



MacBook Pro 15" Unibody Mid 2009 Hard Drive Cable Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

The hard drive cable includes the IR sensor/sleep indicator.



TOOLS:

- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Spudger](#) (1)
- [P6 Pentalobe Screwdriver 2009 MacBook Pro Battery](#) (1)



PARTS:

- [MacBook Pro 15" Unibody \(Mid 2009\) Hard Drive Cable](#) (1)

Step 1 — MacBook Pro 15" Unibody Mid 2009 Hard Drive Cable Replacement



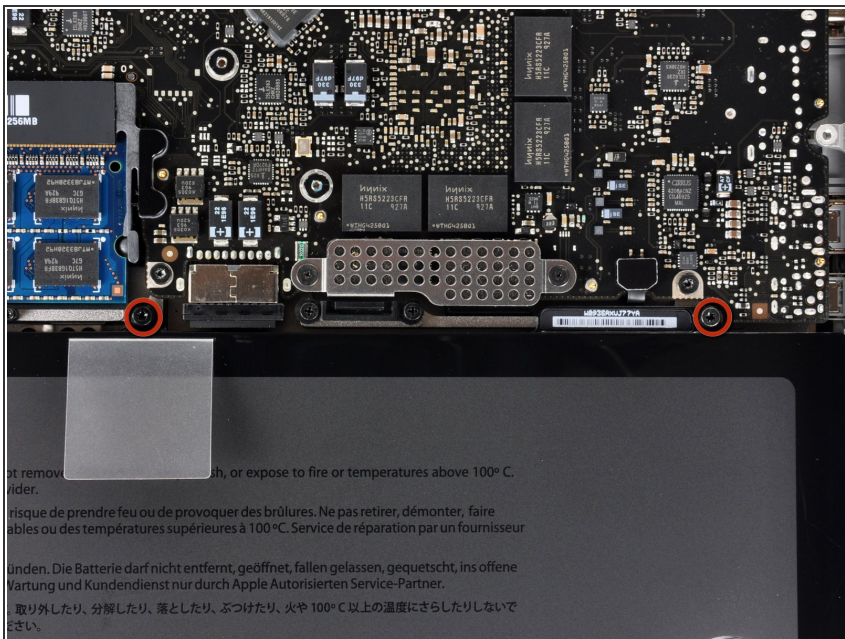
- Remove the following ten screws securing the lower case to the upper case:
 - Seven 3 mm Phillips screws.
 - Three 13.5 mm Phillips screws.

Step 2



- Using both hands, lift the lower case near the vent to pop it off two clips securing it to the upper case.
- Remove the lower case and set it aside.

Step 3



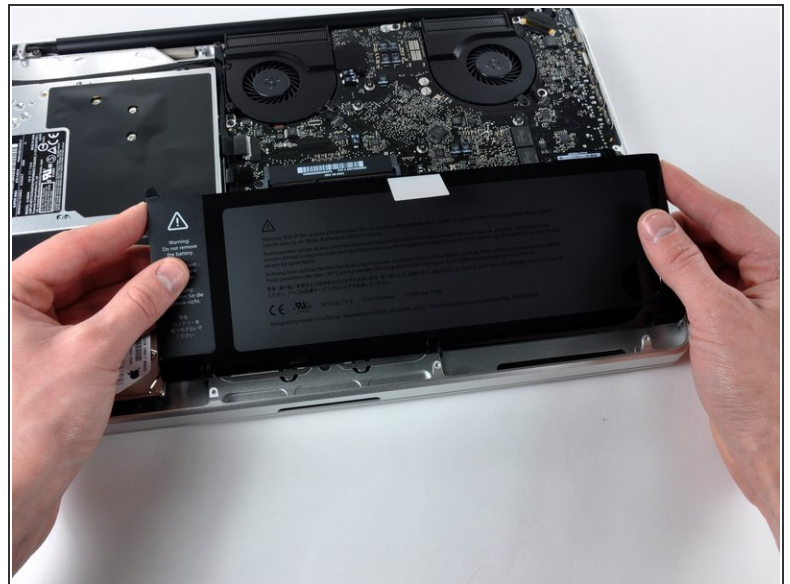
- Remove the two screws along the top edge of the battery.
- ⓘ You do not necessarily have to follow steps 3-6 to remove the battery in order to replace the hard drive. However it is recommended to remove all power sources from electronics before working on them.

