



Installing iPad 3G Battery Replacement

Tools used in this guide

- [Metal Spudger](#) (1)
- [Paper Clip](#) (1)
- [Plastic Opening Tools](#) (1)
- [Spudger](#) (1)
- [T5 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)

Use this guide to replace your iPad's battery.



Step 1 - Display Assembly

- The iPad shown in the photos may look slightly different from your iPad, but the procedure is the same.
- Insert a metal spudger between the right edge of the display assembly and the rear panel assembly.
- Rotate the spudger away from you to release the tabs along the top edge of the display.



Step 2

- Insert a second metal spudger between the top edge of the display assembly and the rear panel assembly to keep the tabs from snapping back into place.
- Pry the display assembly away from the rear panel.



Step 3

- Continue prying the display assembly away from the rear panel along the bottom and left edges of the iPad.



Step 4

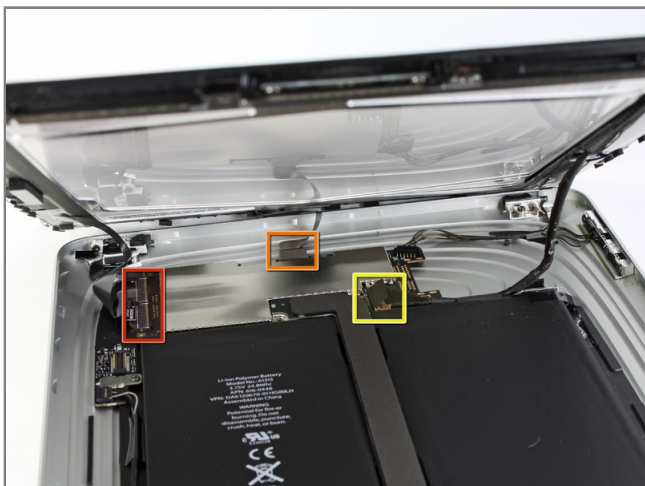
- Lift the display assembly away from the rear panel assembly by its right edge.
- Do not excessively lift the display assembly off the rest of the iPad, as a fragile antenna cable with very little slack still connects the two components.





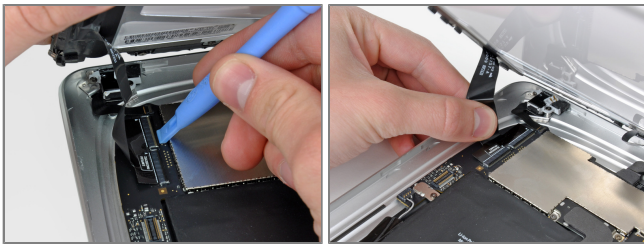
Step 5

- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry the antenna connector closest to the bottom of the iPad up off its socket on the communications board.



Step 6

- In the following steps, you will disconnect the three cables attaching the display assembly to the logic board. The cables are for the following components:
 - Digitizer
 - Ambient Light Sensor
 - Display Data Cable



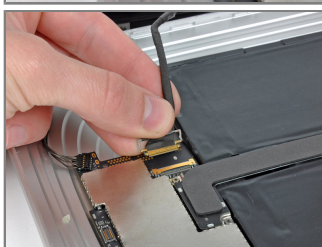
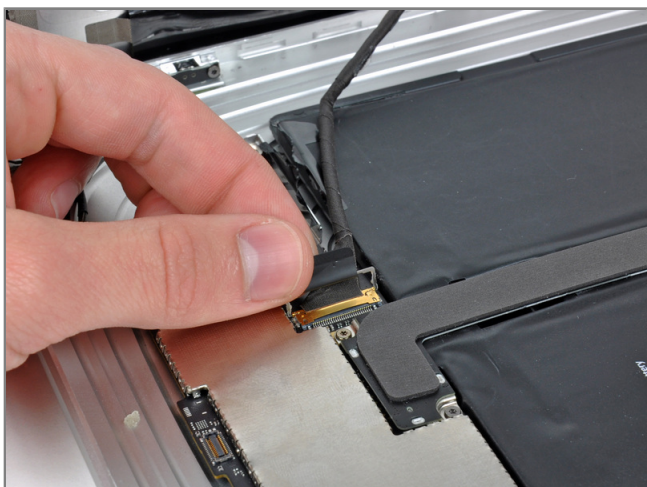
Step 7

- Use the edge of an iPod opening tool to flip up the retaining flaps holding the digitizer ribbon cables in their sockets on the logic board.
- Be sure you are flipping up the retaining flap, **not** the socket itself.
- Pull the digitizer ribbon cables straight out of their sockets.



