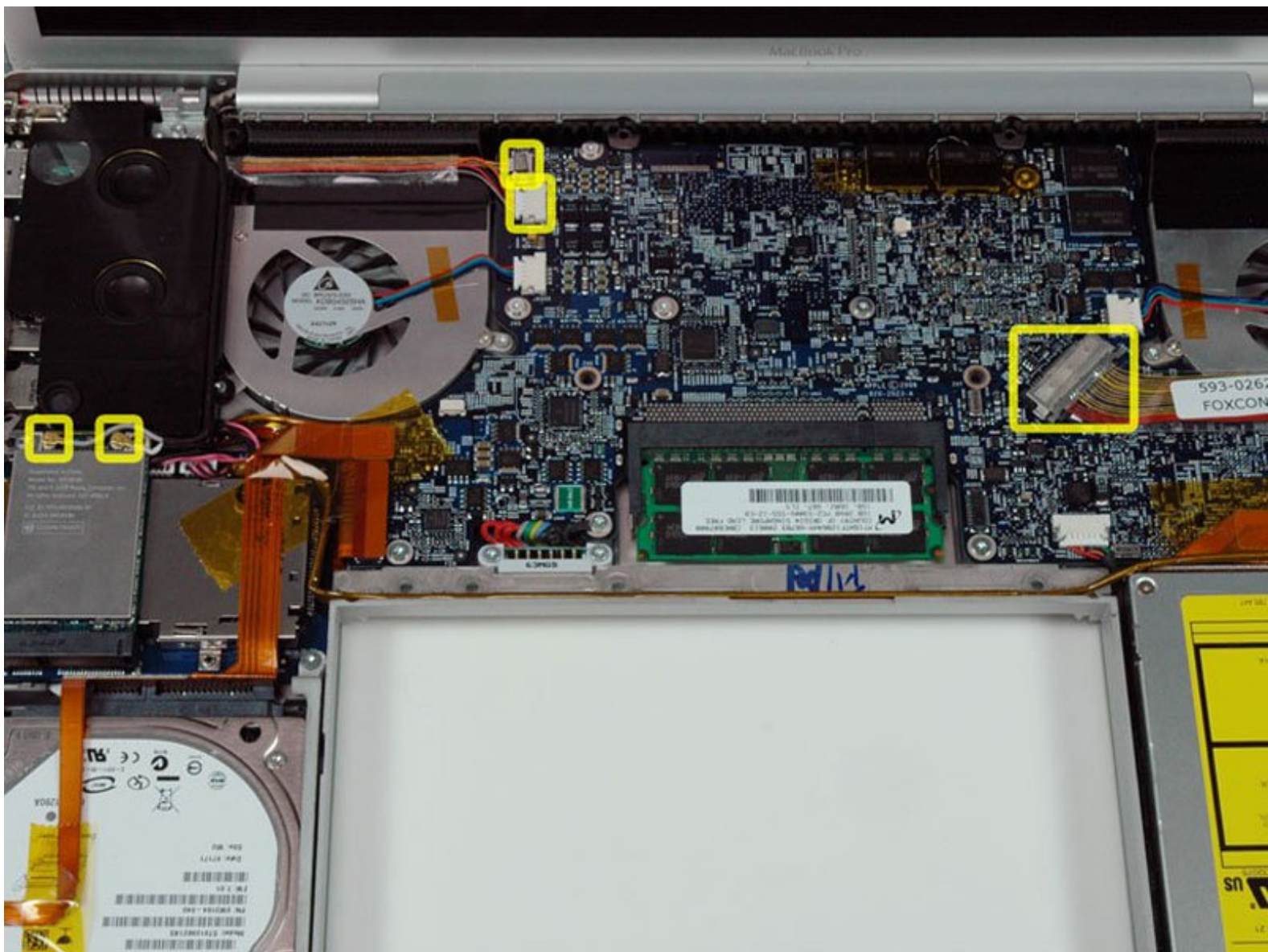




MacBook Pro 17" Models A1151 A1212 A1229 and A1261 Display Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

Change out the entire display assembly, including the inverter, Airport antennas, hinges and casing.



