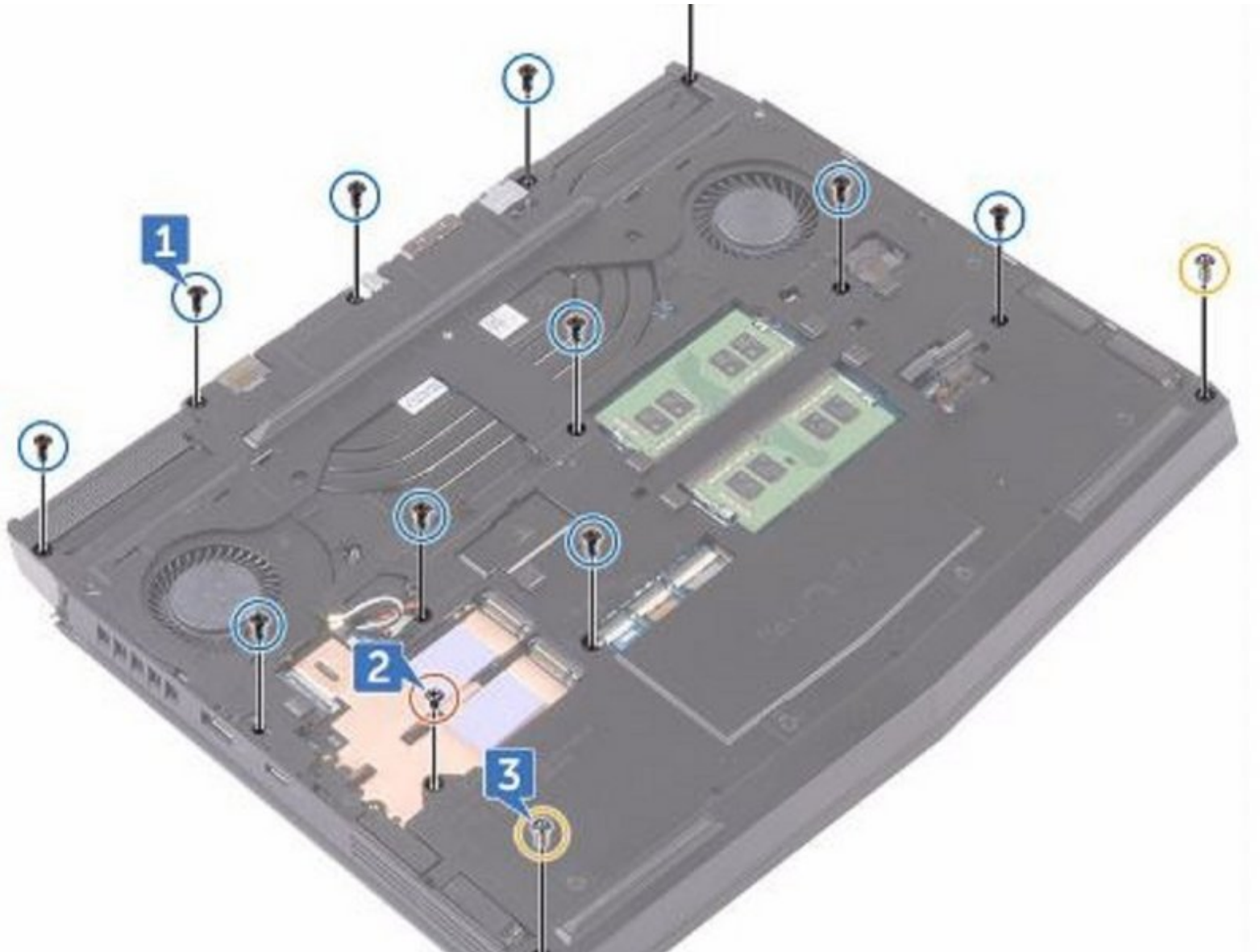




Dell Alienware 13 R3 Computer Base Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

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TOOLS:

- [Pro Tech Toolkit](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Loosen the Screws



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- Loosen the five captive screws that secure the base cover to the computer base.