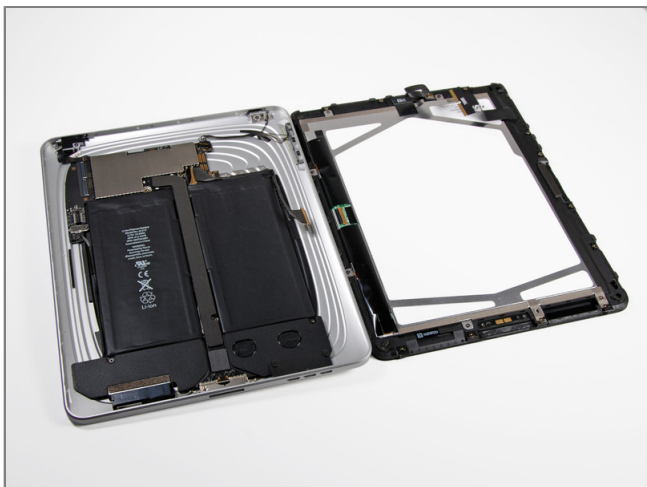
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- Use an iPod opening tool to remove the ambient light sensor connector from its socket by gently prying upward.



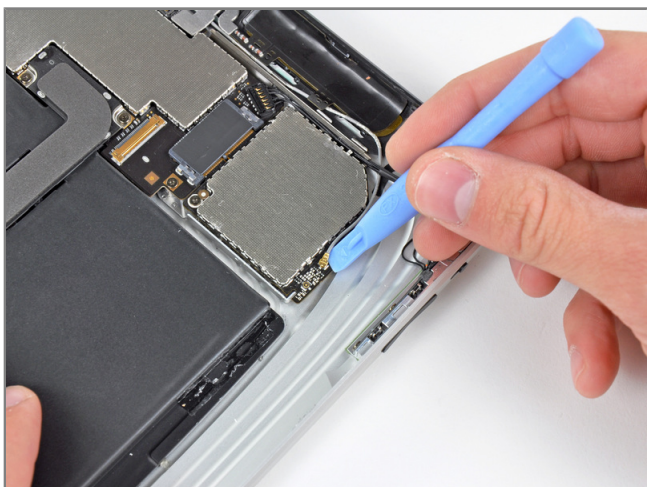
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- Disconnect the display data cable from the main board by flipping up the metal retainer by its black plastic pull tab.
- Pull the cable connector away from its socket.
- Pull the connector parallel to the face of the logic board.



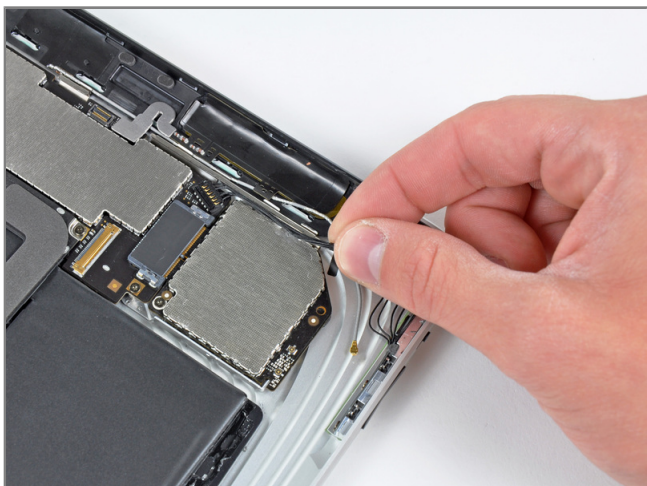
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- Remove the display assembly from the rear panel assembly.



