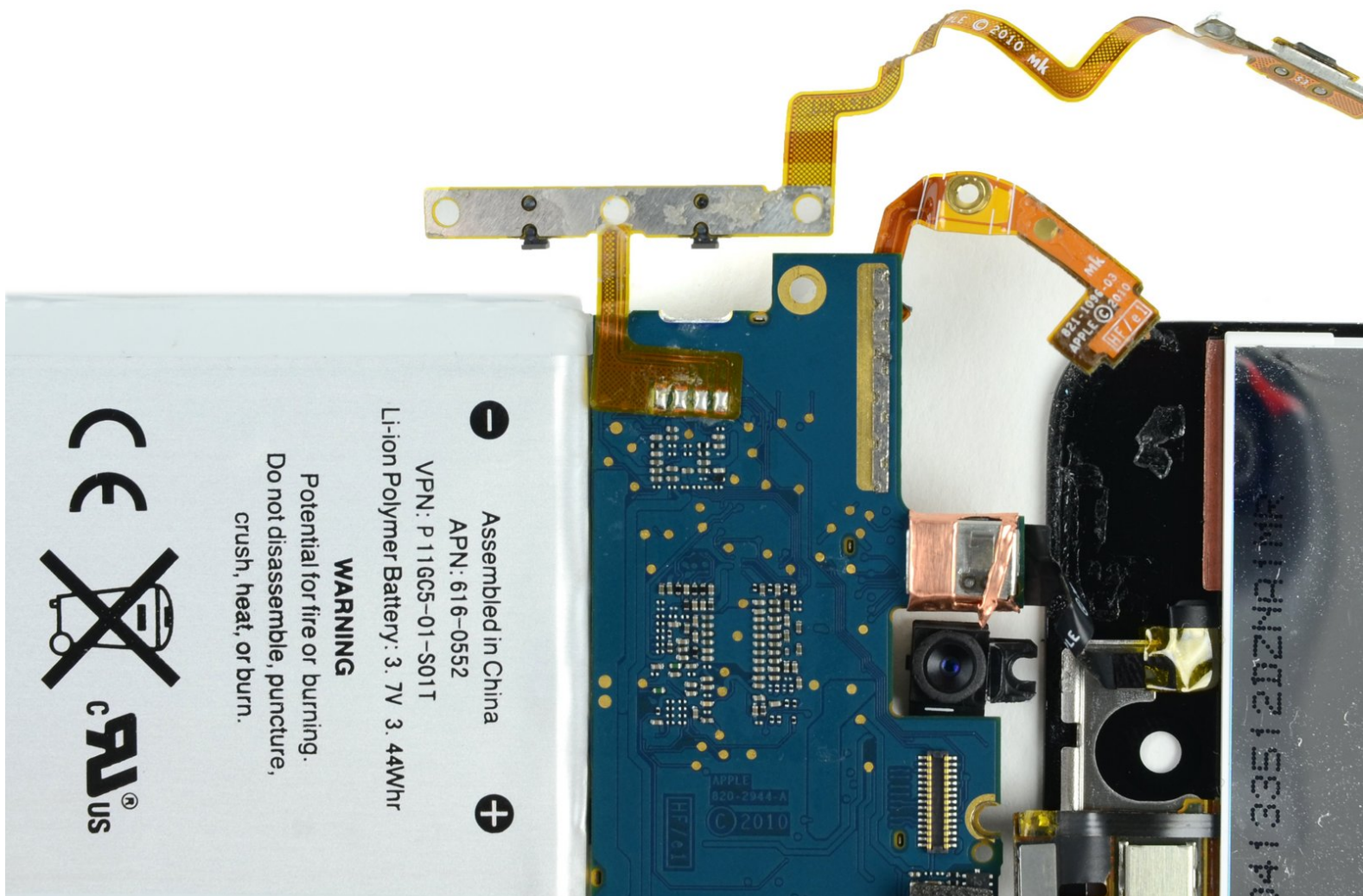




iPod Touch 4th Generation Volume/Power Button Cable Replacement

Replace the Volume/Power Button Cable in your iPod Touch 4th Generation.

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INTRODUCTION

This guide will help you replace the Volume/Power Button Cable. Warning: This guide requires soldering.



TOOLS:

- [Heat Gun](#) (1)
- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Soldering Iron](#) (1)
- [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)



PARTS:

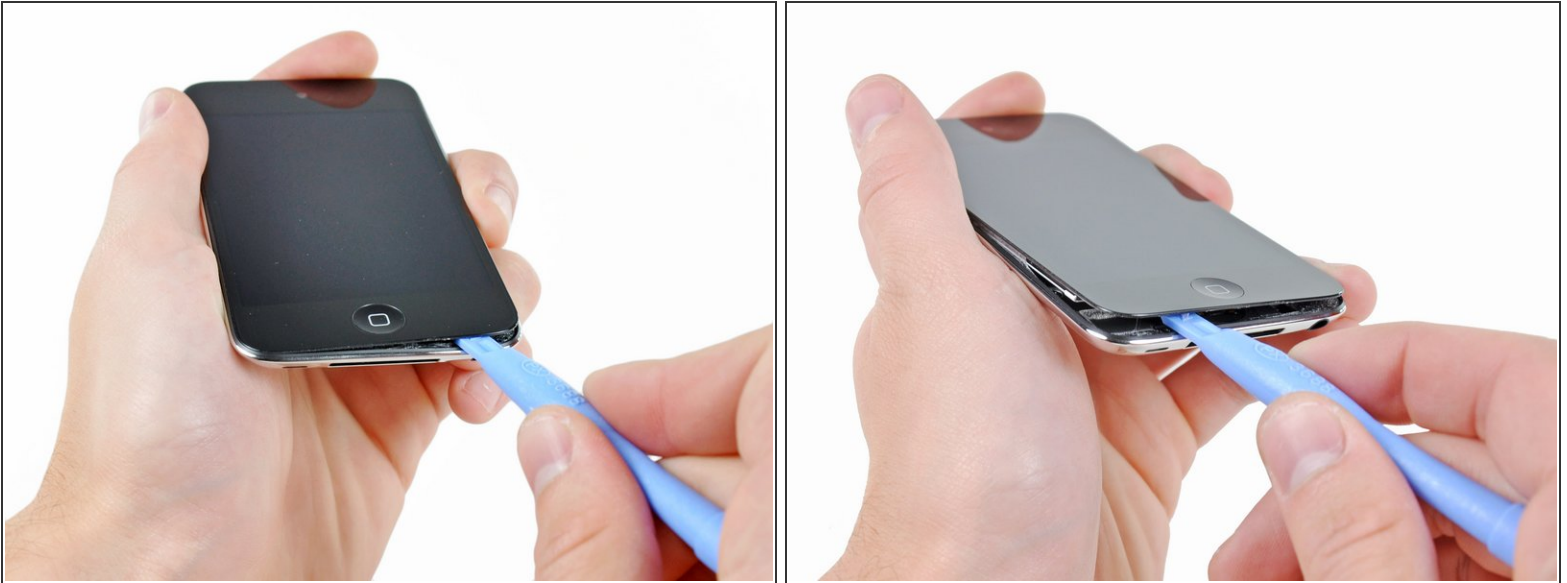
- [iPod touch Gen 4 Volume/Power Cable](#) (1)


Step 1 — Front Panel




- ⓘ The iPod Touch 4th Generation front panel is attached to the rear case by adhesive. The use of a heat gun to soften the adhesive is highly recommended.
- With the heat gun set on "low", begin heating the lower portion of the Touch near the home button.
- ★ It is suggested to heat the desired portion in a circular motion pattern to evenly dissipate the amount of heat throughout the device.


