



# How to (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. Older systems may have a visible contrast where the stickers are removed. An example is shown in the cover photo.**

On many PCs, the OEM puts branding stickers on, which are prone to wear on laptops. Removing these from a laptop will keep the palmrest clean or clean up an old system with worn out stickers.

## Guide notes

- **IMPORTANT: The battery must be removed if it is easily accessible and installed where heat is needed. These can explode if they get hot.**
    - Follow the guide specific to your laptop to do this. **Instructions are not included in this guide, as all laptops are different.**
  - **Be careful how much heat you use. Plastic parts can be melted if they get too hot.** These will need to be replaced if this happens.
    - **To avoid damaging the plastics, only use enough heat to make removal easy.**
  - **Goof Off WILL DAMAGE MOST PLASTICS. Use Goo Gone, as it is far safer and doesn't damage most surfaces.**
    - **If you are in uncomfortable using solvents, a piece of tape can also be used.**
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## Potentially difficult to remove stickers

- In most cases, Windows XP/all Intel/pre-2011 AMD stickers leave a lot of residue behind as they age. This is largely unavoidable (but easily cleaned).
  - **While less common with modern stickers (Vista/7/post-2011 AMD), these can still come off dirty.**
- This procedure can be used to remove most stickers; not just Intel/AMD/nVidia/Windows stickers. These were removed from this laptop as an example.
  - **While some stickers can be harder than others (often due to age or the type of glue used), the same procedure will apply.**

### TOOLS:

- [Hair Dryer](#) (1)  
*Used to remove the stickers*
- [iFixit Opening Picks set of 6](#) (1)  
*Useful for removing thin stickers.*

### PARTS:

- [Goo Gone](#) (1)  
**Pro Power (Recommended)**  
*While regular Goo Gone will work, Pro Power is more common.*

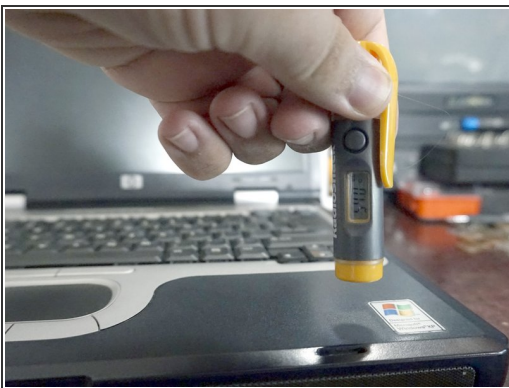
## Step 1 — Remove the battery (Laptop only)



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

- Before removing the stickers, remove the battery.

## Step 2 — Warm up the system



**⚠** *30-60 seconds of heat will break the glue down.*

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

- **After removing the battery, use a hairdryer to warm up the system.** Do this until the glue is soft.
- Peel off the stickers when the palmrest is hot to the touch.

### Step 3 — Clean up the remaining glue



- i** The bottle my Goo Gone came from broke. I replaced the bottle since it was full.
- After the sticker(s) have been removed, clean the leftover glue. ***Use a gentle citrus solvent.***
  - ***Only use enough solvent on the system to remove the residual glue.***
  - Wipe the glue off after a few seconds. The hot glue will wipe off easily.

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