



Disassembling Apple Time Capsule Fan

Tools used in this guide

- [Heat gun or hair dryer](#)
- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#)
- [Spudger](#)

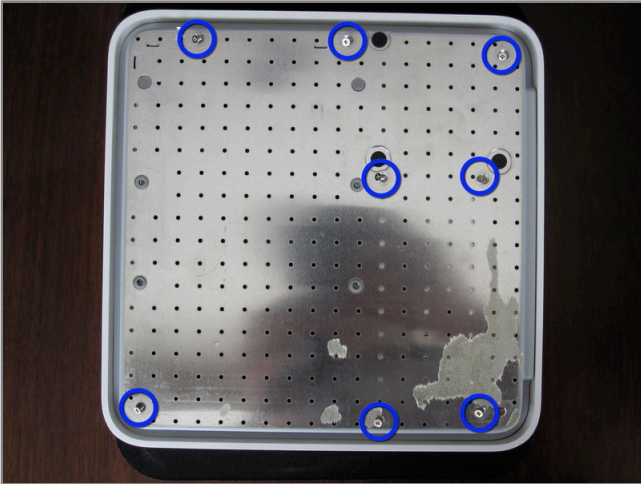
Parts relevant to this guide

- [Apple Time Capsule Fan](#)



Step 1 - Lower Case

- Place the unit bottom up on your work surface. Use a cloth or similar to protect it from scratches.
- Use a heat gun, hair dryer or similar in order to weaken the adhesives in the tape that hold it in place.
 - Start in a corner, it can be tricky to get a good grip at first.
 - Progress slowly not to tear the tape, but do not over heat the unit.
 - You will tear some of the tape, don't worry to much about it. It will still hold in place.



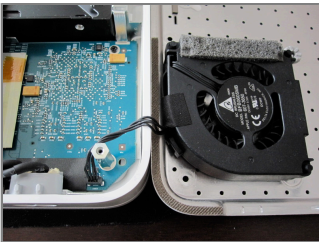
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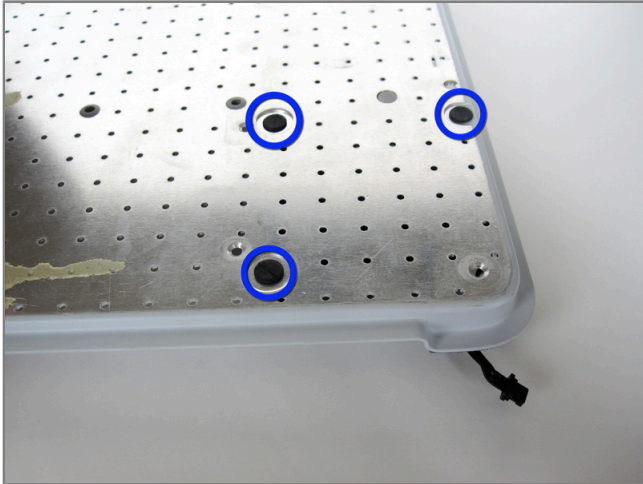
- Using a Phillips #00 screwdriver undo the 8 screws shown with blue.



Step 3

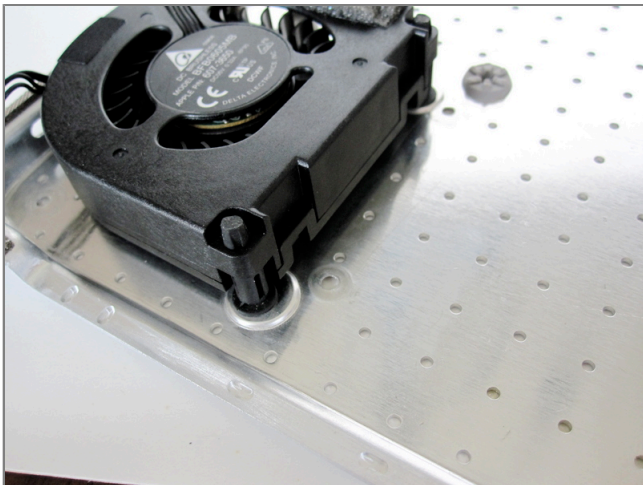
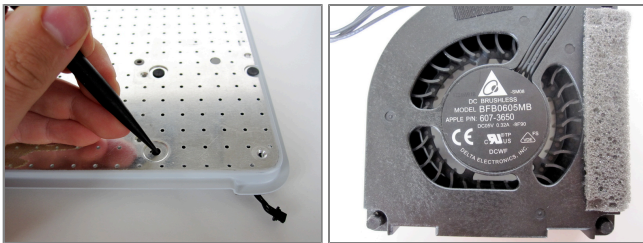
- With the ethernet connectors facing you carefully open the unit like on the picture. I can best describe the opening technique as you would open a book from the rear cover.
- Unplug the fan, a spudger can be of good use here.
 - Unless you are replacing or working on the fan you don't need to unplug it.
- The fan is connected to the motherboard next to the power connector. Don't lift the plate straight up or use force.





Step 4 - Fan

- These three plastic plugs are everything that hold the fan in place.
- Use a plastic spudger or something similar and just press the plugs through the case.



Step 5

- To re-seat your fan use a spudger or similar to force the plastic plugs back in the way they came out. This can be fiddly, but after a few tries you master it.
- If you are replacing your fan, make sure that the plastic plugs are included. Or be prepared to re-seat your fan using an alternative method like double sided tape or nuts and bolts.