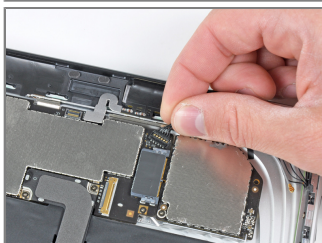
Step 11 - Communications Board

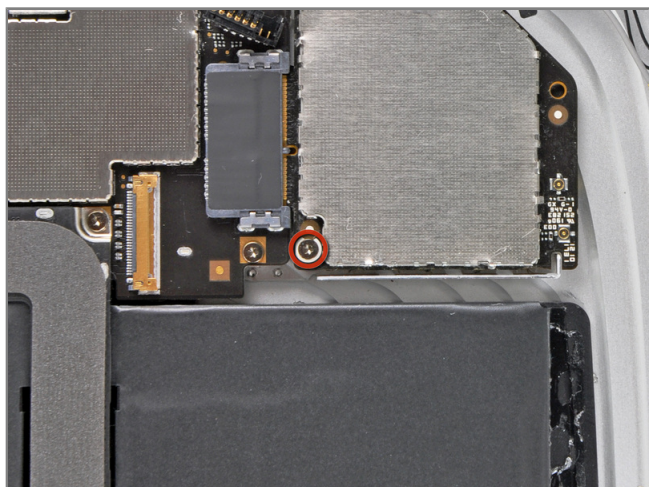
- Use the edge of an iPod opening tool to carefully pry the remaining antenna connector up off the communications board.



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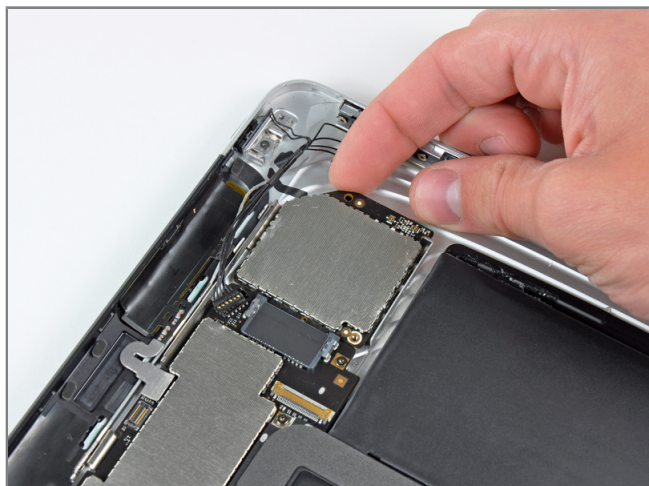
- De-route the control button cable along the top edge of the communications board.
- Pull the communications cable upward to lift its connector up and out of the socket on the logic board.





Step 13

- Remove the single T5 Torx screw securing the communications board to the rear case.



Step 14

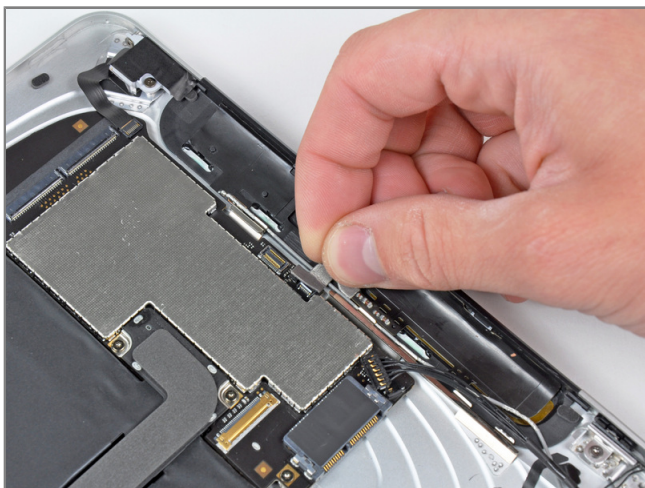
- If necessary, lift the right edge of the communications board upward to release it from the adhesive pad attached to the rear case.
- Pull the communications board away from its socket on the logic board.





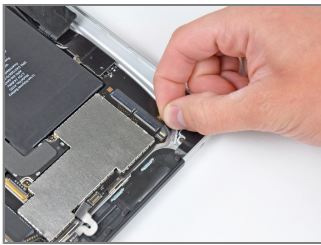
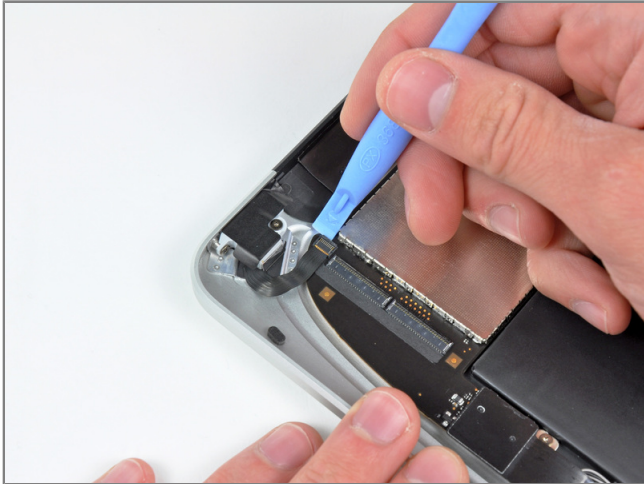
Step 15 - Logic Board

- Carefully peel back the rubber EMI shield covering the GPS antenna socket.
- Use the edge of an iPod opening tool to flip up the GPS ribbon cable retaining flap attached to the GPS cable's socket on the logic board.
- Be sure you pry up on the retaining flap, **not** the socket itself.



