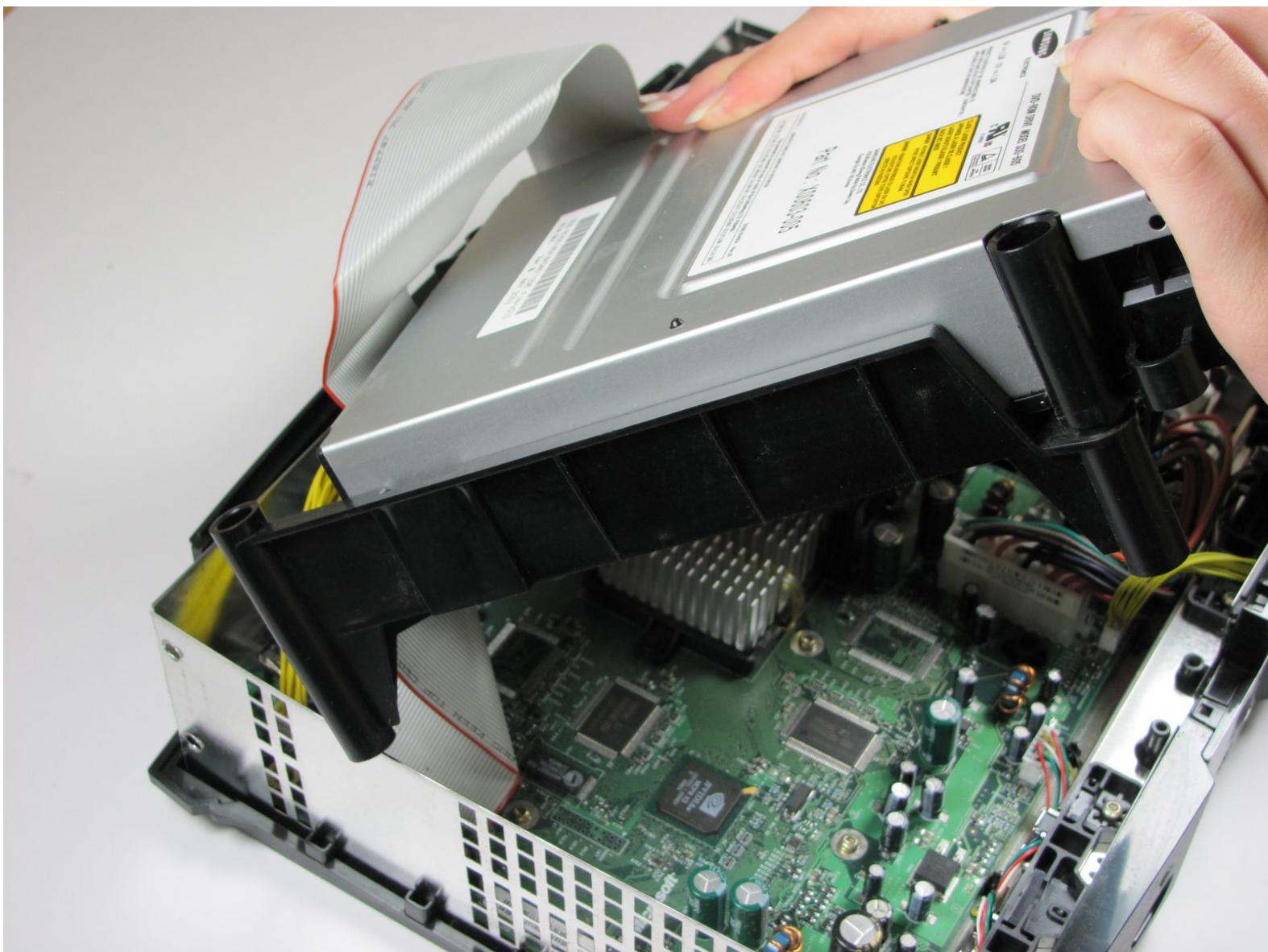




Xbox Disc Drive Replacement

Use this guide to replace the optical drive in a Microsoft Xbox.

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INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace the disk drive in a Microsoft Xbox.

TOOLS:

