



iHome iW1 Speaker Exterior Handle Replacement

This guide will demonstrate how to replace the handle on the back of the device.

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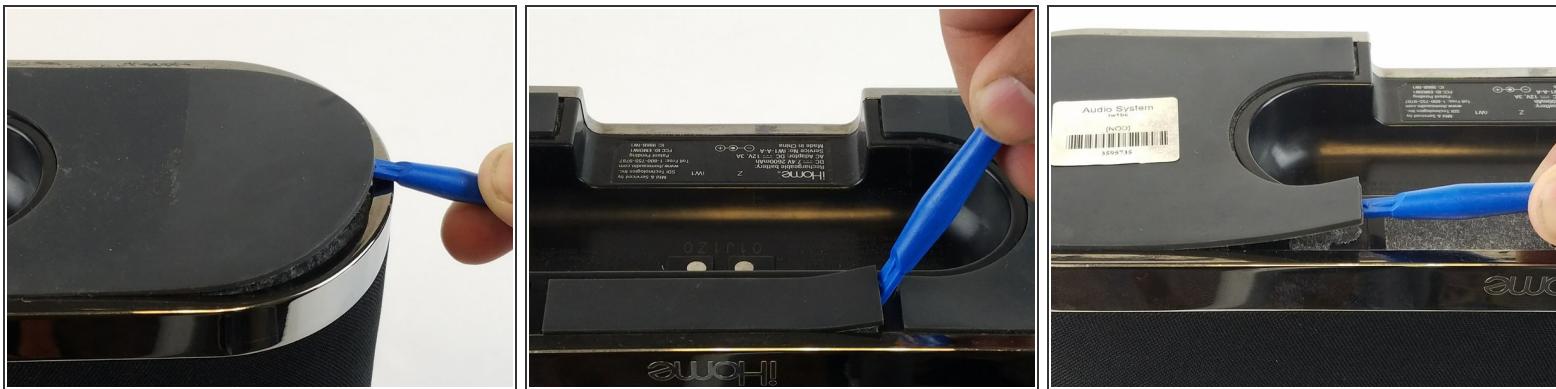
INTRODUCTION

Sometimes when dropping the device, the back handle of the device can crack. Though it may not effect the functionality, it can be an inconvenience. Use this guide to replace this handle.

TOOLS:

- [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)
- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Phillips #1 Screwdriver](#) (1)

Step 1 — Battery



- Remove the rubber from the bottom of the speaker, use a medium blue plastic spudger to gently work its way under the rubber and slowly peel off for each of the three feet. The order does not matter.

Step 2



- Remove the six 11 mm Philips #1 screws found underneath the foam to remove the steel outer metal frame.
- Once the screws come off, keep them safely off to the side.

Step 3



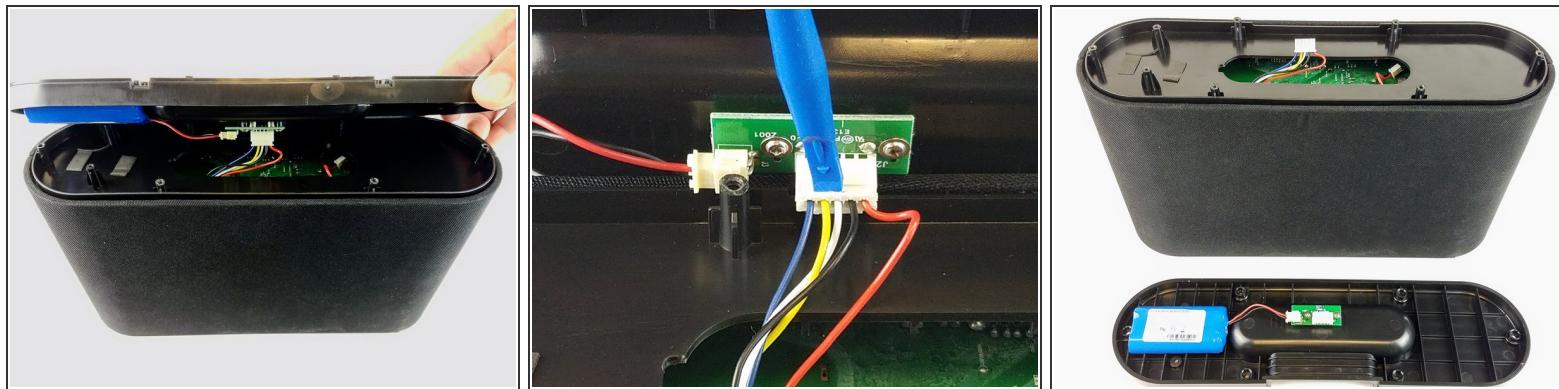
- Remove the metal frame gently and set aside.

Step 4



- Remove the two remaining 11 mm Philips #1 screws holding the base and set them aside.

Step 5



- Lift the base up gently keeping in mind that the base is connected with wires to internal parts of the speaker.
- Disconnect the white bundled cable connector attached to the charging node using a spudger. The base of the speaker is now free to be removed.