Step 16

- Pull the GPS antenna ribbon cable out of its socket.



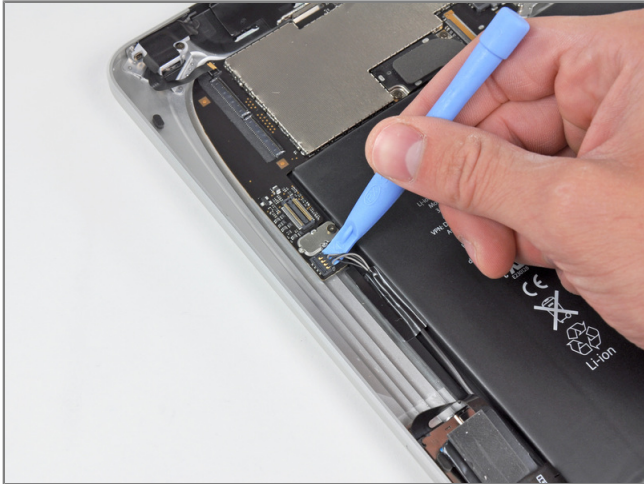
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- Use the edge of an iPod opening tool to pry up the retaining flap on the headphone jack/microphone socket.
- Be sure you pry up on the retaining flap, **not** the socket itself.
- Pull the headphone jack/microphone ribbon cable out of its socket.
- Pull the cable toward the left side of the iPad.



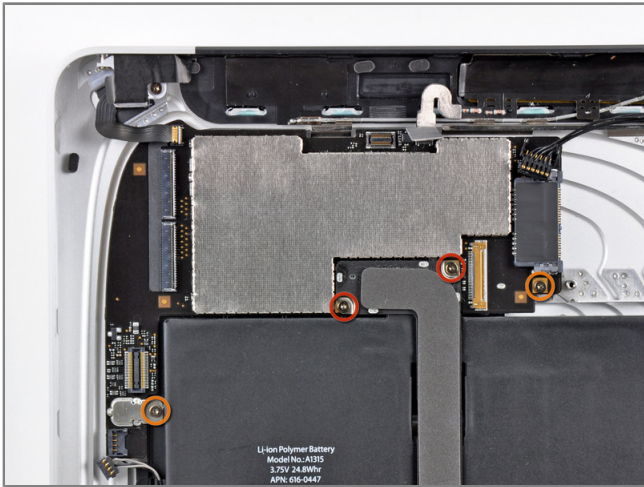
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- Use an iPod opening tool to pry the SIM board connector up off its socket on the logic board.



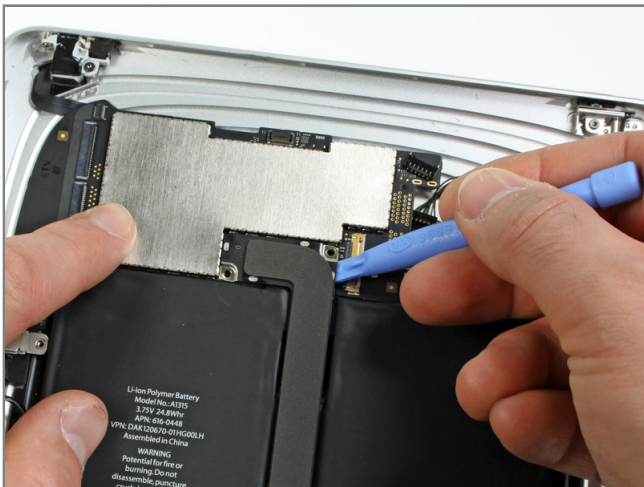
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- Fold the SIM cable toward the bottom of the iPad to access the speaker connector.
- Use the edge of an iPod opening tool to pry the speaker connector up and out of its socket on the logic board.
- Pry up from beneath the wires.