Step 2



 Beware, as the Touch will be very hot. It may be helpful to hold it with a towel while prying.

- Insert the edge of an iPod opening tool between the front glass panel and the plastic bezel near the home button.

 Do not try to pry between the plastic bezel and the steel rear case.

- Pry the bottom edge of the front panel upward, being careful not to bend the glass excessively.
-  If it is too difficult to pry up the front panel assembly, reheat it and try again.

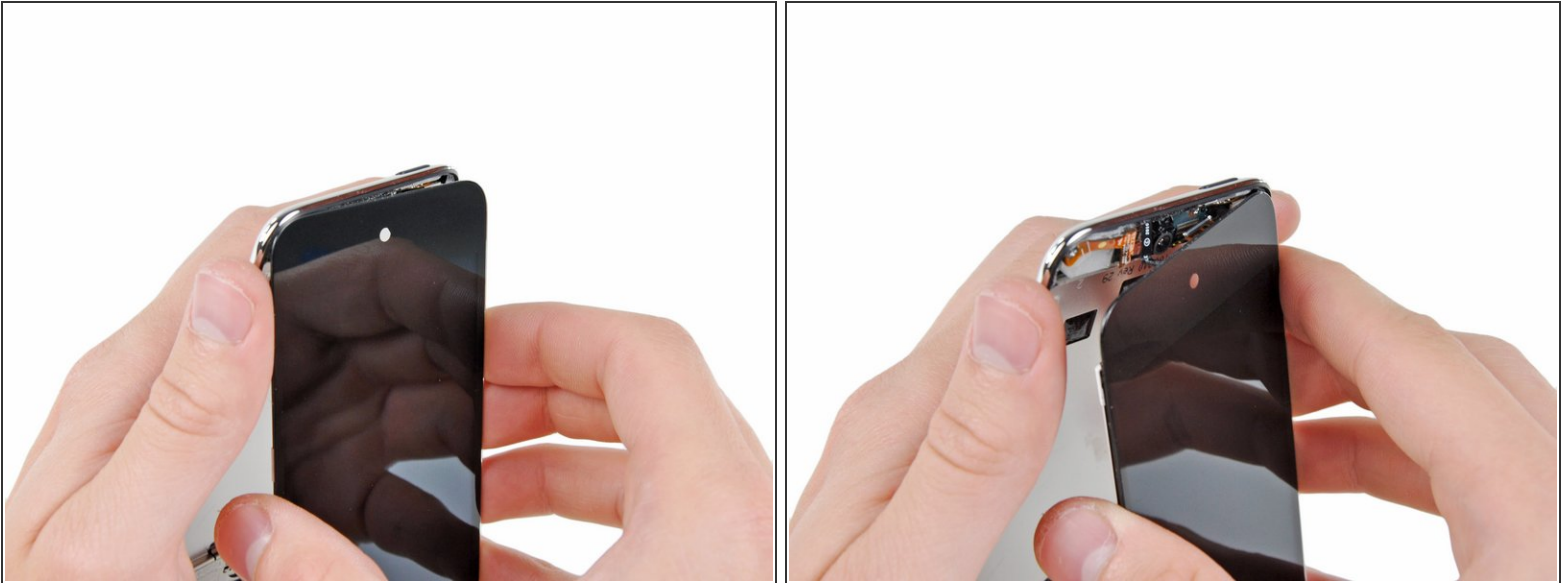
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- When there is enough room to grab the bottom edge of the front panel, lift it away from the body of the Touch to peel up the adhesive along its left and right edges.

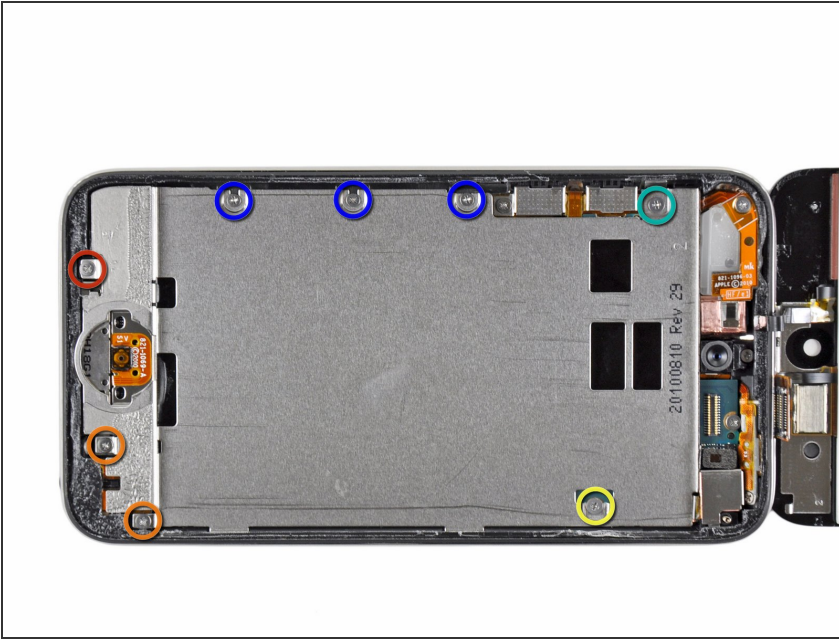
⚠ If the adhesive is too difficult to separate, use a heat gun to soften it before proceeding.

Step 4



-  Due to the construction of the 4th generation Touch, the digitizer cable cannot be disconnected until the logic board is removed. Use extreme caution when handling the front panel assembly, as it is attached to the rest of the Touch by the very delicate digitizer cable.
-  Also, the display data cable is very short and is connected to the logic board near the top of the front panel assembly. If it does not become disconnected while freeing the top edge of the front panel assembly, be sure to disconnect it with an iPod opening tool before rotating the front panel assembly out of the Touch.
- Carefully pull the top of the front panel assembly away from the adhesive holding it to the Touch, minding the short digitizer cable connecting the two components.

