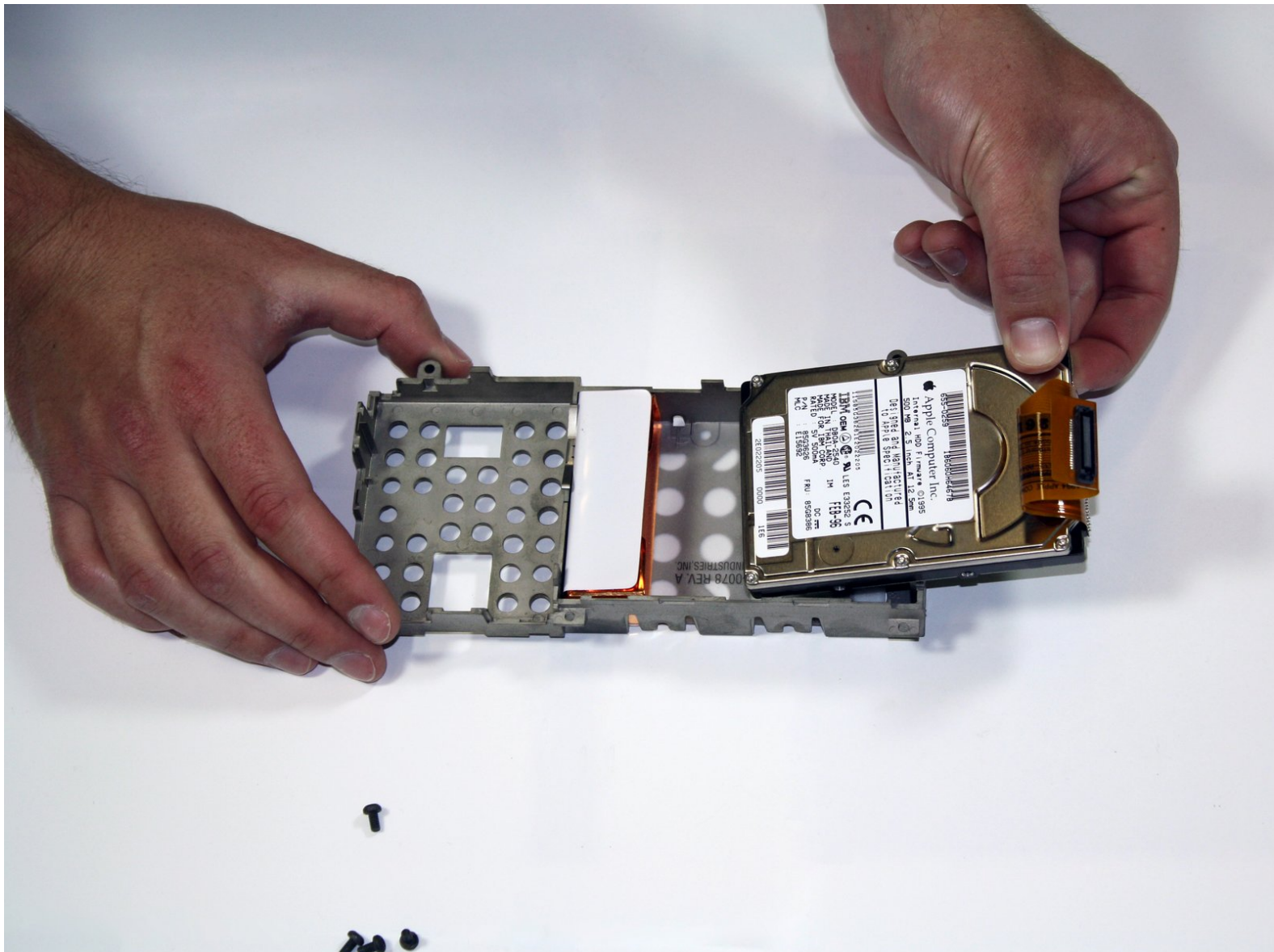




# Apple Powerbook 5300 Hard Drive Replacement

This guide will teach you how to remove and replace the hard drive on the Apple Powerbook 5300.

