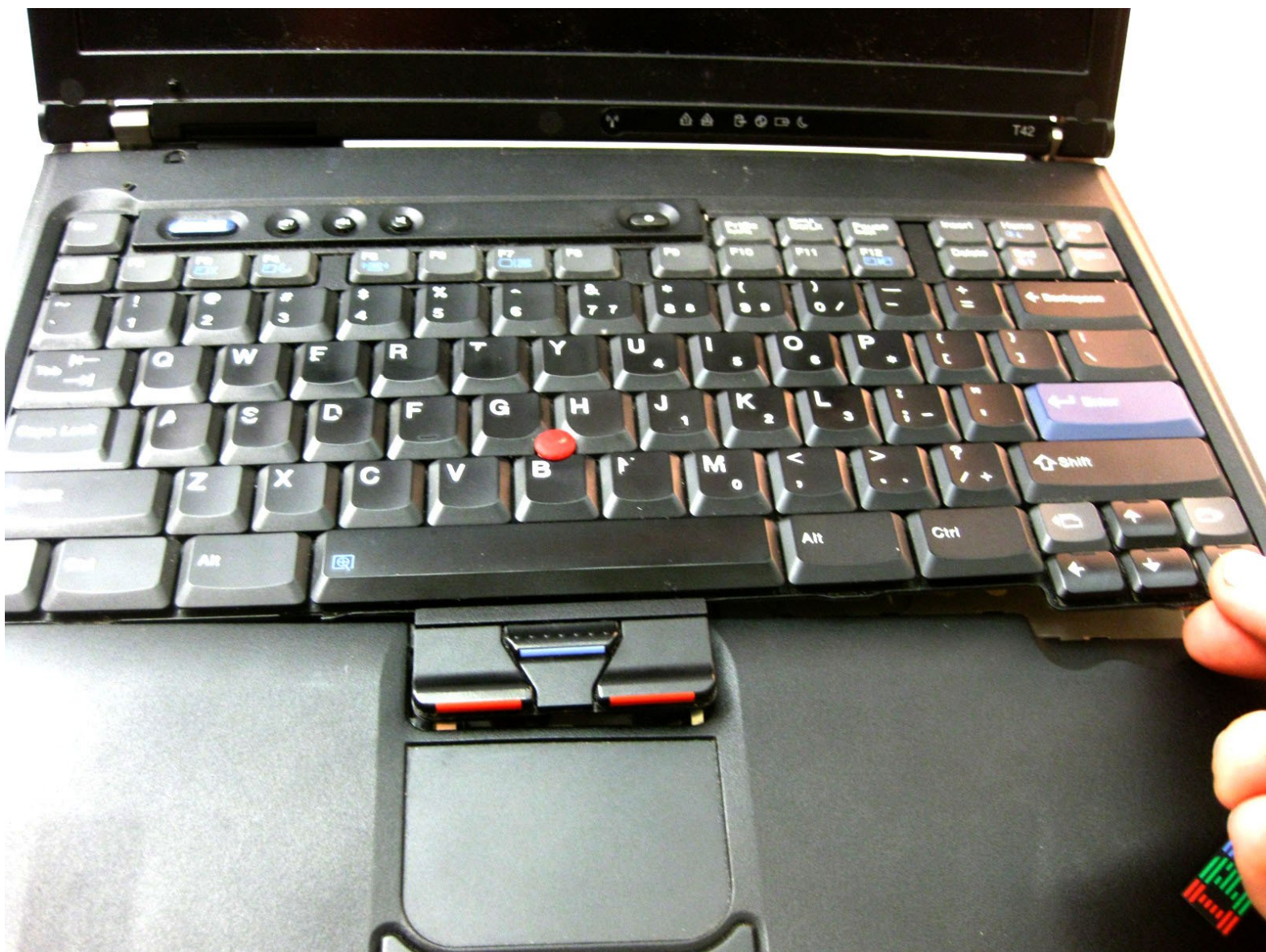




IBM ThinkPad T42 Keyboard and Trackpad Replacement

This guide will demonstrate how to replace an IBM ThinkPad T42's keyboard and trackpad.

