



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 - even if it is dead.**
 - 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 efficient.

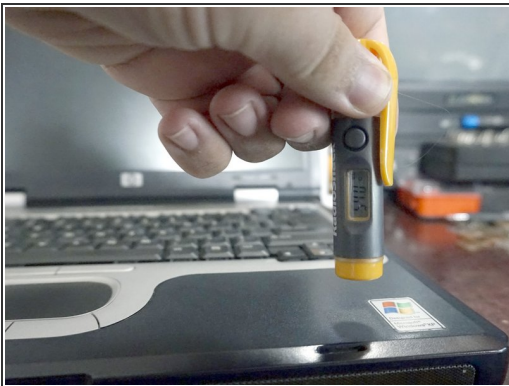
Step 1 — Remove the battery (Laptop only)



⚠ *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



⚠ If Goo Gone does not work, denatured alcohol may work to clean up the remaining adhesive. DO NOT use it on painted surfaces, as this will likely damage the palmrest paint!

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.