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## INTRODUCTION

This guide will take you through the steps necessary to disassemble your Powerbook 5300, reach its hard drive, and replace it.

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### TOOLS:

- [T8 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — Battery



- Position the Powerbook towards you with the monitor closed.
  - Press the battery removal latch located on the right side of the front panel.
  - Gently slide the battery out.
- ⚠ The keyboard, front pane, and hard drive are connected to the laptop's logic board via a ribbon cable. Lift up slowly on each component with one hand and disconnect the ribbons from their ports on the logic board.

## Step 2 — Keyboard



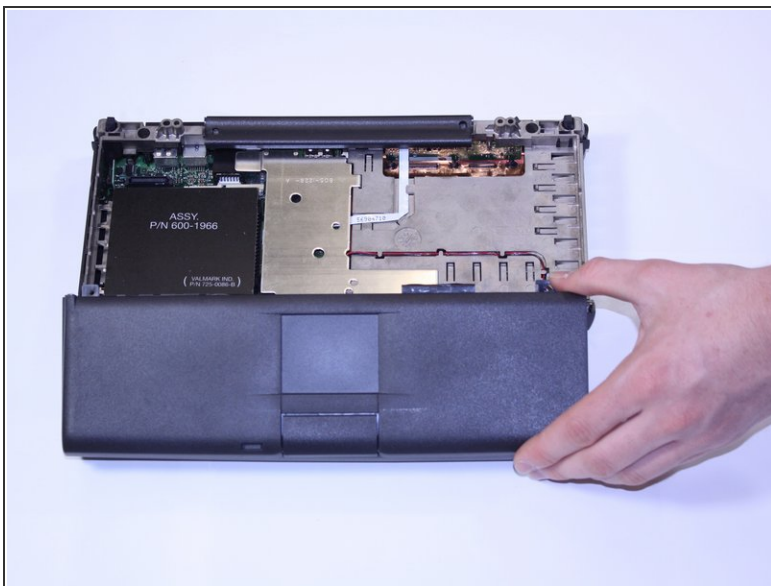
- Turn the laptop over and remove the three T8 torx screws from the bottom panel.