Step 2 — Pry the Base Cover



- Using a plastic scribe, gently pry the base cover to release the tabs on the base cover from the slots on the computer base.

Step 3 — Lift the Base Cover



- Lift the base cover off the computer base.

Step 4 — Disconnect the Battery Cable



- Using a plastic scribe, disconnect the battery cable from the system board.

Step 5 — Press and Hold the Power-Button



- Press and hold the power button for five seconds to ground the system board.

Step 6 — Connect the Battery Cable



- Connect the battery cable to the system board.

Step 7 — Slide the Tabs



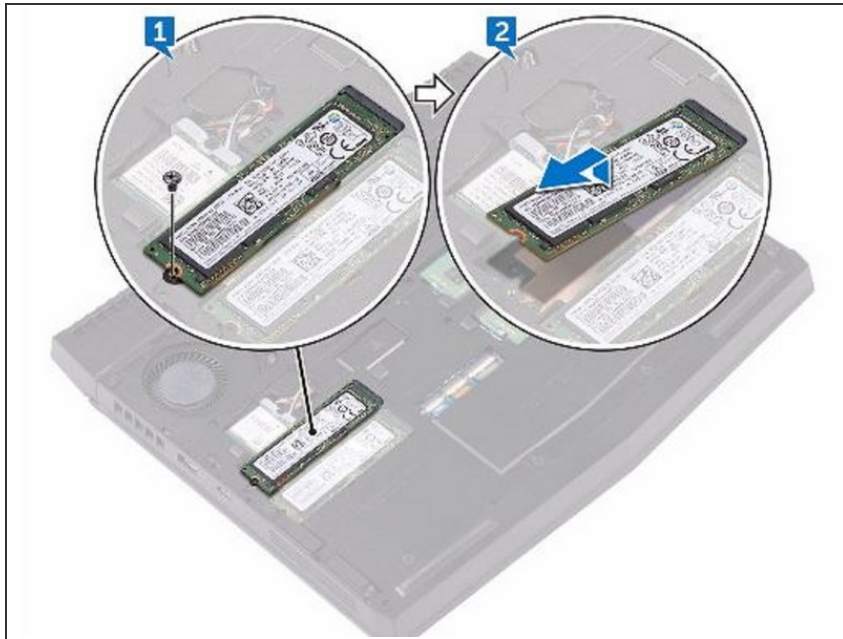
- Slide the tabs on the **NEW** base cover into the slots on the computer base and snap the base cover into place

Step 8 — Tighten the Five Captive Screws



- Tighten the five captive screws that secure the base cover to the computer base.

