



Safely remove PC case stickers

If you have a system you want to remove the case stickers on, this guide will show you how to do it cleanly.

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INTRODUCTION

Note: The best time to do this is when the system is new, or there may be a visible contrast.

On many PCs, the OEMs put stickers on, which are prone to more wear on laptops. Removing these improves cosmetics or allows parts to age better.

Guide notes

- **The battery must be removed if it is easily accessible. These can explode if they get too hot!**
 - Follow the guide specific to your laptop to do this. **All laptops are different.**
- **Be careful how much heat is used. Plastic parts can melt if they get too hot.** These will need to be replaced if this happens.
 - **To avoid damaging the plastics, only use enough heat to remove the stickers.**
- **Goof Off WILL DAMAGE PLASTIC. Use Goo Gone, as it is safer for most surfaces.**
 - **If you are in uncomfortable using solvents, a piece of tape works.**

Annoying OEM stickers

- Windows XP/Vista
- Intel
- pre-2011 AMD

Guide Notes

- This procedure can be used to remove most stickers; not just OEM case stickers. These were selected on this laptop as a common example.
- **While some stickers can be harder than others (often due to age or the type of glue used), the same procedure applies.**



TOOLS:

- [Hair Dryer](#) (1)
Used for sticker removal.
- [iFixit Opening Picks set of 6](#) (1)
Useful for removing thin stickers.



PARTS:

- [Goo Gone](#) (1)
Pro Power recommended.
- [Denatured alcohol](#) (1)
See note on Step 3 - only use if needed.

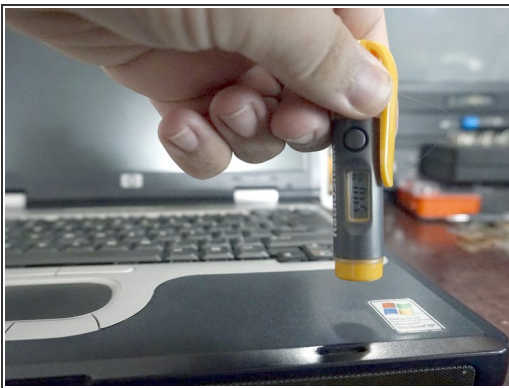
Step 1 — Remove the battery (Laptops only)



⚠ *The procedure to remove the battery varies from laptop to laptop.*

- Before removing the stickers, remove the battery.

Step 2 — Warm up the adhesive



⚠ *30-60 seconds of heat is sufficient.*

i If the sticker is thin, a [guitar pick](#) may help.

- ***After removing the battery, warm up the palmrest with a hairdryer.*** Do this until the palmrest is hot to the touch.
- Peel the stickers off.

Step 3 — Clean the remaining glue



⚠ While denatured alcohol works, it may "strip" some rubber coatings and paint! Use good judgement!

- After the sticker(s) have been removed, clean the leftover glue. **Use a gentle solvent.**
- **Only use enough solvent to clean the palmrest.**
- Wipe up the solvent after a few seconds.