### Step 3



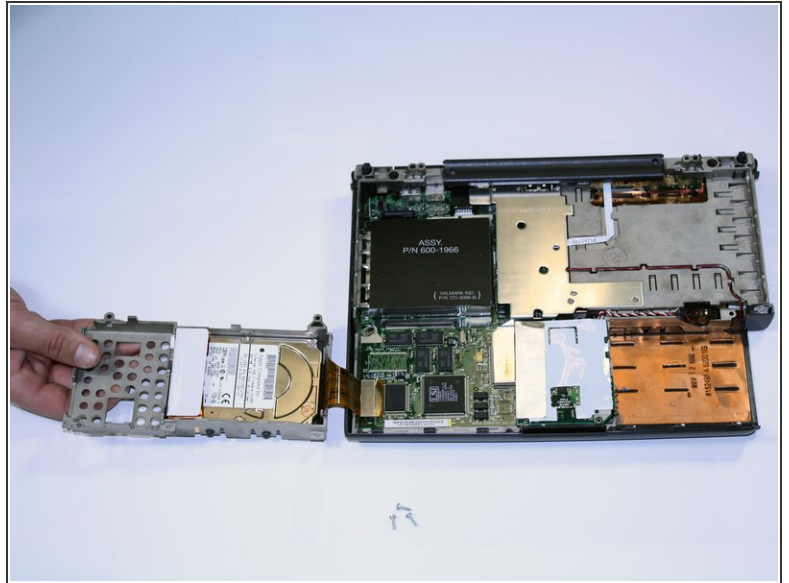
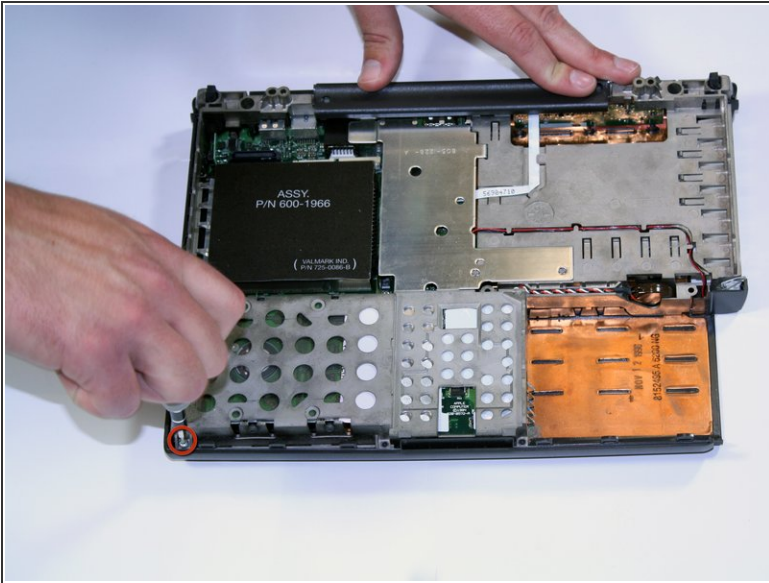
- Turn the laptop back over and open the monitor.
  - With the monitor facing towards you, gently pull up on the keyboard panel from the bottom.
- ⚠** With the keyboard turned over as pictured, carefully remove its ribbon cable from the connection port on the logic board. Use a spudger to lift the white plastic retainer about 1/16" to release the cable.

### Step 4 — Hard Drive



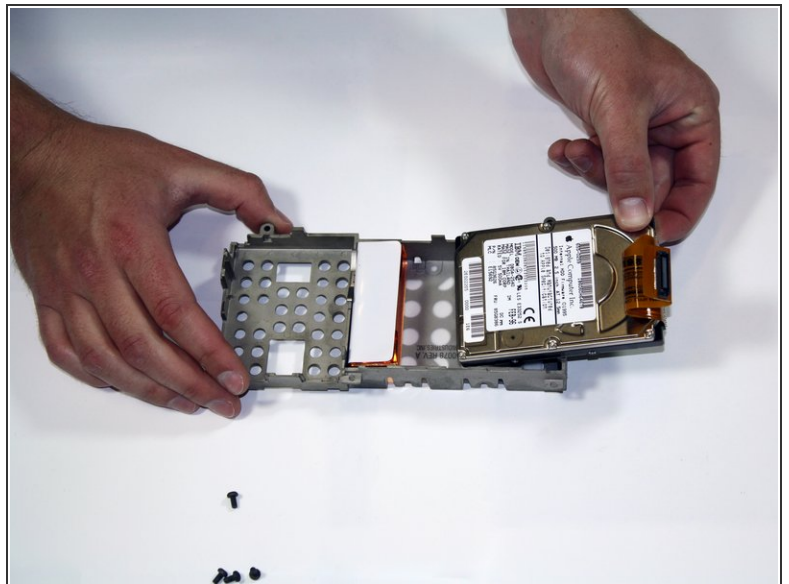
- Gently lift up the laptop's front-most panel and slowly raise the trackpad from the logic board.
- Disconnect the front panel's ribbon cable from the board by slowly pulling it out of the connection port. Set the panel aside.

## Step 5




- Unscrew the Torx #8 screws holding the hard drive case in place on the logic board.
- Lift up on the hard drive to disconnect its ribbon cable from the logic board, just like in the previous steps.

## Step 6



- Unscrew the four Torx #8 screws holding the hard drive to its case.

 The hard drive can now be removed from its encasement.

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

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