TOOLS:

- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Spudger](#) (1)
- [T6 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)



PARTS:

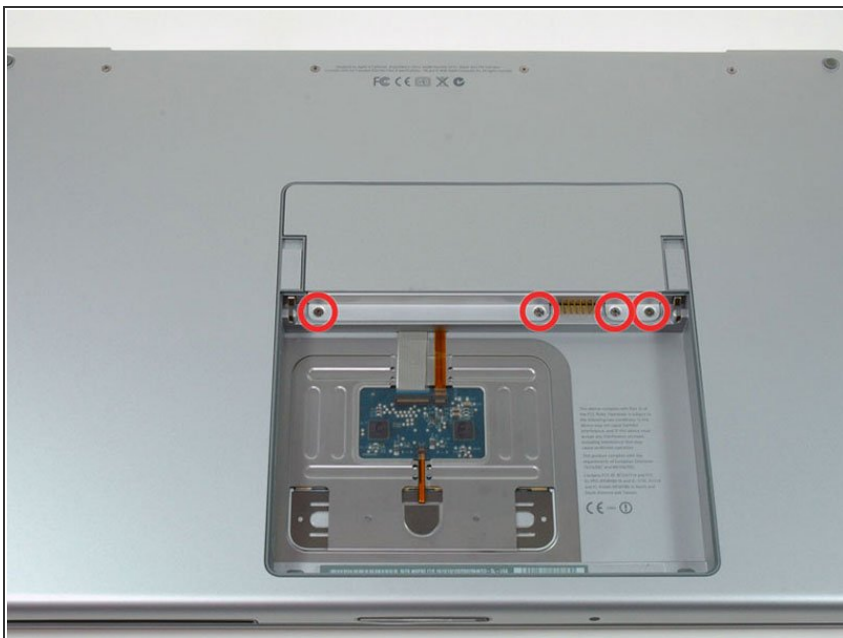
- [MacBook Pro 17" \(Model A1151\) Display Assembly](#) (1)
- [MacBook Pro 17" \(Model A1212\) Display Assembly](#) (1)
- [MacBook Pro 17" \(Model A1229\) Display Assembly](#) (1)
- [MacBook Pro 17" \(Model A1261\) Display Assembly](#) (1)

Step 1 — Battery



- Use your fingers to push both battery release tabs away from the battery and lift the battery out of the computer.

Step 2 — RAM Shield



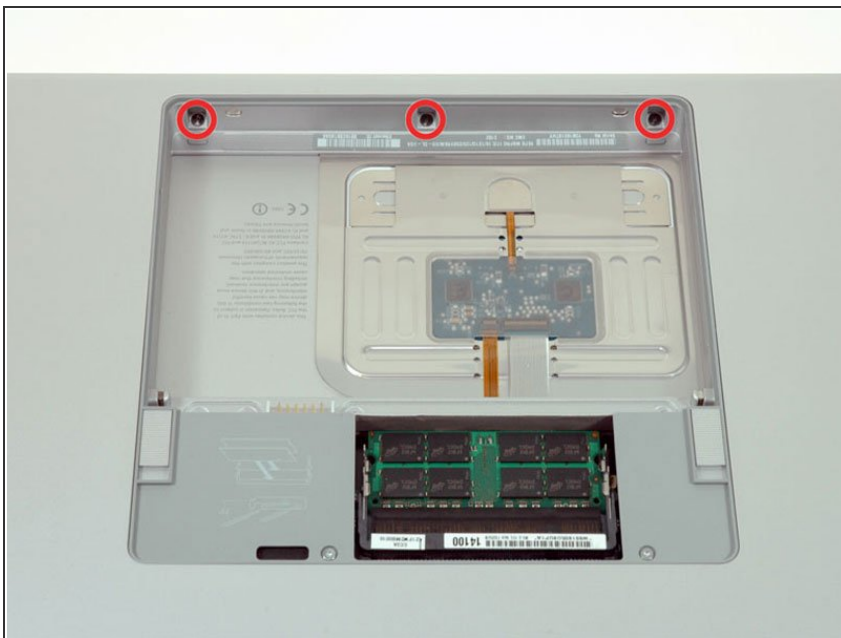
- Remove the four identical Phillips 3.4 mm screws from the memory door. These screws have 4 mm diameter heads rather than the 3 mm heads on the body screws.