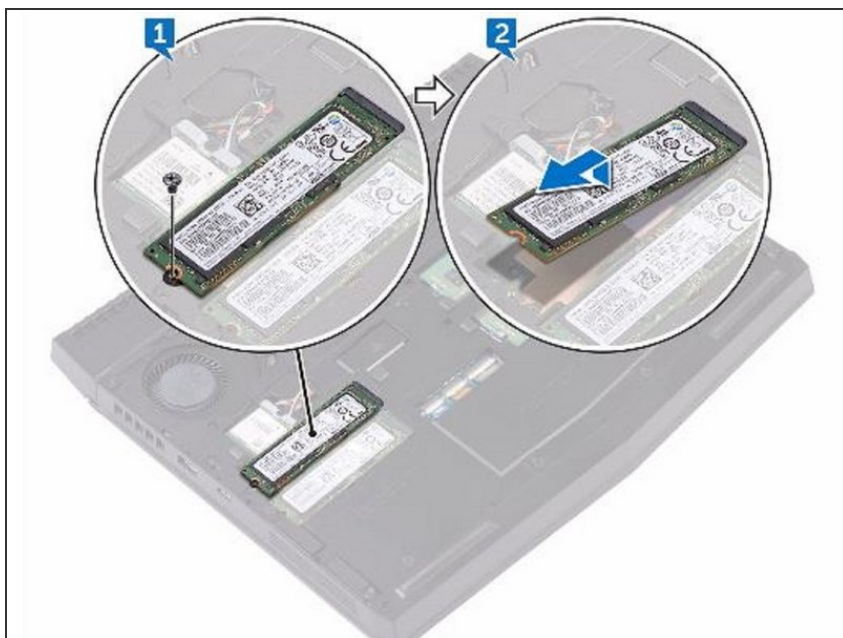
Step 9 — Remove the Screw



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- Remove the screw (M2x3) that secures the solid-state drive to the computer base.

Step 10 — Lift and Slide the Solid-State Drive



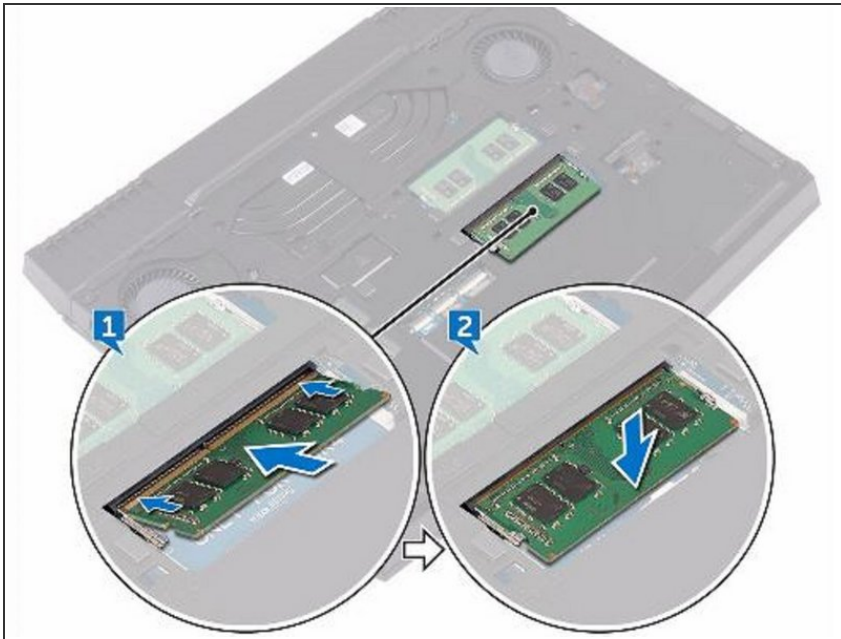
- Lift and slide the solid-state drive from the solid-state drive slot.

Step 11 — Align the Notch



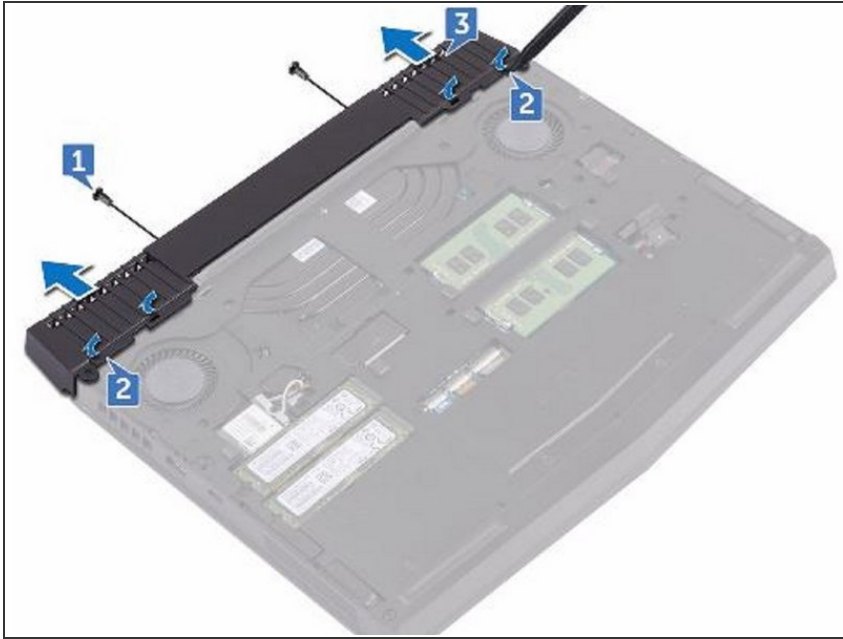
- Align the notch on the **NEW** solid-state drive with the tab on the solid-state drive slot and slide the solid-state drive into the solid-state drive slot.