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 **TOOLS:**

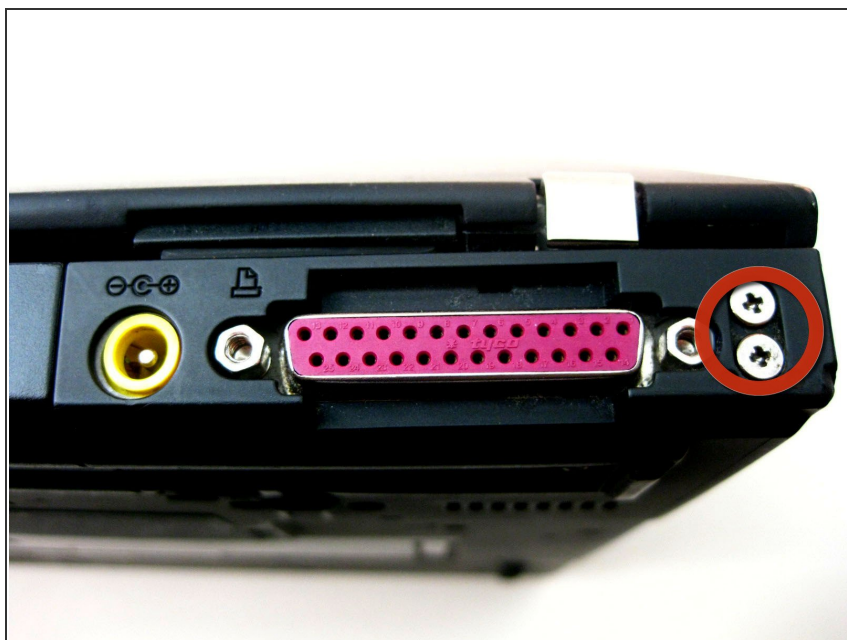
- [Phillips #0 Screwdriver](#) (1)

Step 1 — Bottom Cover



- Unscrew the 20 Phillips screws on the underside of the T42.
- ⓘ For ease of reassembly, keep your screws organized.

Step 2 — Rear Screws



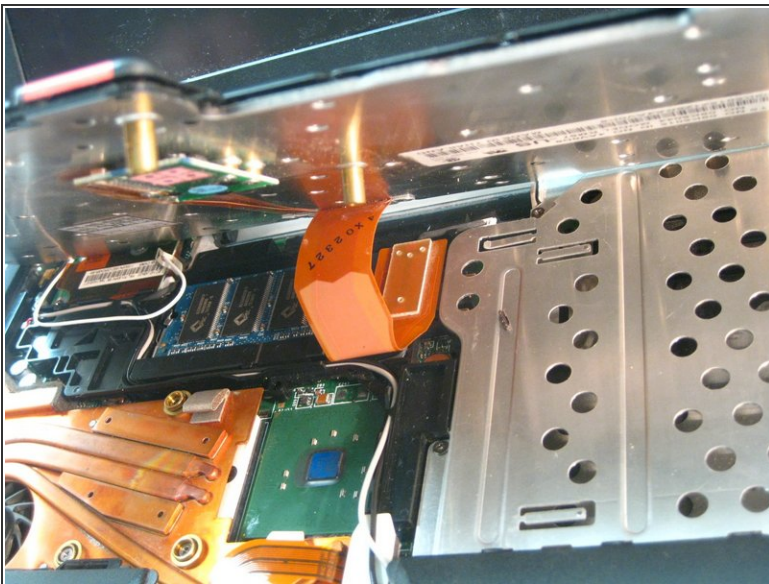
- Unscrew the 2 Phillips screws on both sides of the T42's rear.

Step 3 — Keyboard/Trackpad Removal



- Flip the laptop over and open the screen.
- ⚠ The bezel and keyboard will be loose, be careful.

Step 4 — Disconnecting Ribbon Cables



- Carefully maneuver the palm rest away from the keyboard, as both the keyboard and palm rest/trackpad will come off together.
- ⚠ Remember, both the keyboard and trackpad have connectors to the motherboard. Disconnect these before completely removing either component.

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