Step 3



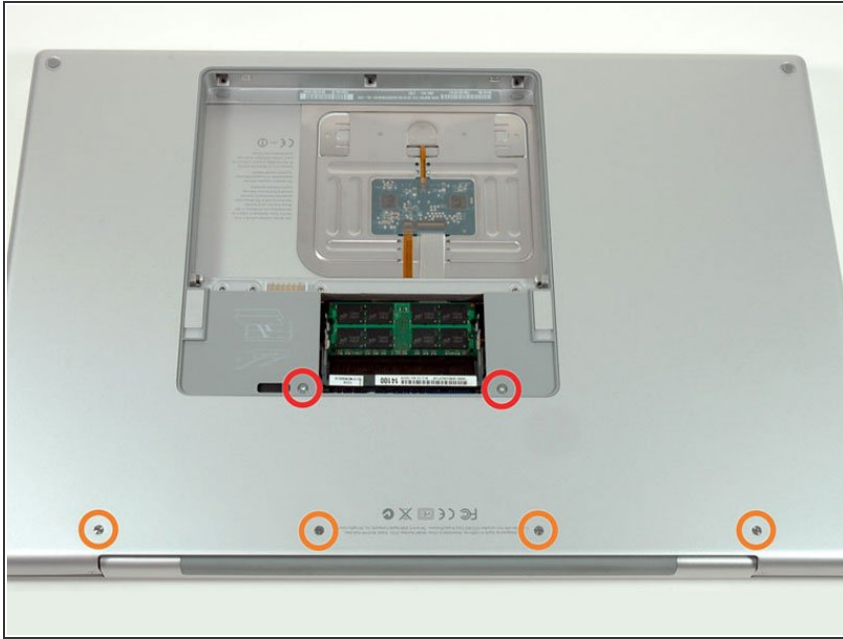
- Lift the memory door up enough to get a grip on it, and slide it toward you, pulling it away from the casing.

Step 4 — Upper Case



- Remove the three Phillips screws in the battery compartment near the latch. Apple was nice enough to tilt these screws at a slight angle to make them easier to remove. On the A1261 these screws have 4 mm diameter heads rather than the 3 mm heads on the body screws.

Step 5



- Remove the following six screws:
 - Two 14.5 mm T6 Torx screws on either side of the RAM slot.
 - Four 3.4 mm Phillips screws along the hinge.

Step 6



- Remove the four 3.4 mm Phillips screws on the port side of the computer.

Step 7



- Rotate the computer 90 degrees and remove the two Phillips screws from the rear of the computer.

Step 8



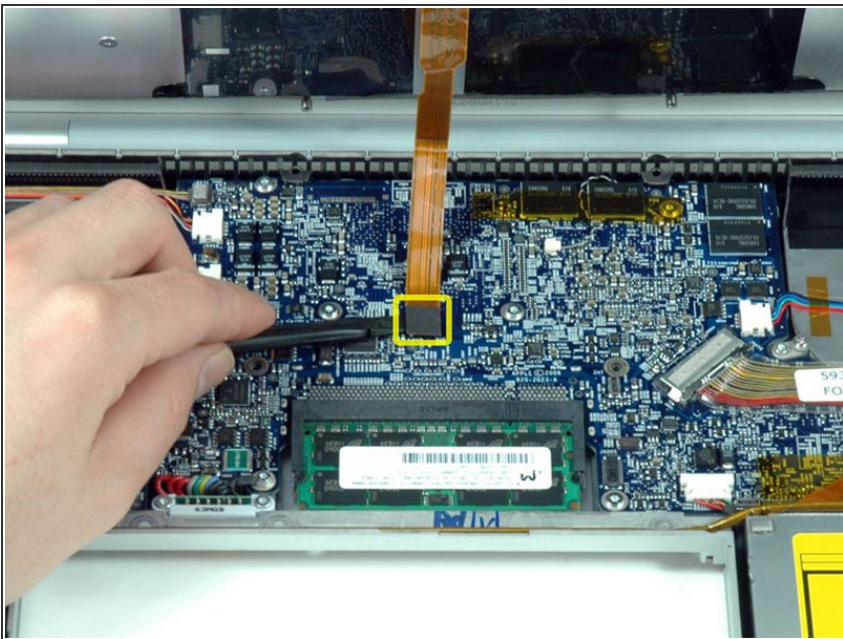
- Rotate the computer 90 degrees again and remove the four Phillips screws from the side of the computer.