Step 12 — Press the Memory Module



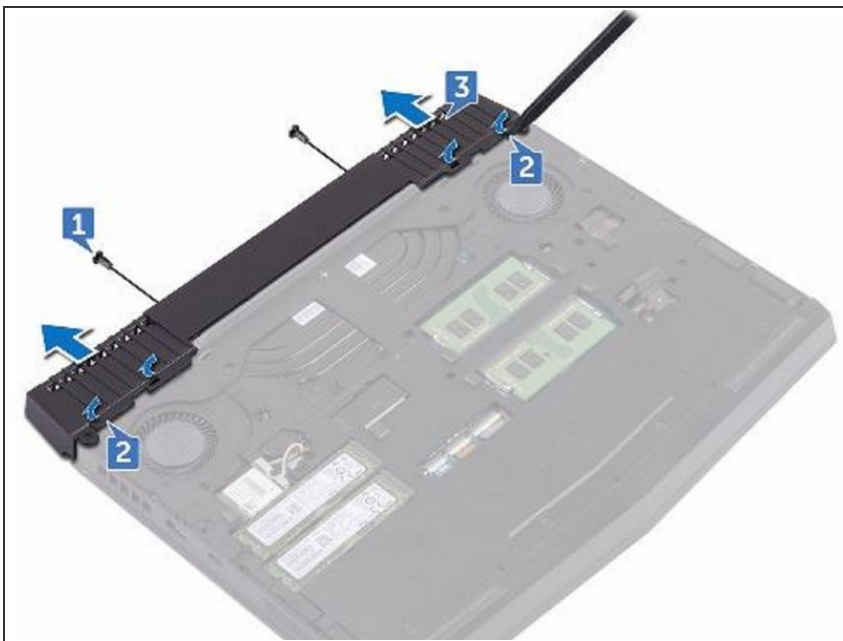
- Press the memory module down until it clicks into place.

Step 13 — Remove the Screws



- Remove the two screws (M2.5x6L) that secure the rear-I/O cover to the palm-rest assembly.

Step 14 — Using a Plastic Scribe



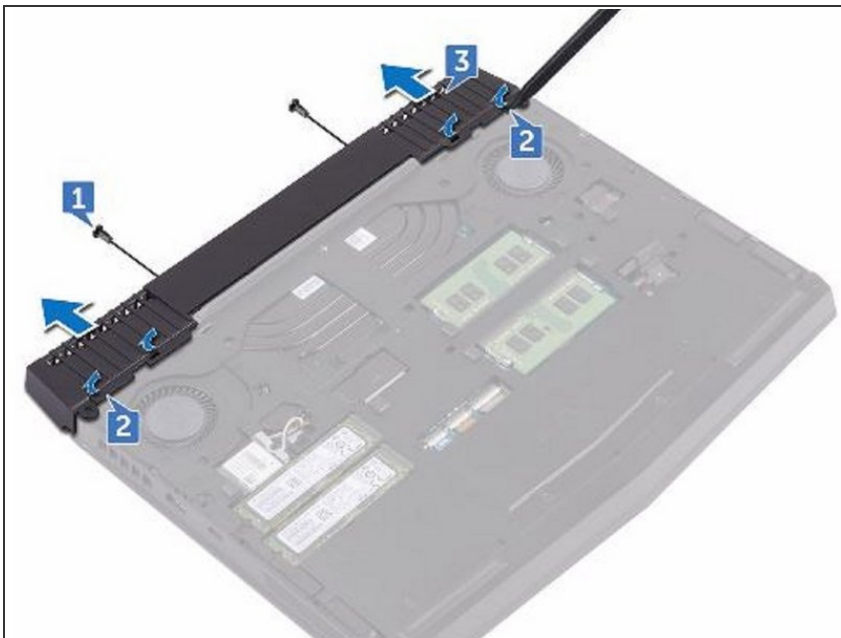
- Using a plastic scribe, gently release the tabs that secure rear-I/O cover to the computer base.

