MacBook Air 11" Mid 2013 I/O Board Cable Replacement

Replace the I/O Board Cable in your MacBook Air 11" Mid 2013.

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INTRODUCTION

Remove or replace the I/O board cable.

TOOLS:

- P5 Pentalobe Screwdriver Retina MacBook Pro and Air (1)
- Spudger (1)

PARTS:

- MacBook Air 11" (Mid 2013) I/O Board Cable (1)

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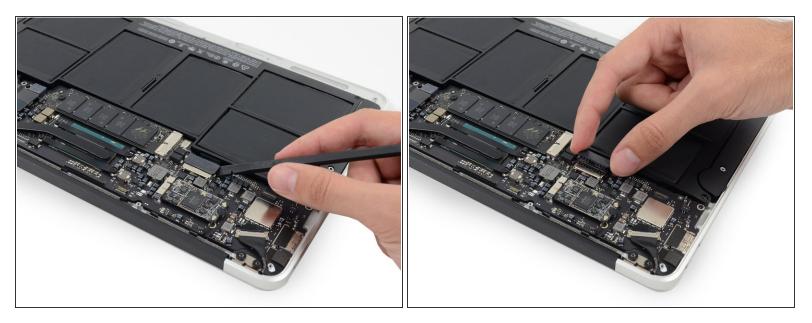
Step 1 — Lower Case

- ⓘ Shut down and close your computer. Lay it on a soft surface top-side down.

- Remove the following ten screws:

  - Two 8 mm 5-point Pentalobe screws

  - Eight 2.5 mm 5-point Pentalobe screws

- ⓘ The special screwdriver needed to remove the 5-point Pentalobe screws can be found here.
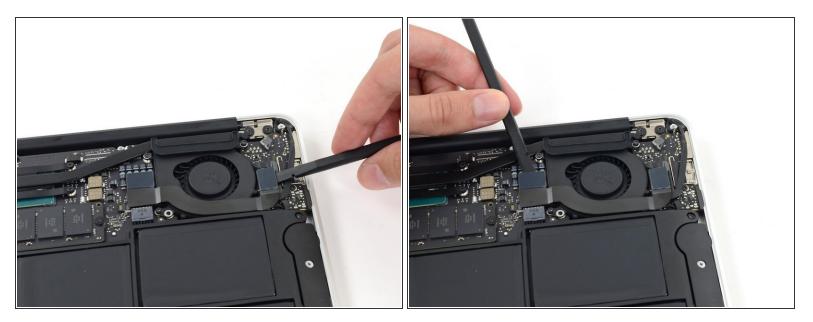
Step 2

- Wedge your fingers between the display and the lower case and pull upward to pop the lower case off the Air.

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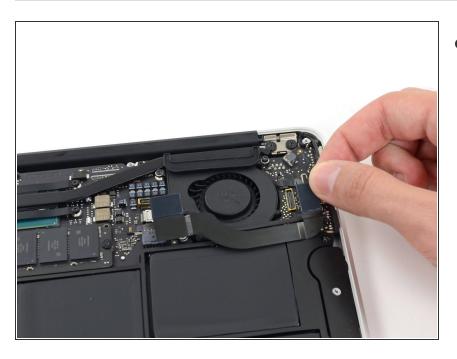
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Step 3 — Battery Connector

⚠️ In this step you will disconnect the battery to help avoid shorting out any components during service.

- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry both short sides of the battery connector upward to disconnect it from its socket on the logic board.

- Bend the battery cable slightly away from the logic board so the connector will not accidentally bend back and make contact with its socket.

Step 4 — I/O Board Cable

- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry the left and right I/O board cable connectors up off their respective sockets on the I/O board.

Step 5

- Lift and remove the I/O board cable.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.

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