Step 5



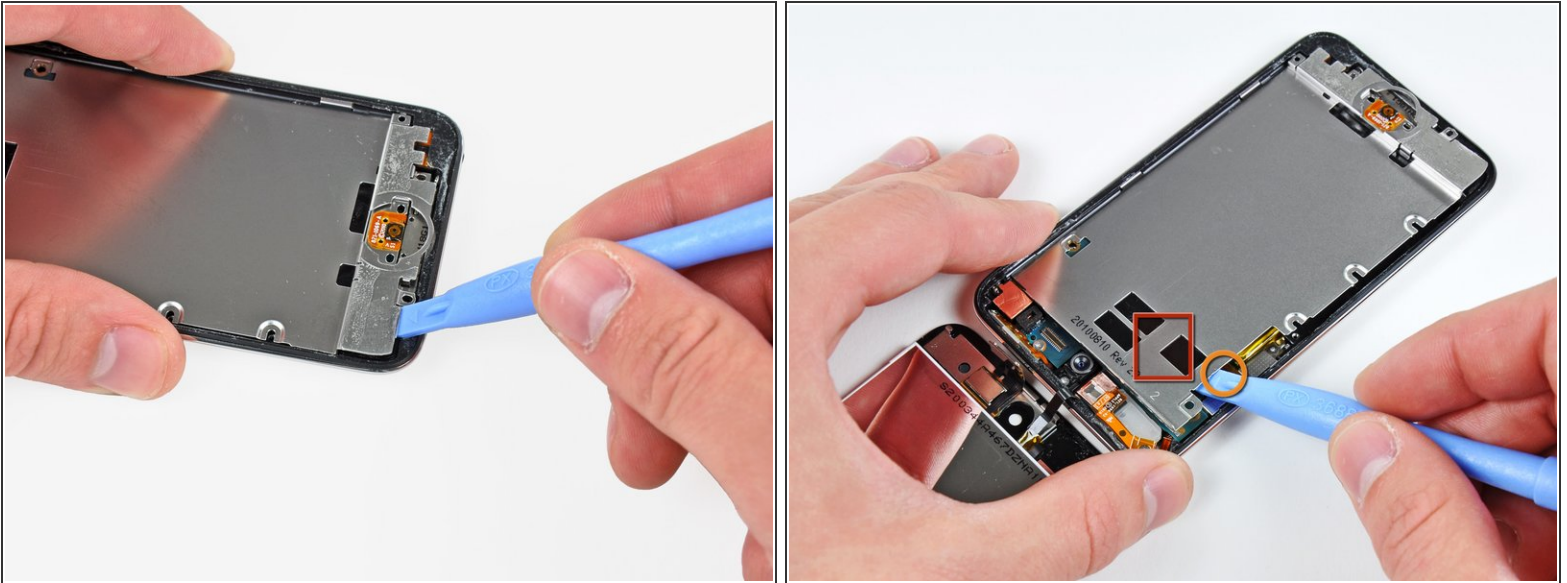
- Remove the following eight Phillips #00 screws:
 - One 3.5 mm Phillips screw
 - Two 3.0 mm Phillips screws
 - One 2.3 mm Phillips screw
 - One 2.4 mm Phillips screw
 - Three 2.0 mm Phillips screws

Step 6



- Use the edge of an iPod opening tool to pry the thin steel cover up from the rear-facing camera.
- ⓘ Note the small spring located near the bezel next to the camera (highlighted in yellow).
- Remove the steel cover from the iPod.

Step 7



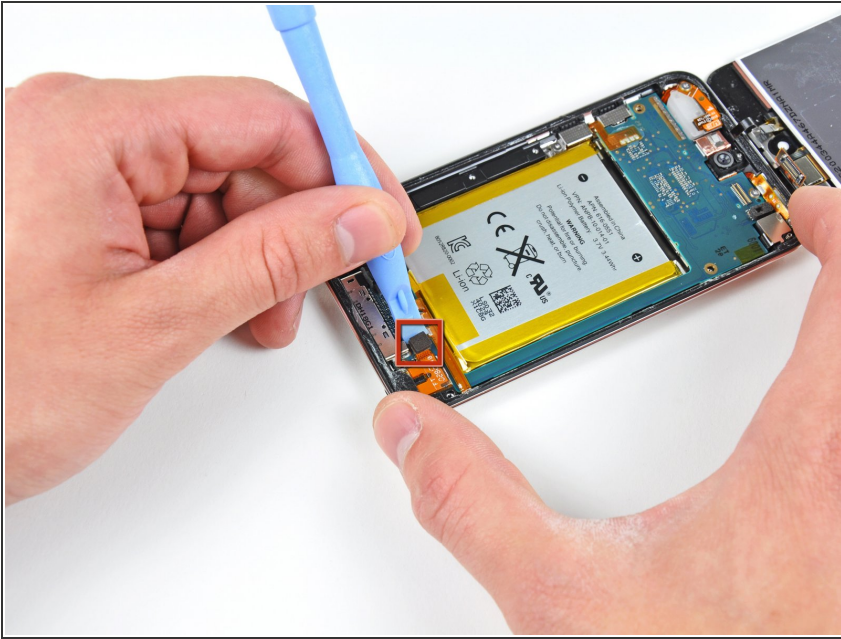
- Insert the edge of an iPod opening tool under the steel mid plate near the bottom left corner of the Touch.
 - Pry upward to separate the plate from the adhesive securing it to the plastic inner case.
 - If the plate is still attached to the logic board re-warm the area to loosen the adhesive, then separate the plate from the logic board using the opening tool
- ⚠ Use extreme care, the speaker is under the area shown in photo. It is connected with very thin and short wires.
- There is a very thin ribbon cable here that connects the volume and power buttons to the logic board. Try to work around this area like shown so not to rip the cable. Be sure to hold down this cable when lifting the plate. It could stick to the plate due to residual glue. It is extremely fragile.
- ⚠ This cable will tear very easily if you are not careful.
- There is also adhesive under the area shown in red.

Step 8



- Slightly tilt the steel mid plane to dislodge it from the rear case.
- ⚠ Be careful not to tear the piece of copper tape connecting the rear-facing camera to the steel mid plane.
- Lift the steel mid plane up off the rear case and peel off the piece of copper tape stuck to the rear-facing camera.

Step 9 — Headphone Jack



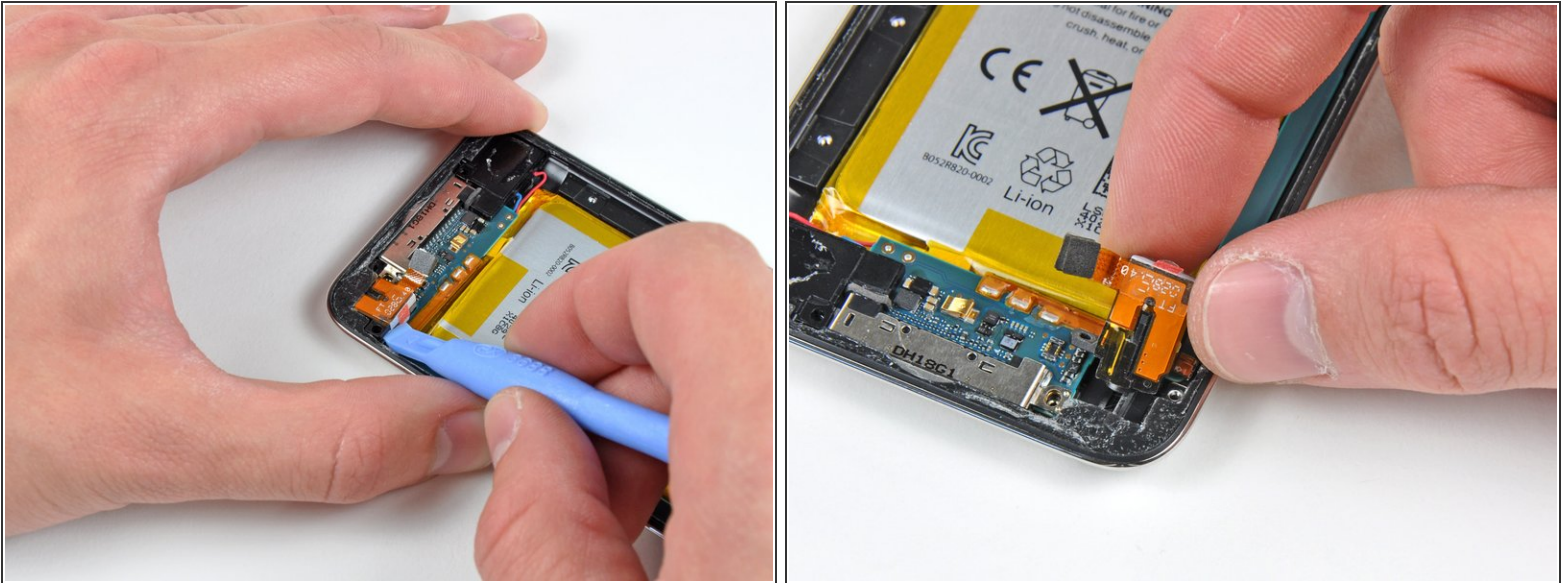
- Use an iPod opening tool to pry the headphone jack connector up and out of its socket on the logic board.

