



Installing Mac mini Model A1283 Top Housing

Tools used in this guide

- [1.5" Thin Putty Knife](#)



Step 1 - Top Housing

- 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

- Carefully insert a putty knife into the crevice in between the top cover and bottom housing. Start on the left side first. Push the blade down until you meet firm resistance (roughly $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch).
- Gently enlarge the existing crevice by rotating the putty knife downward and away from the mini.



Step 3

- Repeat the prying motion until a portion of the bottom housing has been nudged upward.



Step 4

- Repeat the same prying procedure on the right side.



Step 5

- The top cover should now be marginally separated from the bottom housing. Use your fingers to completely separate the two, starting with the I/O side of the mini.