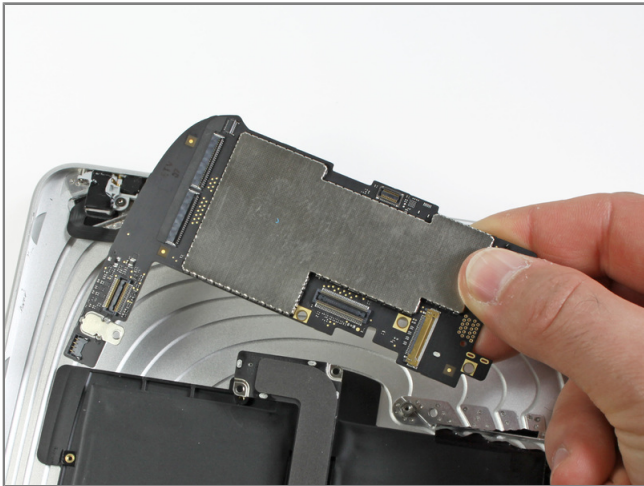
Step 20

- Remove the following screws securing the logic board to the rear panel assembly.
 - Two 4.56 mm T5 Torx screws.
 - Two 3.76 mm T5 Torx screws.



Step 21

- Use the edge of an iPod opening tool to carefully pry the dock cable connector straight up off the logic board.



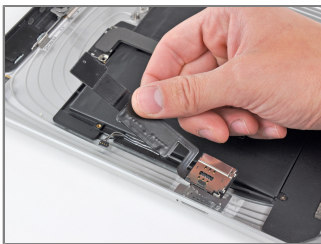
Step 22

- Lift the logic board out of the rear panel assembly.



Step 23 - Battery Replacement

- Use the edge of an iPod opening tool to release the SIM board from the adhesive securing it to the rear case.
- Remove the SIM board from your iPad.





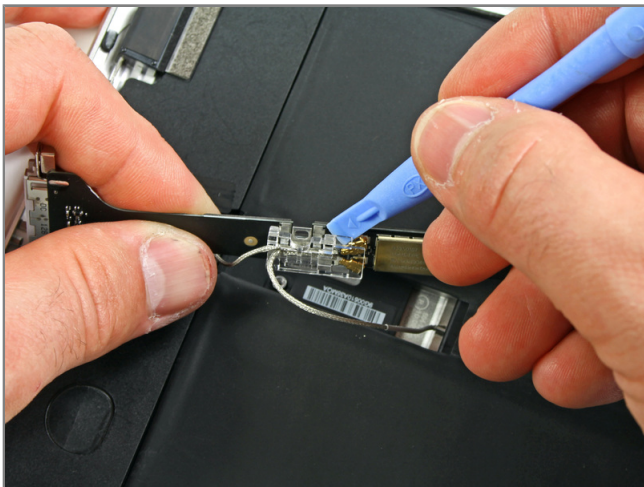
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- Remove the two 2.84 mm T5 Torx screws securing the speaker assembly to the rear panel assembly.
- Remove the single T5 Torx screw securing the middle of the dock cable to the rear panel assembly.



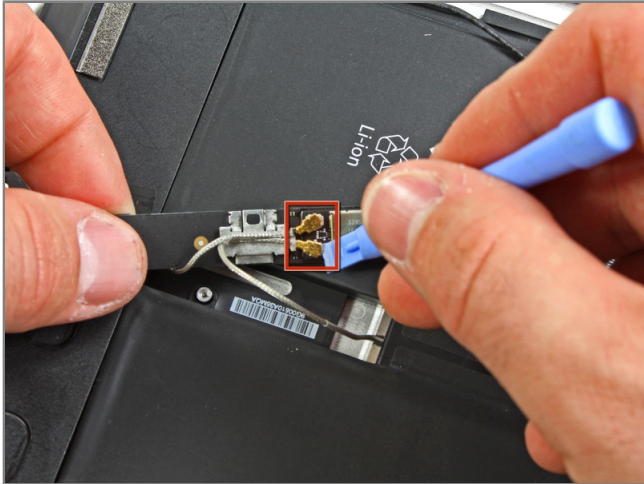
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- Remove the two 2.84 mm T5 Torx screws securing the dock connector cable to the rear case.