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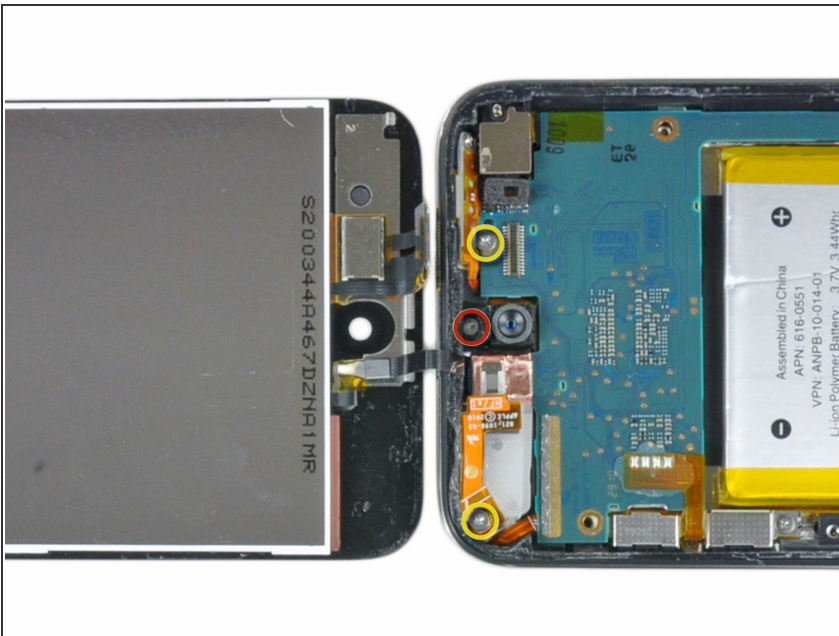
- Remove the single 2.6 mm Phillips screw securing the headphone jack assembly to the rear case.
- ⓘ The screw is at a **90** degree angle. Make sure to remove it at such an angle.

Step 11



- Use an iPod opening tool to gently lift the edge of the headphone jack nearest the battery out of its recess.
- Remove the headphone jack from its housing within the rear case.

Step 12 — Upper Logic Board



- Remove the following three screws near the top edge of the logic board:
 - One 2.0 mm Phillips screw
 - Two 2.3 mm Phillips screws

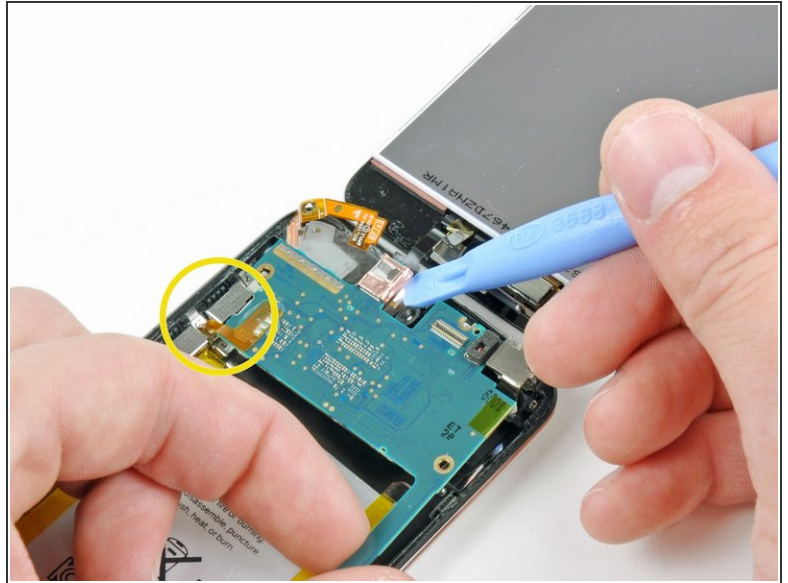
Step 13



- Use the edge of an iPod opening tool to gently pry, but not remove, the rear-facing camera away from the rear case.

⚠ Do **not** attempt to remove the rear-facing camera yet.

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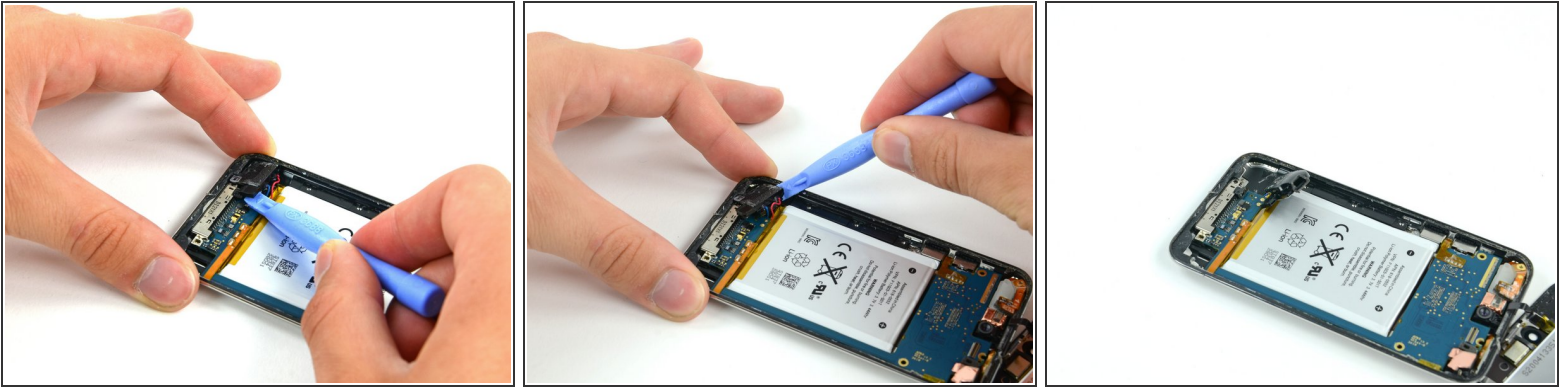


- Use an iPod opening tool to slightly lift the edge of the logic board next to the battery enough to grab it with your other hand.

 Do not excessively bend the logic board, as it is very thin and fragile.

- Be very careful not to lift too much as the volume control ribbon cable is still connected and will tear **very** easily.
- While gently lifting the logic board with one hand, use an iPod opening tool to lift the logic board near the copper tape at the logic board's top edge.
- The logic board will be lifted adequately when the last display assembly connector has cleared the top edge of the rear case.