Step 4



- Use the tip of a spudger to bend back the finger of the "Warning: Do not remove the battery" sticker while you remove third five-point Pentalobe screw hidden underneath.

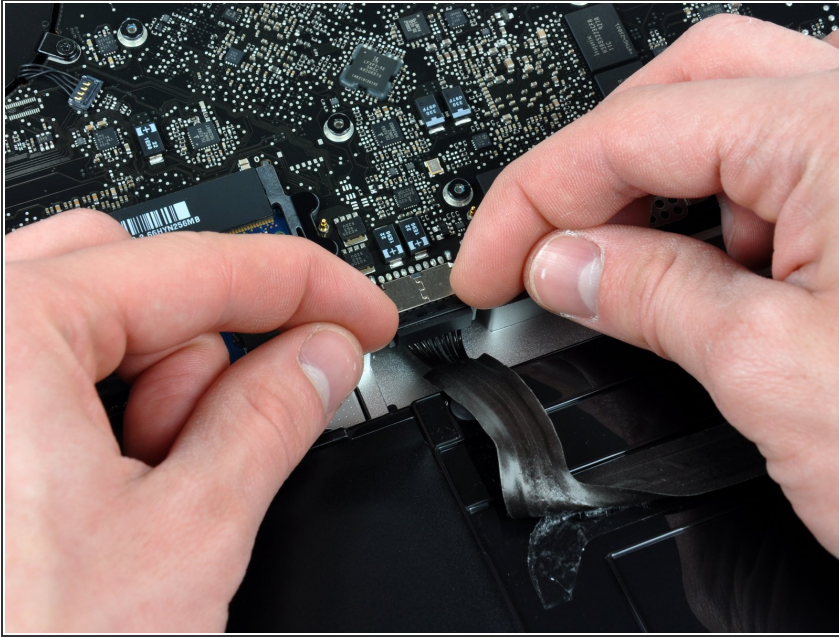
Step 5



- Lift the battery by its plastic pull tab and slide it away from the long edge of the upper case.

⚠ Do not try to completely remove the battery just yet.

Step 6



- Tilt the battery back enough to access the battery cable connector.
- Pull the battery cable connector away from its socket on the logic board and remove the battery from the upper case.

Step 7



- Remove the two Phillips screws securing the hard drive bracket to the upper case.
- ⓘ These screws are captive to the hard drive bracket.
- Lift the the retaining bracket out of the upper case.

Step 8



- Lift the hard drive by its pull tab and pull it out of the chassis, minding the cable attaching it to the computer.

Step 9



- Remove the hard drive cable by pulling the hard drive straight away from the connector. Keep the connector steady. If pulled by the connector, it can be pulled too far and accidentally tear the hard drive cable.