Step 6



- Remove the white power cable connector that connects the charging node to the battery, using the plastic spudger.
- Pry the battery off using the plastic spudger.

Step 7 — Wi-Fi Adapter



- Pry off the mesh frame from the back side of the speaker with a plastic spudger until you hear a click noise when the clip is removed.

Step 8



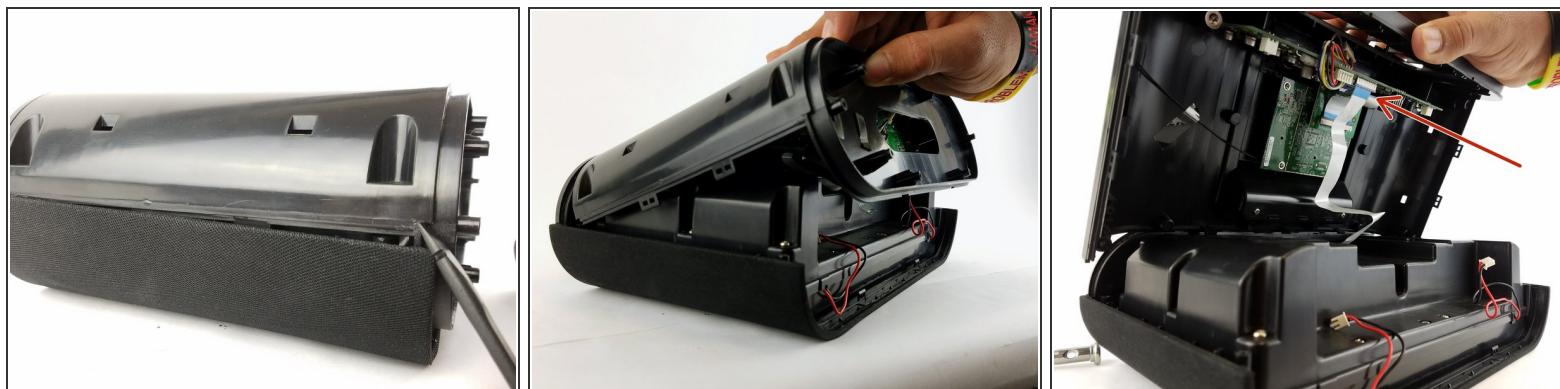
- Use a plastic spudger to remove the rubber grommets from the four corners of the speaker underneath the mesh frame.

Step 9



- Remove the four 11 mm Philips #1 screws from beneath the rubber grommet that was removed from the previous step in all four corners.

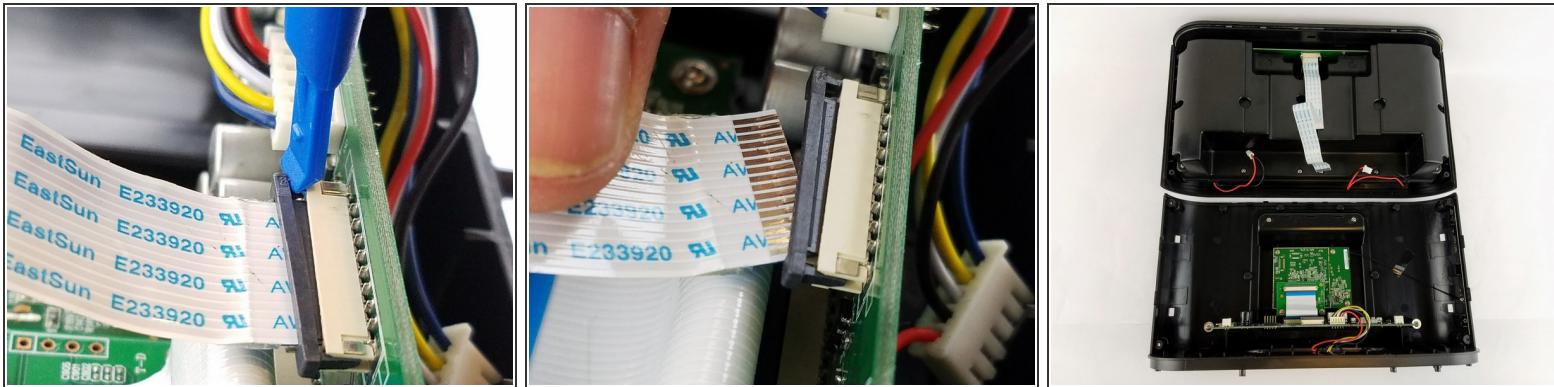
Step 10



- Separate the mesh frame and plastic frame by placing the spudger in between them.

⚠ Do not pull the two pieces since the two pieces are held together with the ribbon cable.