Step 15 — Logic Board Assembly



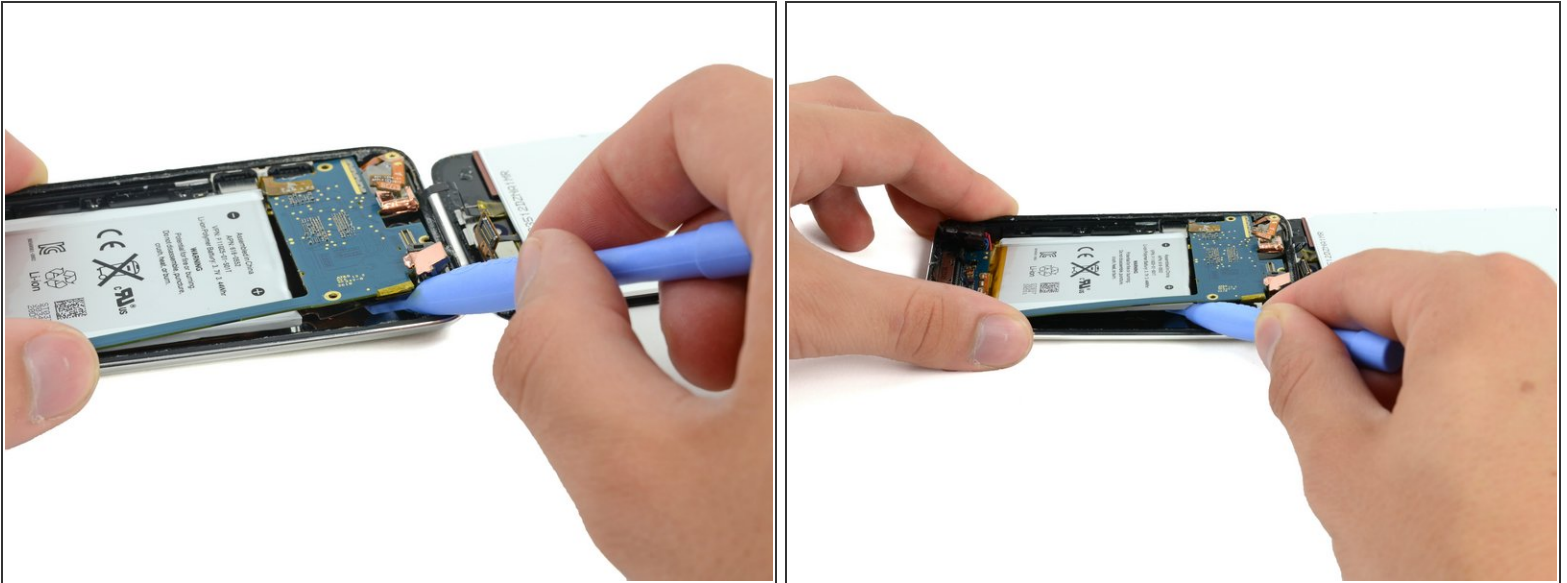
- With a plastic opening tool, gently pry the iPod's speaker out of its recess in the outer case.
- ⚠ Do not try to completely remove the speaker. It is still soldered to the underside of the logic board.
- Allow the speaker to rest above the battery so that you can proceed with battery installation.

Step 16



- ⚠ In the next few steps, you will loosen the adhesive from underneath the battery, the logic board, and the frame under the battery. Do this slowly, carefully, and evenly. Take care not to puncture the battery or bend the logic board.
- Use a plastic opening tool to pry up the adhesive around the three exposed edges of the battery.
- ⓘ Do not try to pry the battery out, just start loosening the adhesive.

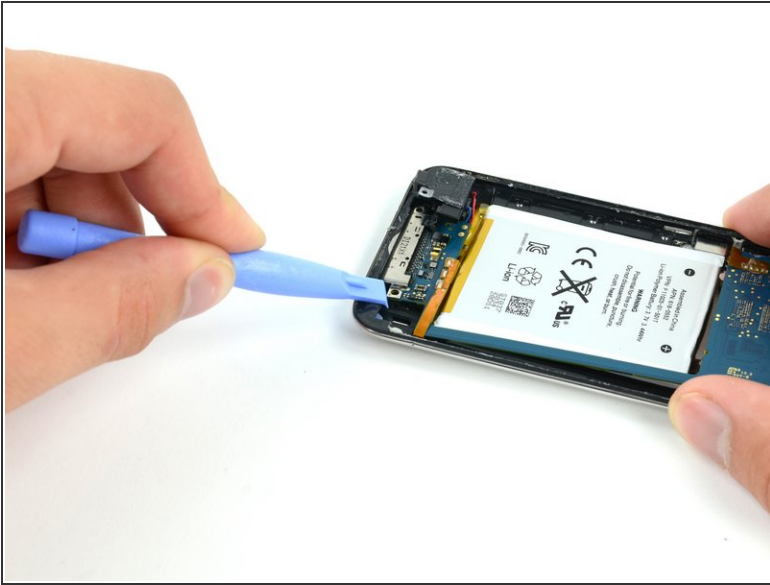
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- After the edges of the battery are loosened, begin prying up the edge of the logic board. Start at the top and work your way down the side of the board.

⚠ To prevent bending/breaking the logic board, do not try to remove the logic board, yet. The dock connector is still embedded in the frame. Again, you are only trying to loosen more of the adhesive.

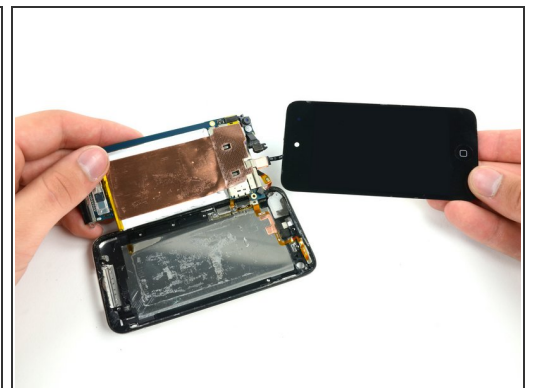
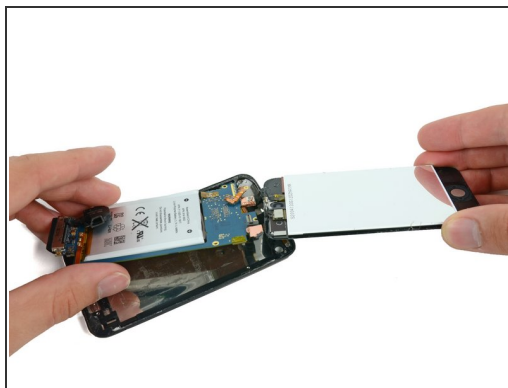
Step 18




- With a plastic opening tool, carefully push the dock connector out of its outer case recess. Work each corner evenly until the connector comes free.

 Since the dock connector is attached to the logic board, pushing it out of the case may cause the logic board to begin to flex. Take extra care not to permanently warp the board.

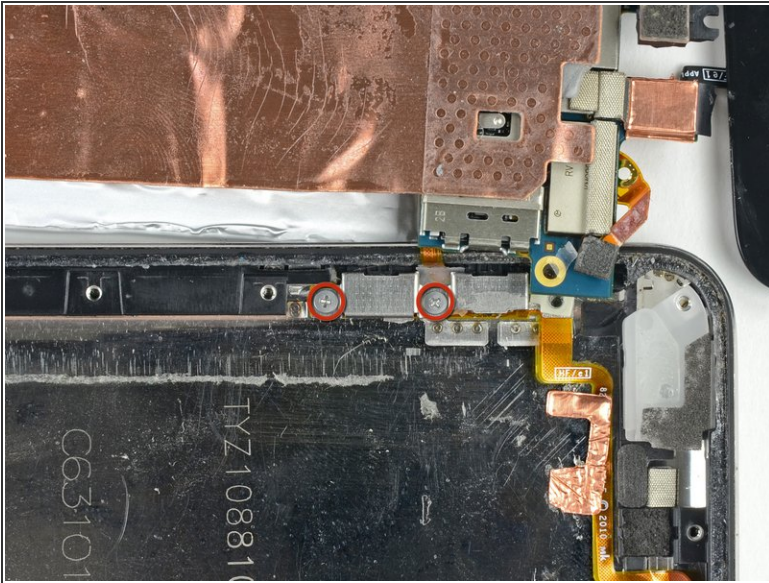
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- Once all of the adhesive is freed from under the logic board/battery assembly, lift the assembly up from the side and carefully rotate it over to access the underside of the battery.