Step 10



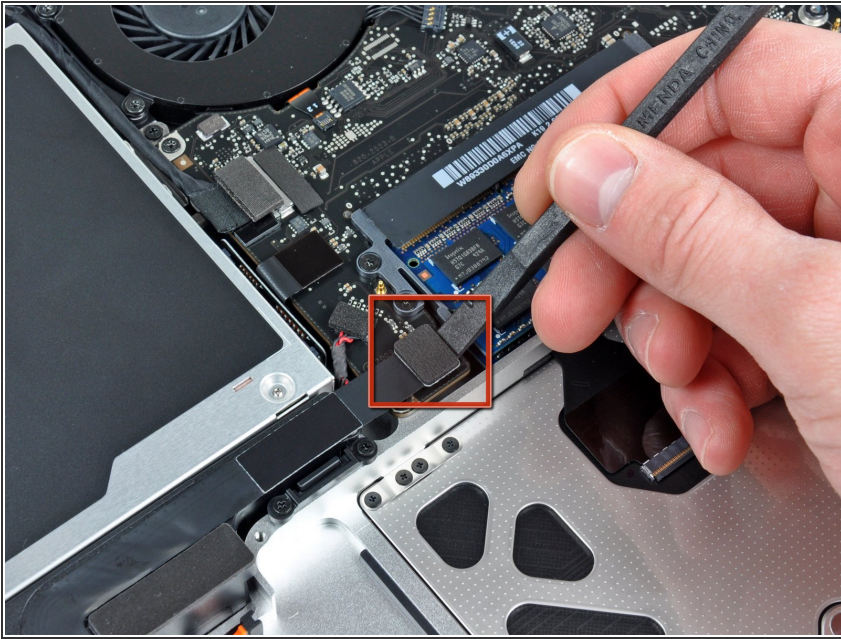
- Remove the following four screws securing the hard drive and IR sensor cable to the upper case:
 - Two 1.5 mm Phillips screws.
 - Two 4 mm Phillips screws.

Step 11



- Slide the hard drive and IR sensor bracket away from the edge of the upper case.

Step 12



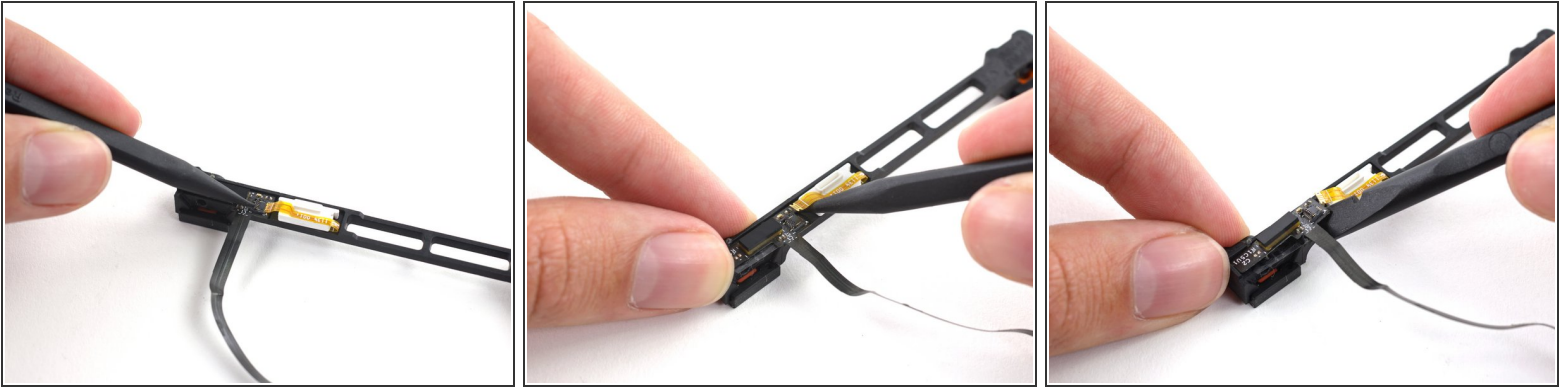
- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry the hard drive cable connector up off the logic board.

Step 13



- Carefully peel the hard drive and IR sensor cable off the right speaker body/upper case and remove them from your computer.

Step 14



-  Your replacement part may or may not come with the front (sensor) bracket. If it does not, you'll need to transfer it to your new cable.
- Use the tip of a spudger to flip the ZIF connector on the hard drive cable.
 - Gently pull the sensor bracket cable out of the ZIF connector.
 - Use the flat end of a spudger to pry the hard drive cable up off the sensor bracket.
-  Remove the adhesive backing from your new hard drive cable, stick it onto the sensor bracket, and connect the sensor bracket cable.

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