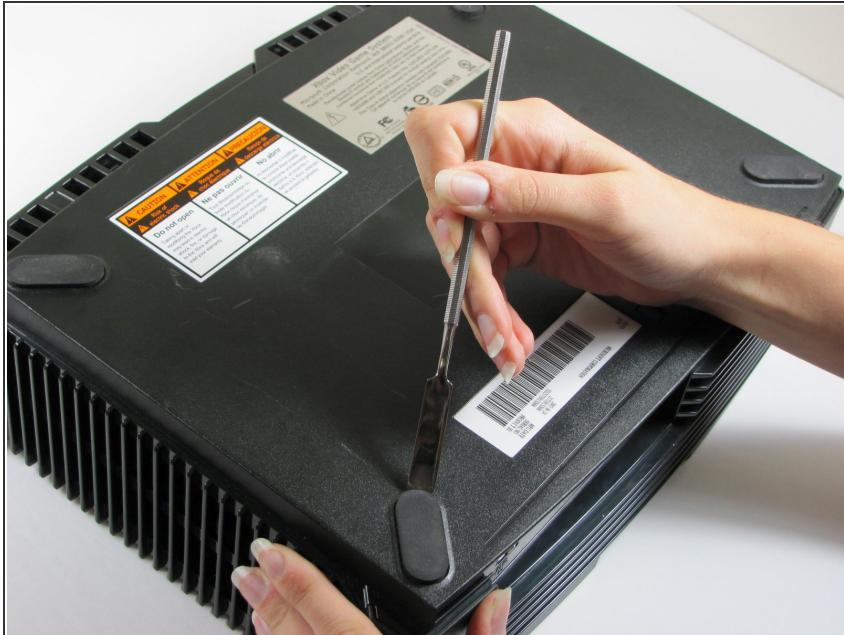
- [Metal Spudger \(1\)](#)
- [T10 Torx Screwdriver \(1\)](#)
- [T15 Torx Screwdriver \(1\)](#)
- [T20 Torx Screwdriver \(1\)](#)

Step 1 — Hard Drive



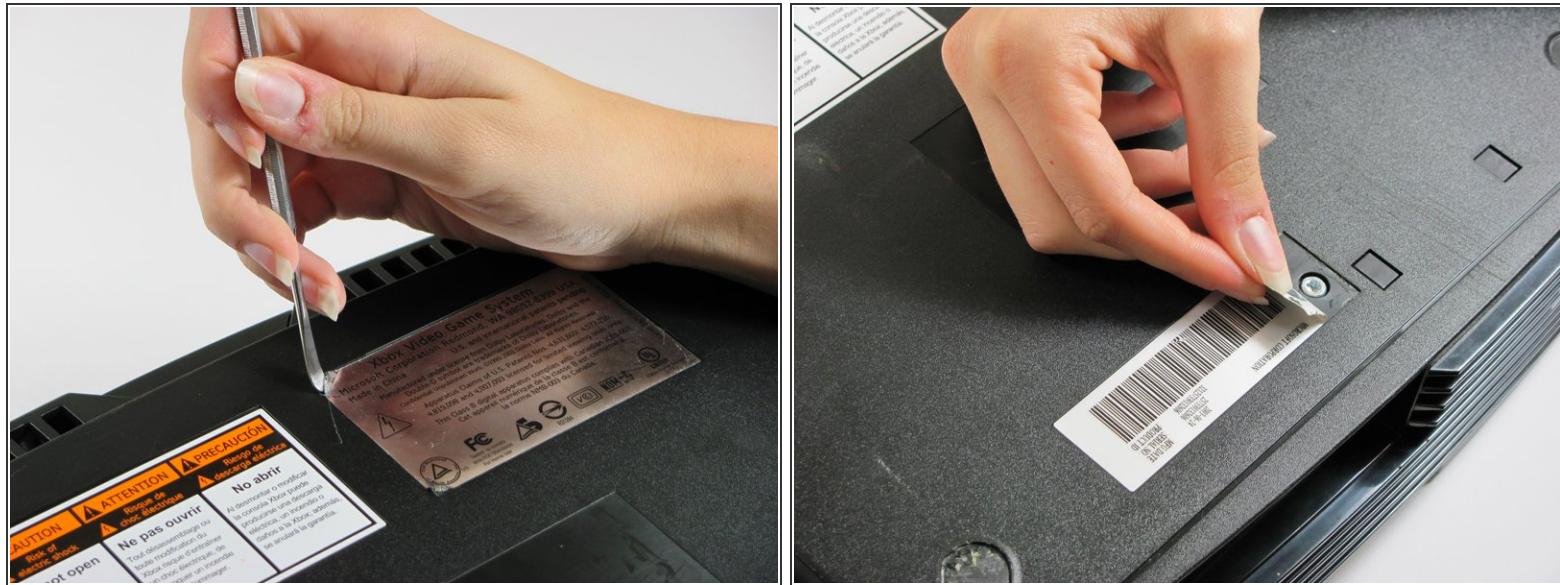
- ⚠ Make sure your Xbox is safely unplugged and is laying on a flat, stable surface.

Step 2



- ⓘ Turn the Xbox over to reveal the four rubber feet.
- Use a metal spudger to pry off the four rubber feet.

Step 3



 There are 2 more screws hidden under the two labels on the bottom of the case.

- You can either remove the labels or simply feel for the screw holes through the labels and then cut or punch a hole through them.

Step 4



- Remove the six T20 Torx screws securing the top cover to the bottom cover.

Step 5



- Once the bottom and top shells are no longer attached, carefully turn the Xbox right-side-up, lift and remove the top cover.