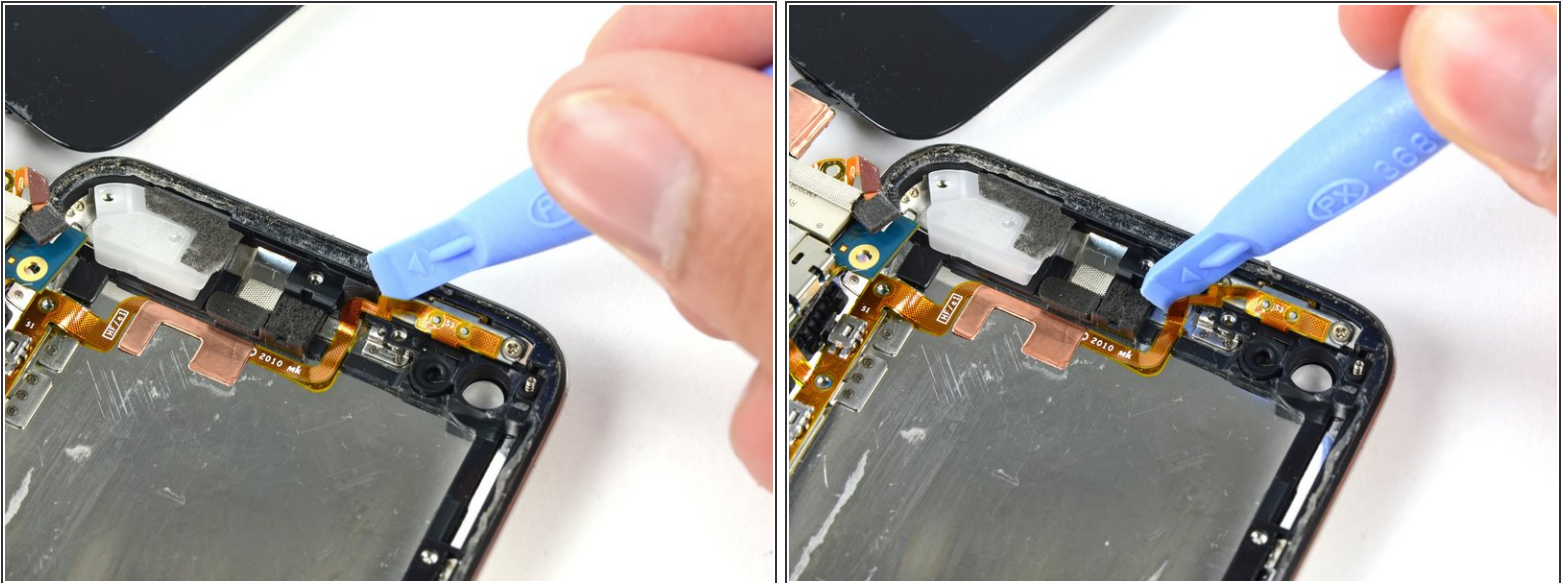
 The logic board is still attached to the rear case. Do not try to completely separate the assembly, or you will rip this ribbon cable.

Step 20 — Volume/Power Button Cable



- Remove the two 1.3 mm Phillips #00 screws securing the Volume/Power button cable metal cover.
- Lift and remove the metal cover out from the rear panel assembly.

Step 21



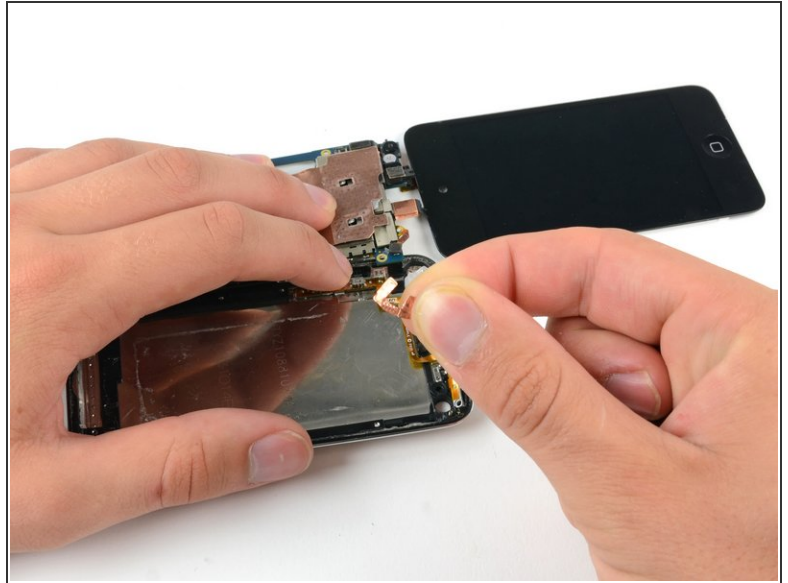
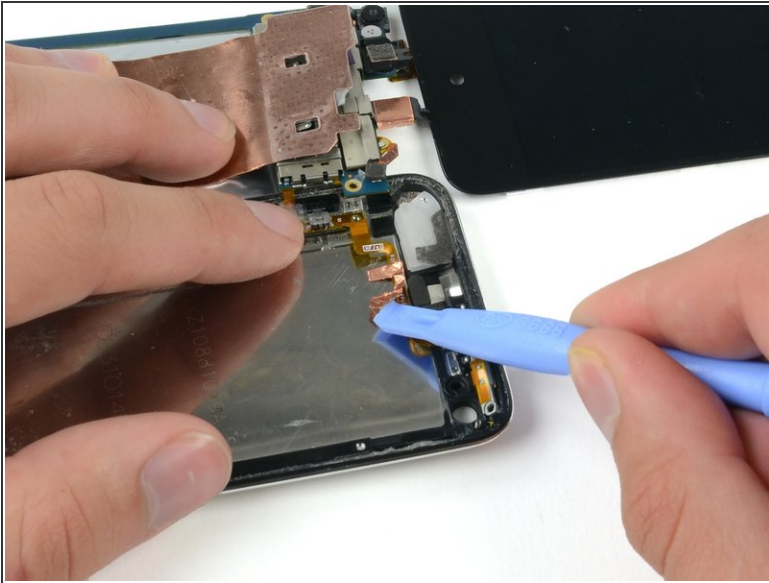
- With the corner of a plastic opening tool, gently move the ribbon cable out of the way so you can get to the screw beneath it.
- ⓘ You do not need to bend or rip the cable, just move it enough to access the screw.

