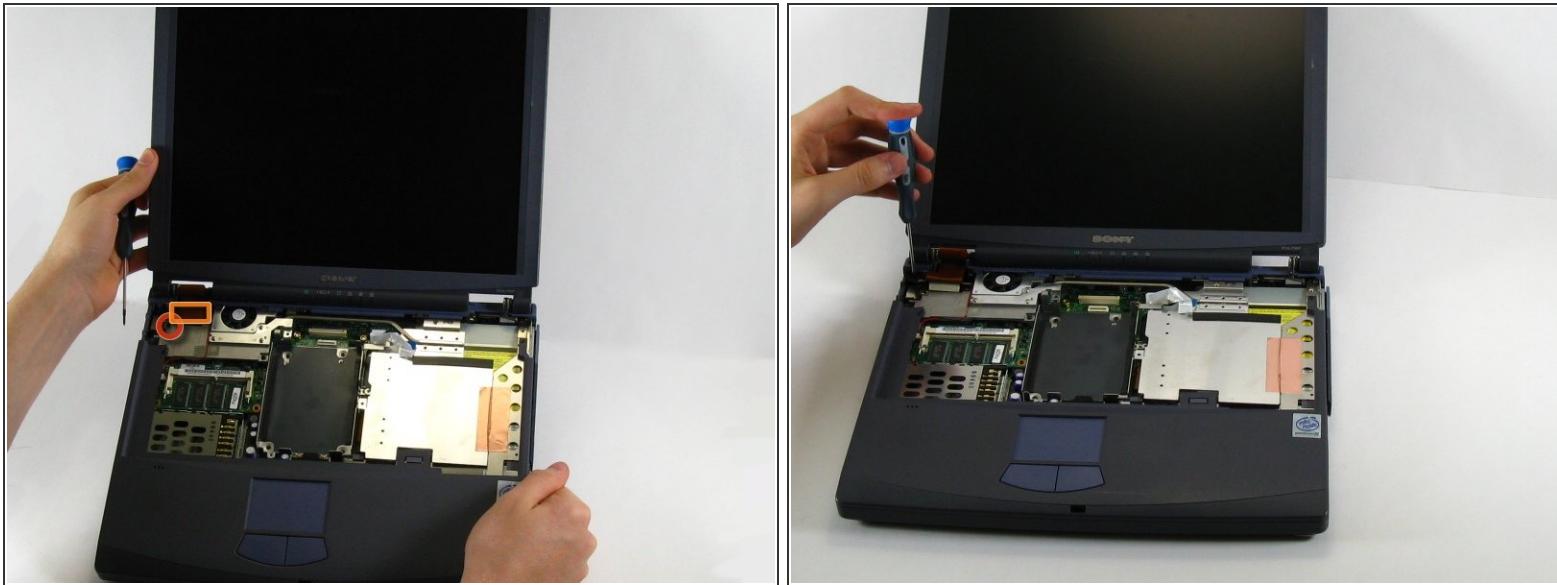
- On the inside of the speaker panel, using a spudger, push the beige tab in the direction of the ribbon. It should only move a small amount.
- Remove the ribbon by gently pulling on it, there should be little or no resistance.
- Now the speaker panel can be set aside.

## Step 7



- Remove the metal screw that will be located at the red circle.
- Pull on the green strip, and the keyboard should come free easily.

## Step 8 — Optical Drive



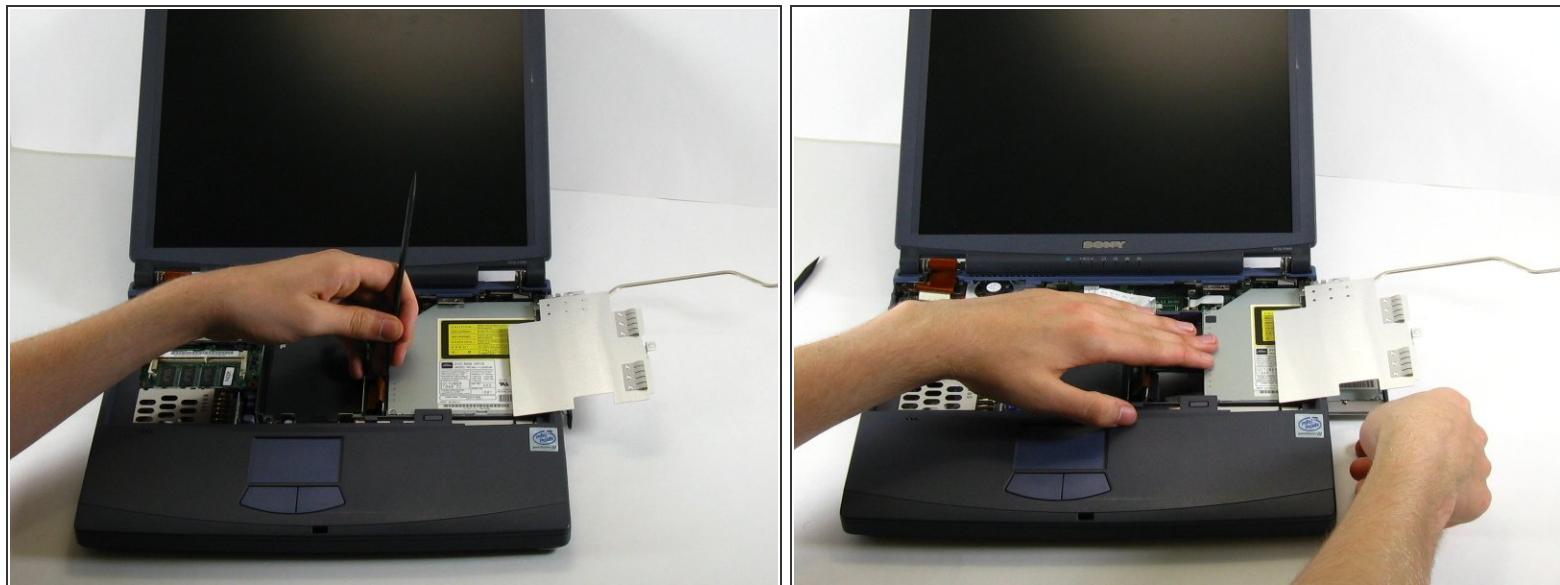
- Remove the three screws surrounding the fan.
- Take off the guard that you just unscrewed.
- Carefully flip over the heat pipe and the metal sheet connected to it.

## Step 9



- Remove the three screws from the heat tube cover.
- Carefully remove the cover.

## Step 10



- Use a spudger to pry the ribbon connected to the optical drive.
- Slide the optical drive free of the enclosure.

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