Step 9



- ⚠ Do not yank the upper case off quickly. The case is attached to the logic board via a ribbon cable.
- Lift up the back of the case and work your fingers along the sides, freeing the case as you go. Once you have freed the sides, you may need to rock the case up and down to free the front of the upper case.

Step 10



- Disconnect the trackpad and keyboard ribbon cable from the logic board.
- Remove the upper case.

Step 11 — Display



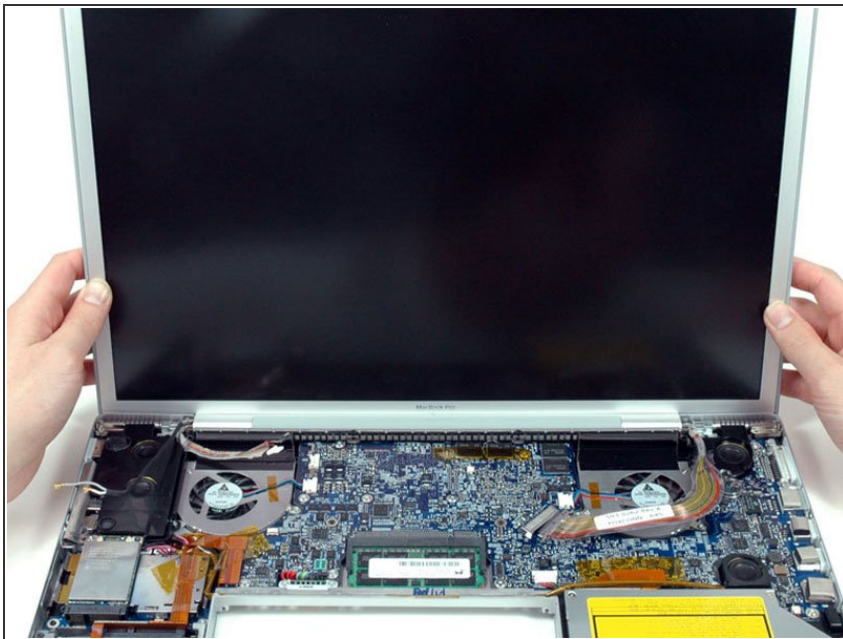
- Disconnect the two antenna cables from the AirPort Extreme card, the iSight and inverter cables from the left side of the logic board, and the display data cable from the right side of the logic board. Be careful to slide the connectors as they may become damaged otherwise.
- ⓘ For A1229 and A1212 models, disconnect the three antenna cables from the AirPort Extreme card and the three connectors highlighted on the logic board.
- ⓘ For the A1229, the order of the cables from left to right is: Black (left; towards the edge of the case) — Grey (middle) — Blue (right; towards the middle of the case).
- ⓘ For the A1261 model, disconnect the two antenna cables from the AirPort Extreme card and the three connectors highlighted on the logic board.
- Carefully peel the iSight and inverter cables off the top of the left fan and de-route the AirPort antenna cables from the channel in the left speaker.

Step 12



- Remove the ten silver T6 Torx screws securing the display (five on each side—take note that the inside screws on both sides are longer with a thinner head).
- ☒ Don't forget to replace the hinge end caps when reinstalling the display assembly. The end caps are side specific, so be sure that the posts are facing towards the lower case.

Step 13



- Grasp the display assembly on both sides and lift it up and out of the computer.

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