Step 15 — Removing the Rear-I/O



- Slide and remove the rear-I/O cover from the computer base.

Step 16 — Sliding the Rear-I/O



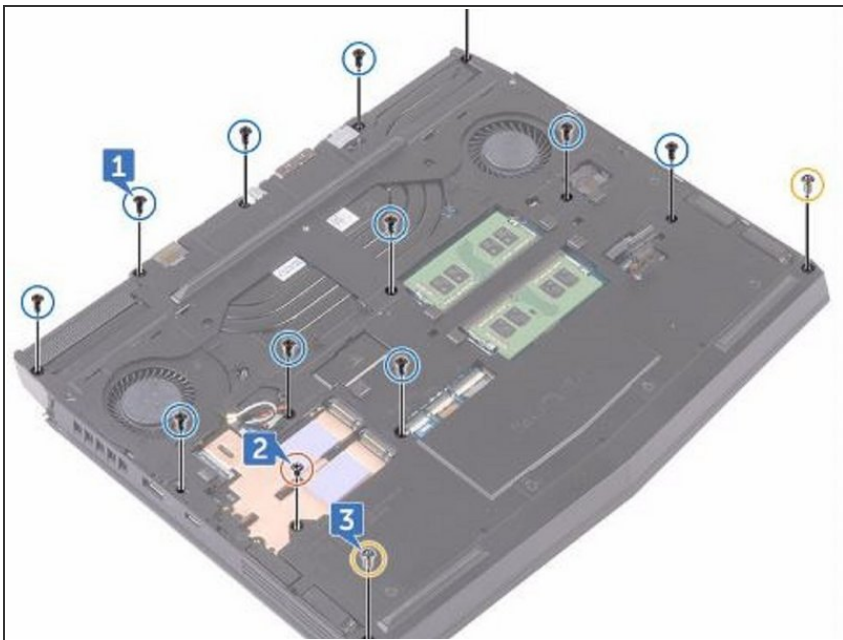
- Slide the **NEW** rear-I/O cover into the slots on the computer base and snap the rear-I/O cover into place.

Step 17 — Replace the two Screws



- Replace the two screws (M2.5x6L) that secure the rear-I/O cover to the palm-rest assembly.