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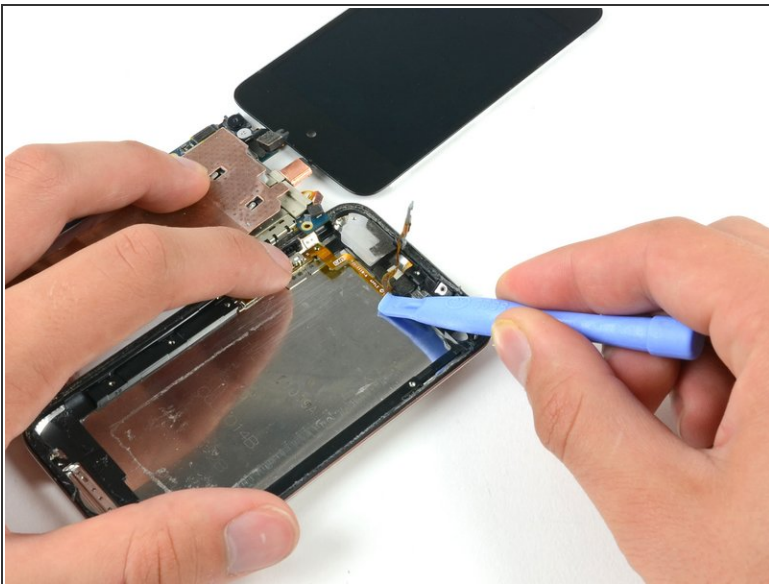
- Remove the two 2.0 mm Phillips screws securing the power button assembly to the rear panel assembly.

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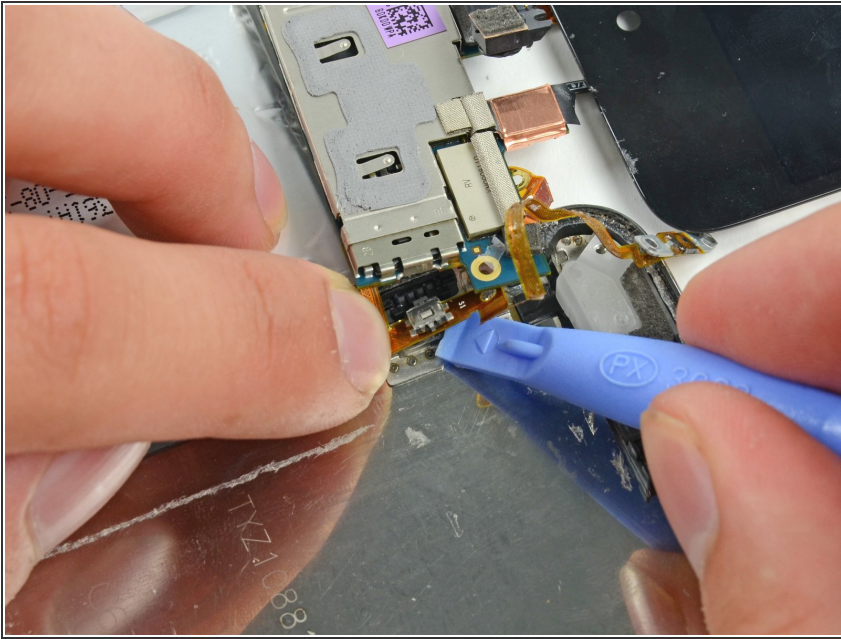
- Use the edge of a plastic opening tool to peel the piece of copper tape covering the volume/power button assembly.
- Lift and remove the piece of copper tape out of the Touch.

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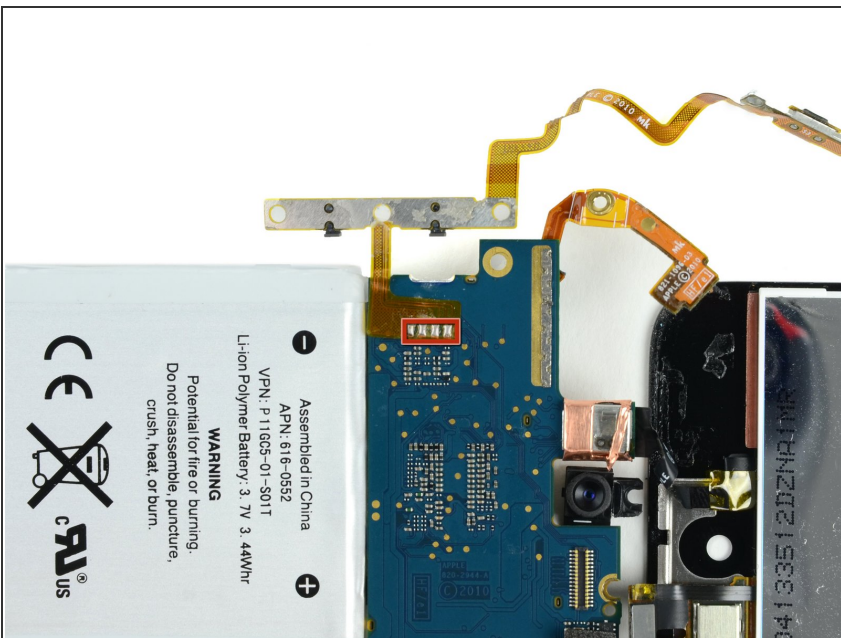
- Slide the plastic opening tool under the length of the ribbon cable to release it from the rear panel.

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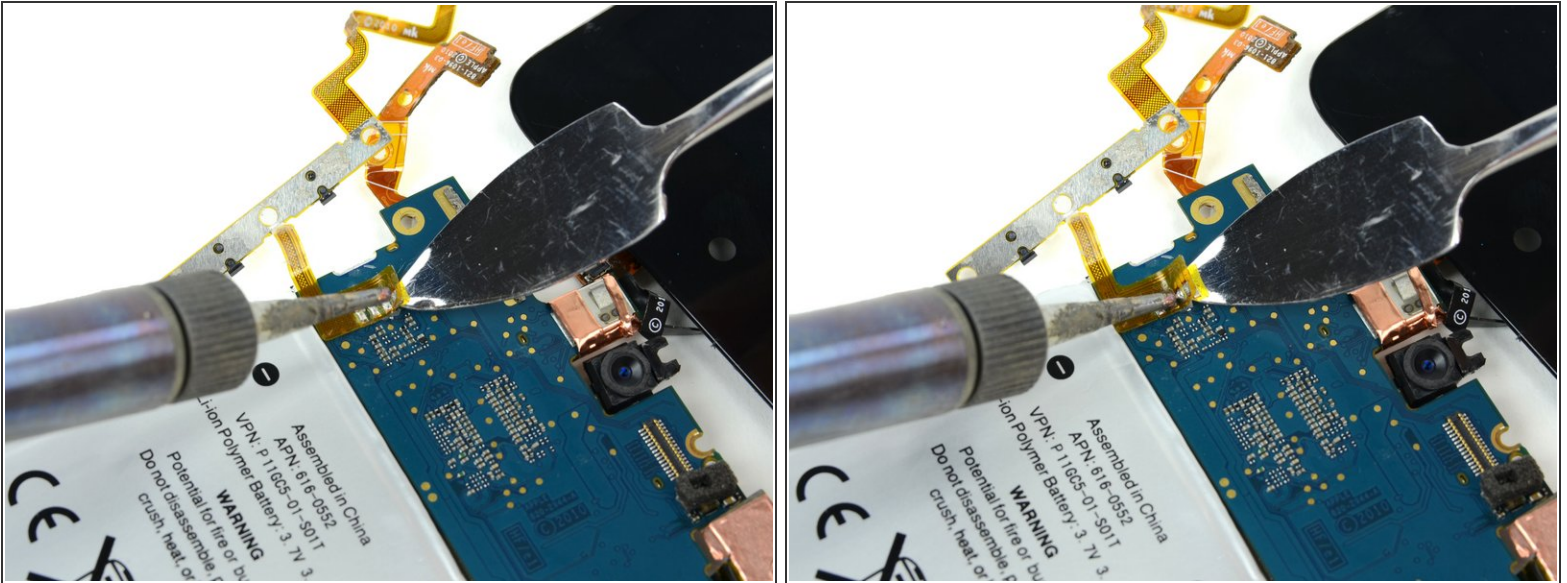
- Wedge the plastic opening tool under each volume controller and pry the assembly loose from the case.




