



# Safely remove PC case stickers

If you have a system you want to remove the OEM stickers from your computer, this guide will show you how to do so safely and cleanly.

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## INTRODUCTION

**Note: The best time to do this is when the system is new. Darker systems (Ex: Dark Blue/Black) often have a more visible contrast than lighter laptops (Ex: Silver/aluminum).**

On many PCs the OEMs put stickers which are prone to poorly wearing on laptops. Removing these stickers can improve device cosmetics in the long term.

## Guide notes

- **The battery must be removed if it is placed where the sticker is placed. They can explode if they get too hot!**
  - Follow a guide specific to your laptop. **All laptops are different.**
- **Be careful not to use too much heat. Plastic parts can melt if they get too hot, and will need to be replaced if this happens.**
  - **To avoid damaging plastic, only use enough heat to remove the stickers.**
- **Goof Off WILL DAMAGE PLASTIC. Goo Gone is a far safer choice all around.**
  - **If you are in uncomfortable using solvents unless all options are exhausted, a piece of tape works, or the old case sticker that was removed.**

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## Annoying OEM stickers

- Windows XP/Vista
- Intel (Some newer stickers come off cleaner than old ones, but require more heat).
- AMD CPU (pre-2011)

## Guide Notes

- This procedure can be used to remove most stickers. These were selected on this laptop as a common example.
- **While some stickers can be harder than others (often due to age or type of adhesive), 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 is specific to every 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 until it is warm 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 residual glue with a **small amount** of gentle solvent.
- Clean the solvent after a few seconds.