Step 18 — Remove the Screws

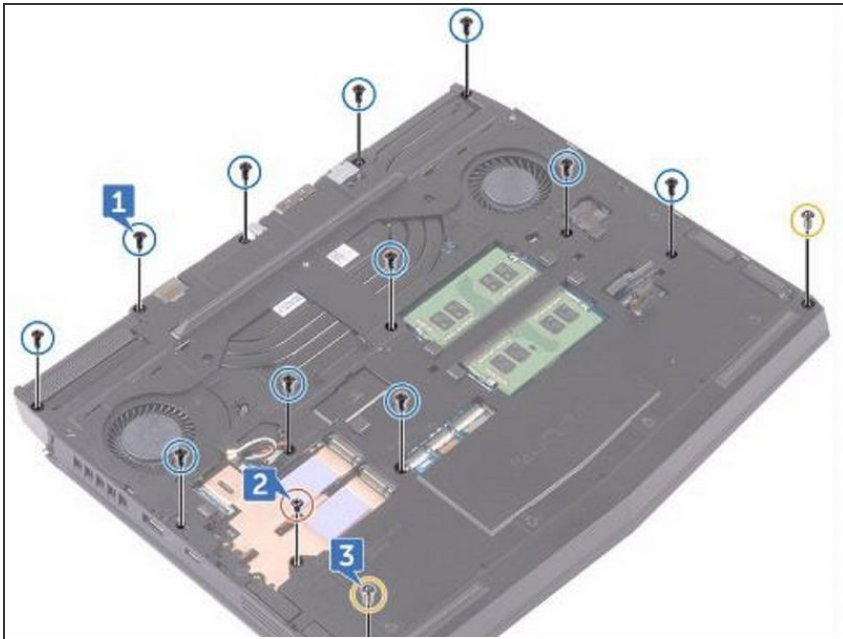


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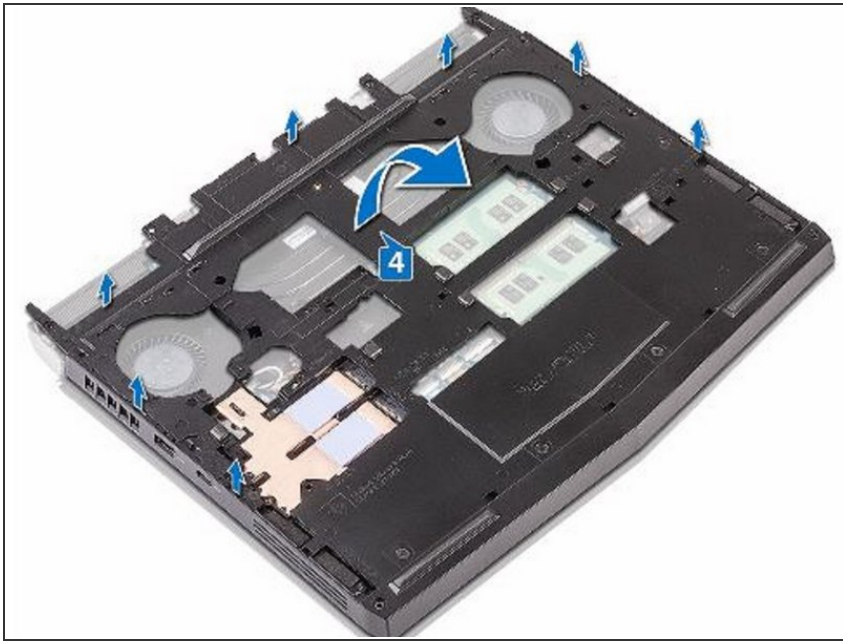
- Remove the eleven (M2.5x6L) screws that secure the computer base to the palm-rest assembly.

Step 19 — Remove the Screw



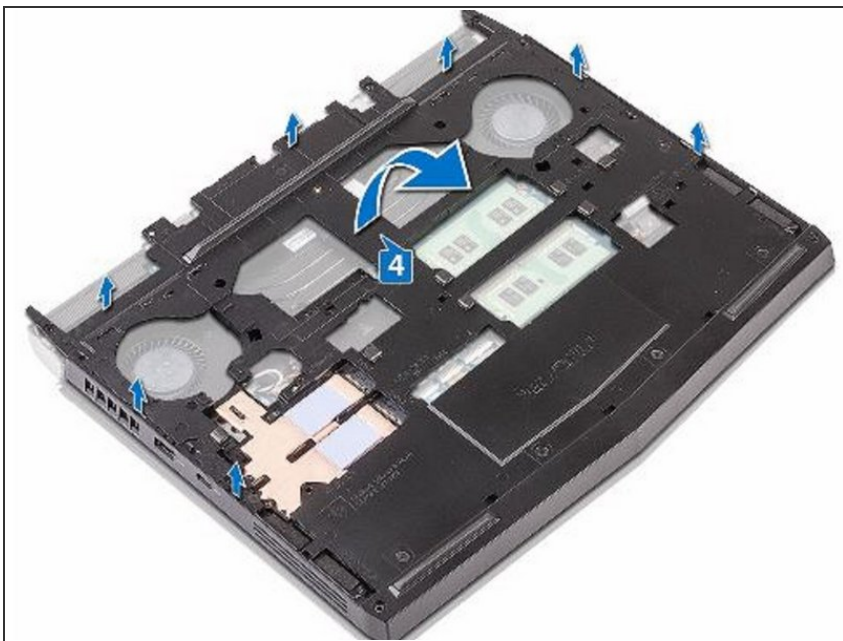
- Remove the (M2x3) screw that secures the computer base to the palm-rest assembly.

