Apple Watch Series 2 Adhesive Replacement

This guide shows you how to replace the adhesive and reseal your Apple Watch Series 2.

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INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace the adhesive of your Apple Watch Series 2 and reseal it. The Apple Watch’s water resistance might not be fully restored after that procedure.

**TOOLS:**
- Q-Tips (1)
- Spudger (1)
- Tri-point Y000 Screwdriver Bit (1)
- Tweezers (1)

**PARTS:**
- Adhesive Cleanup Kit (1)
- Apple Watch (42 mm) Adhesive Strips (1)
- Apple Watch (38 mm) Adhesive Strips (1)
Step 1 — Cleaning the gasket

- Apply a little bit of isopropyl alcohol (>99%) to a Q-tip or use a cleaning pad to gently remove the adhesive leftovers on top of the force touch gasket.

  To remove the adhesive on the side where the display cables are running, fold down the display and carefully pull it away from the frame so there's enough space.

Step 2 — Cleaning the display

- Flip the Apple Watch upside down so the display lays flat while lifting up the case.

- Remove the leftovers on the back of the display.
Step 3 — Applying the new adhesive

- Use a pair of tweezers to carefully remove replacement adhesive with the blue protective film from the backing paper.

Step 4

- Hold the replacement adhesive diagonally to thread it over the display.
- Slightly tilt the display forward so you can align the adhesive with the frame.
- Position the replacement adhesive on top of the force touch gasket and use the pointed end of a spudger to move and press it into place.
Step 5

- Reconnect the battery as seen in the replacement guide you came from.
- Remove the protective film from the adhesive.

Step 6

- Align the screen and press it down firmly onto the adhesive.

To improve bonding of the adhesive you can use an iOpener to warm up the display. Then apply some pressure for a few hours (placing it under one or two heavy books overnight might be a way).