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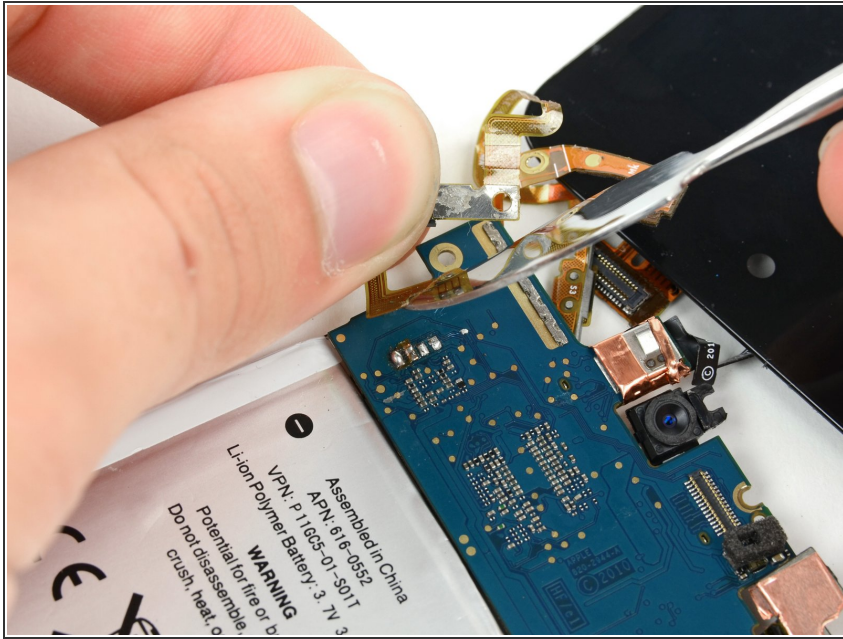
- ✦ Flip the logic board/battery assembly over to access the ribbon cable solder joints.
- In the next few steps, you will desolder the four volume/power button ribbon cable solder joints on the logic board.

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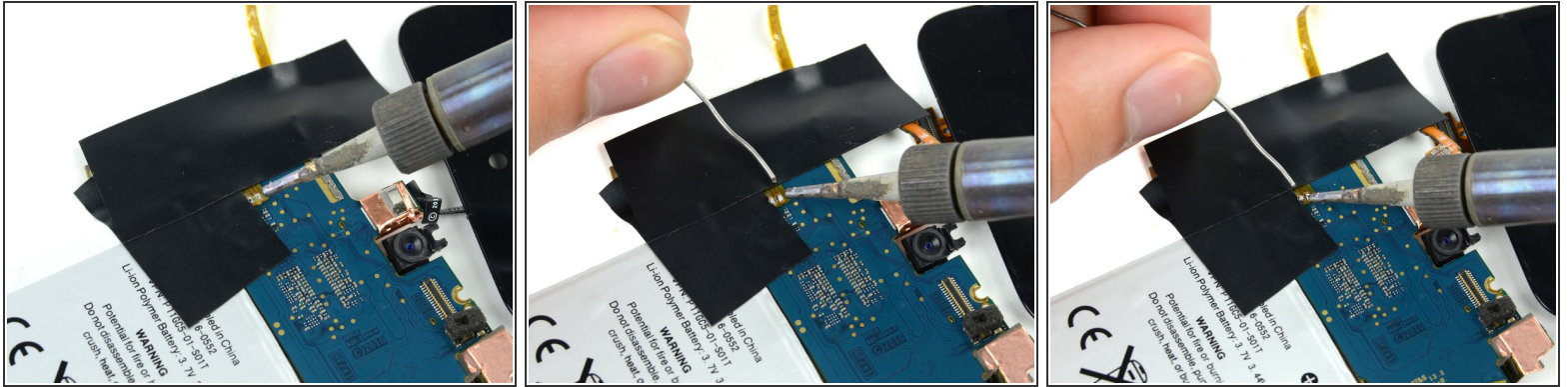
-  The volume/power button cable is attached via solder pads with small holes that go through the cable and attach to flat pads on the face of the logic board. In this step, you will heat each solder pad individually while using a metal spudger to pry it up from the logic board.
-  DO NOT bridge the connection between the solder pads both on the board and on the ribbon cable with your spudger. Shorts have the potential to ruin the logic board.
-  Beware of overheating the board and the cable. Only hold the tip of the iron against the pad long enough to let the solder melt. Excess heat buildup has the potential to ruin the logic board or melt the ribbon cable.
- Start working from the outside of the ribbon cable. Heat the outermost solder pad while gently prying up from under the ribbon cable to free it from the board. Repeat this process for each of the three remaining pads, working from right to left.

Step 28




- ❗ At this point, the cable should be free from the logic board.
- Lift the old cable out of the Touch and set it aside.

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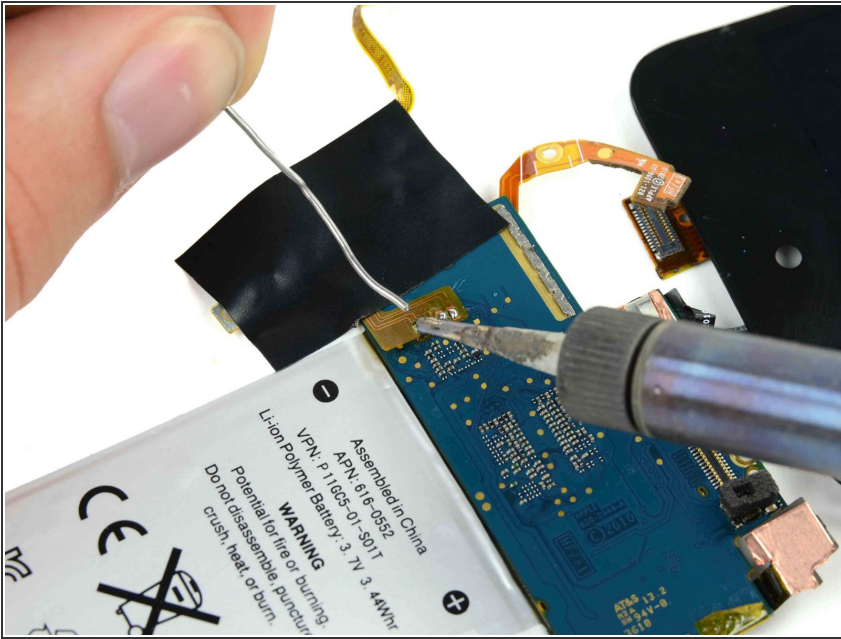


- Place the replacement cable in place and align the far right contact with the far right solder point. Use two small strips of electrical tape to hold the cable against the solder pads.
- Place two strips of tape over the end of the ribbon cable to both cover the two left-most solder pads and hold the contacts down against the logic board.
- Heat the right-most contact until the solder below melts, then apply a small amount of solder to the contact, allowing it to flow through the two holes in the cable and down to the logic board.

 Do not apply too much solder. The amount required for a proper bond is miniscule.

- As soon as the solder has flowed into the joint, remove both the solder and the iron.
- Repeat this process with the second solder pad.

Step 30



- Remove the old tape, and place a new piece of tape to hold the cable in place, but uncover the remaining two pads. If you are satisfied with the position of the cable relative to the pads on the board, proceed. If not, de-solder the first connection and try again.
- Solder the two remaining pads to the logic board, being mindful of overheating the cable or board.

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