Step 20 — Remove the Two Screws



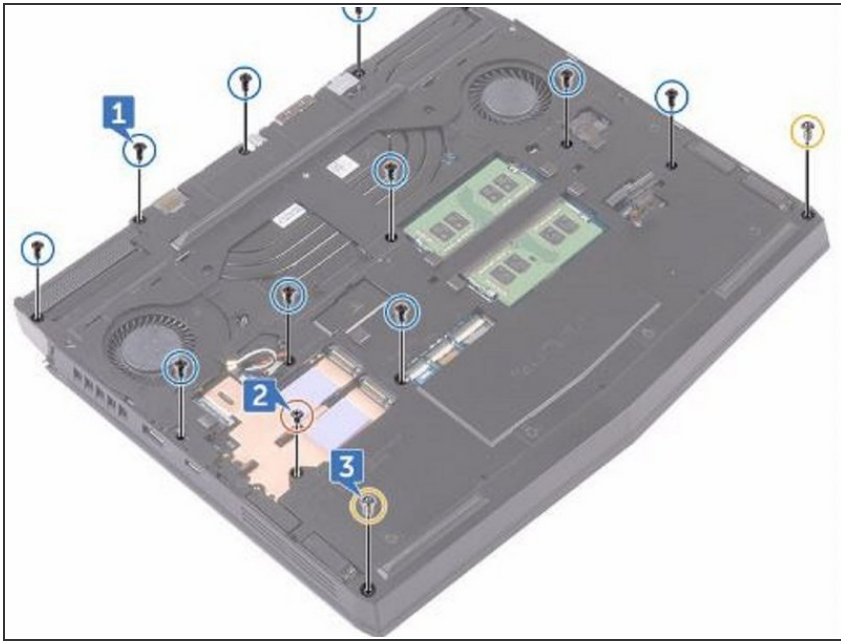
- Remove the two (M2.5x6L) screws that secure the computer base to the palm-rest assembly.

Step 21 — Lift the Computer Base



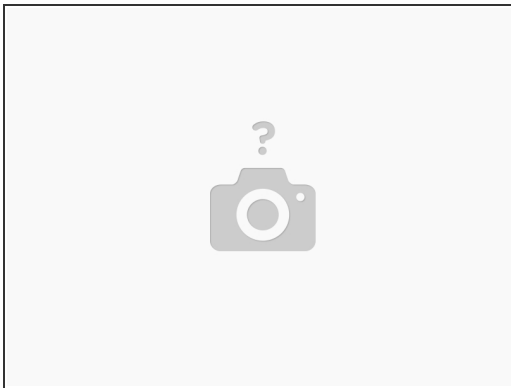
- Lift the computer base from the palm-rest assembly.

Step 22 — Align the Screw Holes



- Align the screw holes on the **NEW** computer base with the screw holes on the palm-rest assembly.

Step 23 — Replace the Screws



- Replace the two (M2.5x6L) screws that secure the computer base to the palm-rest assembly.

Step 24 — Replace the Screw



- Replace the (M2x3) screw that secures the computer base to the palm-rest assembly.

Step 25 — Replace the Eleven Screws



- Replace the eleven (M2.5x6L) screws that secure the computer base to the palm-rest assembly.

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