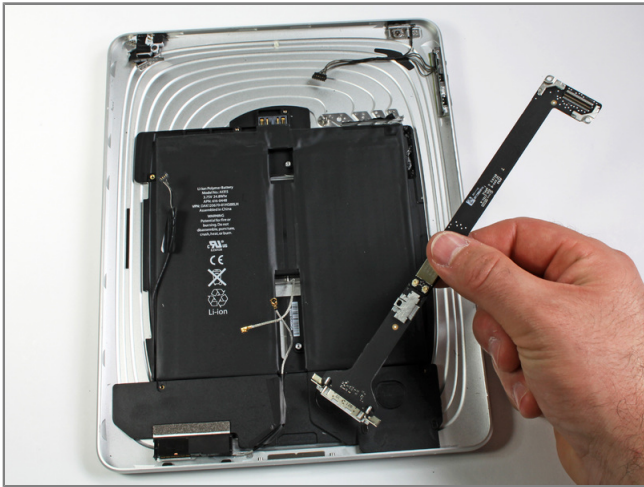
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- Using an iPod opening tool, carefully remove the plastic cover shielding the WiFi/Bluetooth board and dock connector cable.



Step 27

- Carefully pry the Wi-Fi and Bluetooth antennas up from their respective sockets on the Wi-Fi/Bluetooth board.



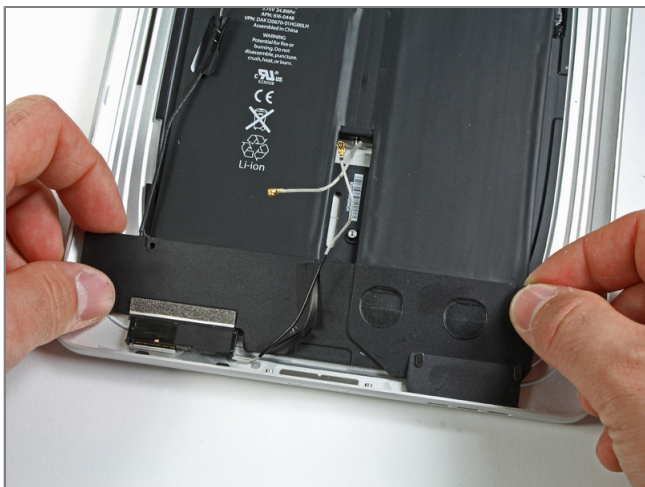
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- Lift the dock connector cable out of the rear panel assembly.



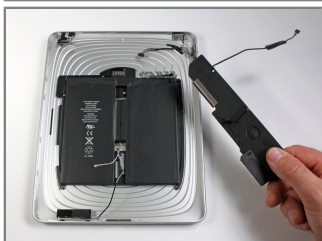
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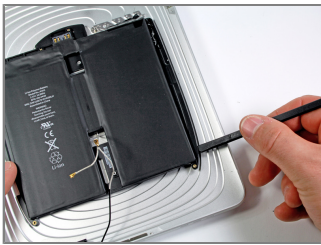
- De-route the speaker cable from the left side of the battery case.
- De-route the Wi-Fi antenna through its channel in the speaker assembly.



Step 30

- Lift the speaker assembly and push it forward until the ports clear the bottom side of the lower case.
- Remove the speaker assembly from the rear panel assembly.





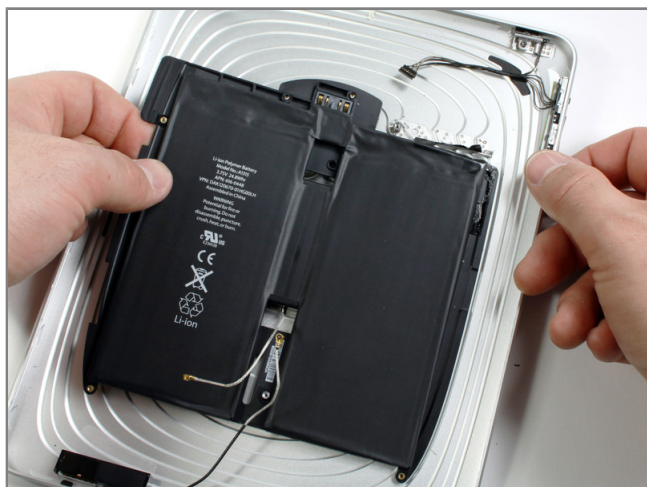
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- The battery is held to the rear panel by an excessive amount of adhesive. Proceed with patience and caution.
- Use the flat end of a spudger to gently pry the battery up from the the lower case.
- Gently continue to enlarge the gap by wiggling the spudger and running it along the right side of the battery.
- Continue to pry until the right side of the battery is free from the rear panel.



Step 32

- Insert the flat end of a spudger under the top edge of the battery and continue to separate the adhesive.
- Continue doing so until the top of the battery is free from the rear panel.



Step 33

- When there is enough clearance, use your hands to peel the battery off any adhesive still securing it to the rear panel.
- Remove the battery from the rear panel.

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

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