Step 6



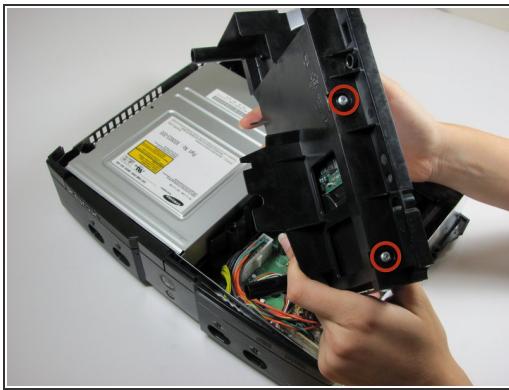
- Remove the three 3 mm T10 screws securing the hard drive to the Xbox.
- ☒ There is one screw on the rear left side of the hard drive that is only visible when the IDE ribbon cable is lifted up. The other two are at the front right and left sides of the hard drive.
- ⓘ The screw on the lower left corner of the disk drive is not in the hole that it appears to be in, but rather just closer to the corner.

Step 7



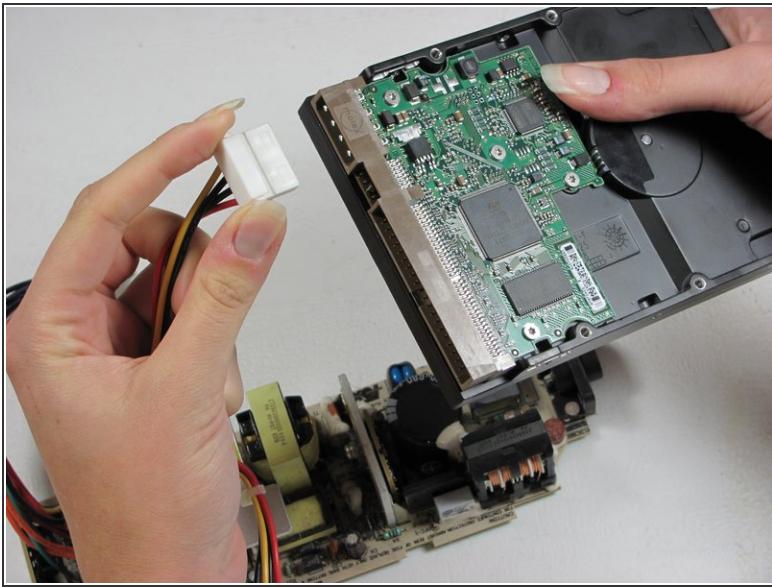
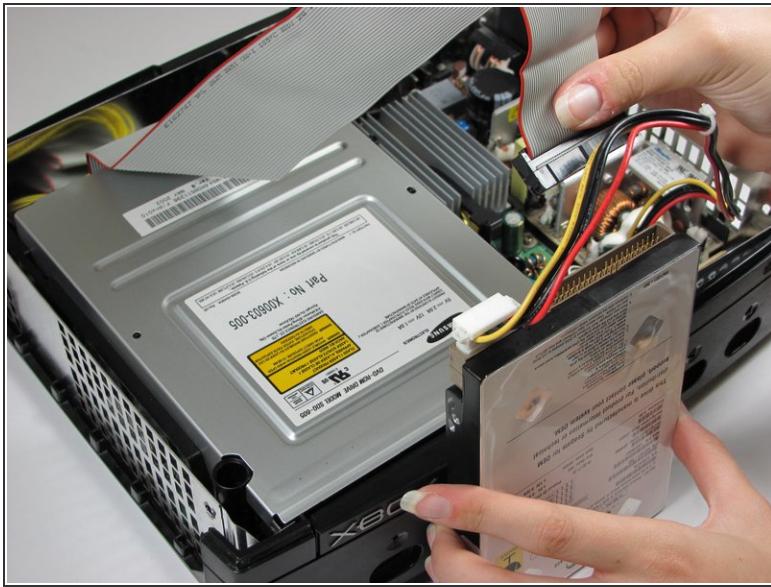
- Free the hard drive power cable from the carrier for sufficient slack to lift the hard drive out.
- Lift the plastic hard drive carrier out of the Xbox case.

Step 8



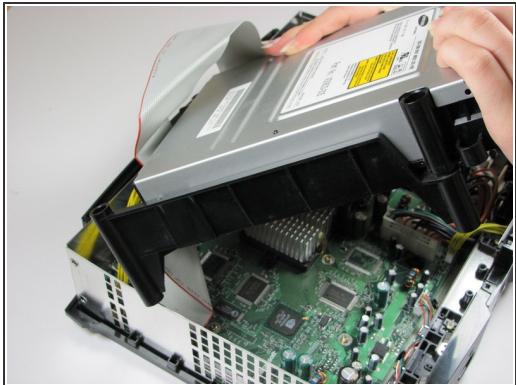
- Remove the four 3.4 mm T15 Torx screws from the plastic hard drive carrier (two screws per side).
- Carefully remove the hard drive from the plastic carrier. Gentle rocking will see the hard drive come out quite easily.

Step 9



- Pull both the hard drive data ribbon cable and the power cable straight up from the hard drive.
- They may be firmly seated, so be careful trying to remove them. **DO NOT** pull the wires as you may damage the cable assembly.

Step 10 — Disc Drive



- Remove the disk drive. It should come right out.
- Unplug the ribbon cable and yellow cables from back of disk drive.

Step 11



- Pry back the black plastic tabs around the disk drive in order to remove it from its housing. Once removed, set the drive aside.
- **ONLY REMOVE IF DEAD!**

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