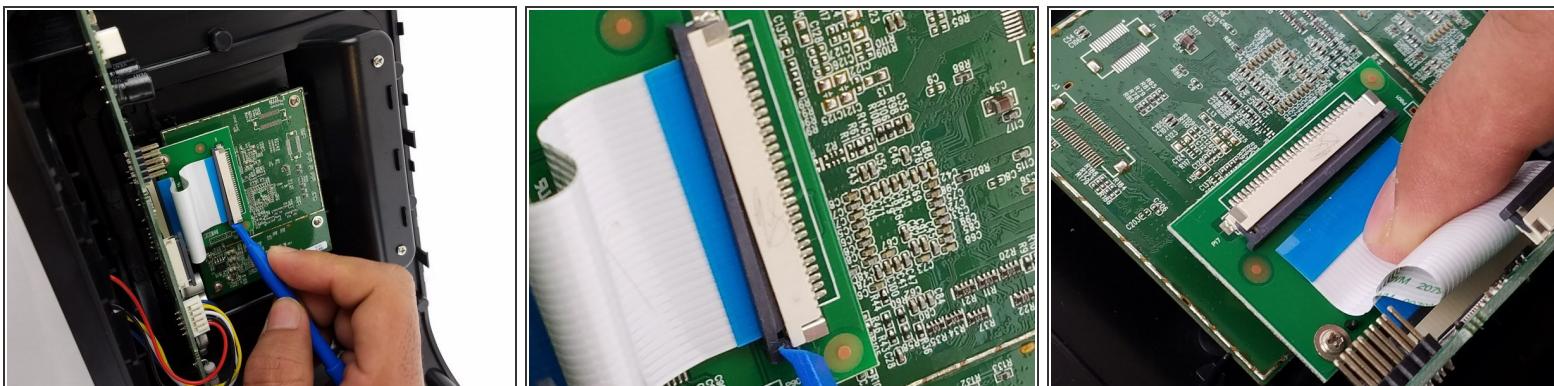
Step 11



- Remove the ribbon cable by pulling the black clip towards the cable, then gently pull the ribbon cable to fully separate the mesh frame and plastic frame.

(i) The black locking clip will only move about 2mm out.

Step 12



- Remove the second ribbon cable that is connected to the main circuit board and the WiFi adapter.

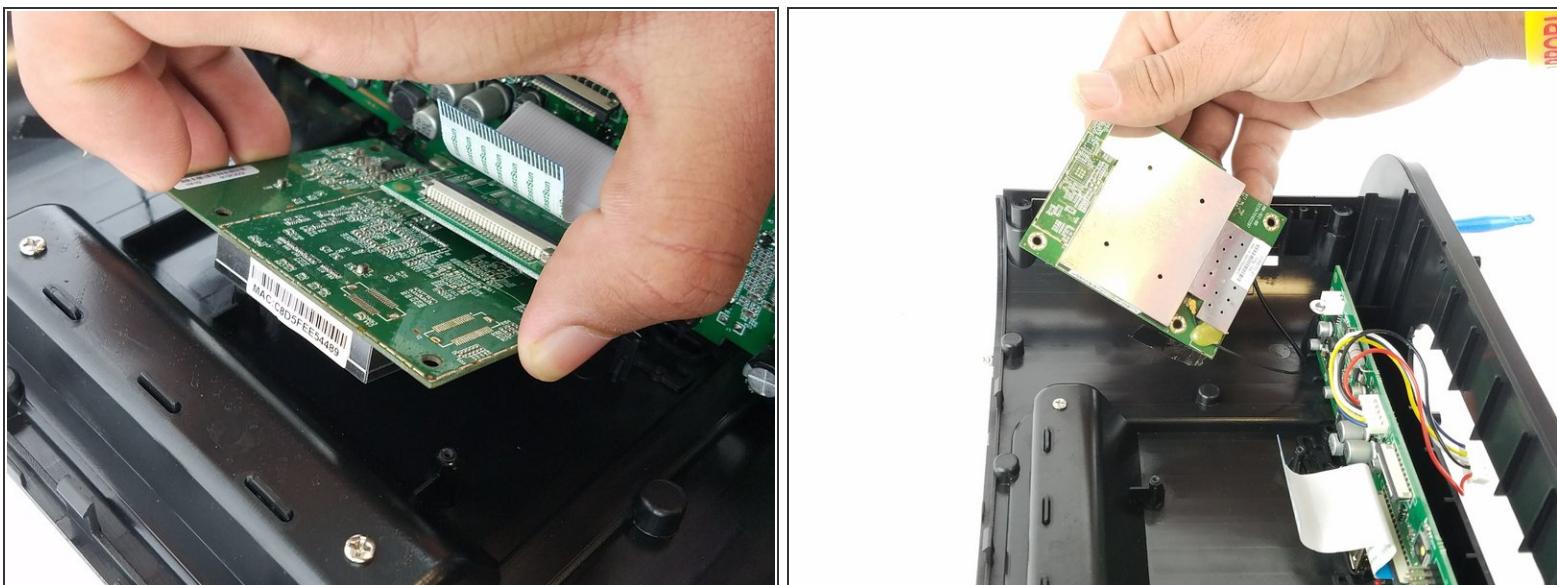
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Step 13



- Unscrew the five 11 mm Philips #1 screws found on the outside of the circuit board.

Step 14



- Lift the circuit board to expose the wifi antenna wire.

Step 15



- Pry the glue and unclip the wifi antenna plug from the circuit board.

Step 16 — Exterior Handle



- Remove the four 11 mm Philips #1 screws and pull out the handle.

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