



Installing Mac mini (PowerPC) Upper Case

Tools used in this guide

- [1.5" Thin Putty Knife](#) (1)

How to remove the upper case.



Step 1 - Upper Case

- You can skip this step if you bought your [putty knife from iFixit](#). Putty knives purchased from iFixit come with pre-ground edges.
- You'll need a putty knife in order to open the case. A 1.5 inch thin putty knife will work well, but you'll want to grind the edge down. Rub the putty knife's short edge back and forth on a sheet of all purpose rough grit sandpaper (100 grit will work fine) until it attains a beveled edge.



Step 2

- Place the mini upside down on a cloth and turn it so that the apple leaf faces you.
- Insert the putty knife into the seam between silver outer case and the white plastic. If you have trouble, you can insert the putty knife at an angle or grind the knife's edge down further. Push the blade down until you meet firm resistance (roughly 3/8 of an inch).



Step 3

- Pull directly back on the putty knife until the white plastics pops up. Don't worry about bending the putty knife too far or breaking the plastic tabs. Just continue to pull back on the putty knife until the case pops free.
- Repeat this procedure on the other side.





Step 4

- Grasp the white lower case beneath the vent and rotate it up and away from you, pulling it free of the upper case.

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



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Mass Storage Unit
3 Black Phillips

Optical Drive
4 Silver Phillips

Optical Drive (Interface Board)
2 Silver Phillips

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Fan
3 Black Phillips

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Hard Drive
4 Silver Phillips





To organize your screws, simply place each screw in the appropriate box as you remove them from your laptop.

If you are not planning on immediately reassembling your laptop, you may want to tape the screws to this paper.

Due to model variations, the screws you remove may differ slightly from this guide.




 

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Speaker
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Wireless Interface Board
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Bluetooth Board
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Modem
2 Silver Phillips

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Logic Board
1 Black Phillips

