Xbox 360 Teardown

This is a simple teardown of an Xbox 360

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INTRODUCTION

I am going to show you how to tear apart an xbox with simple tools.

TOOLS:

- Flathead Screwdriver (1)
- Spudger (1)
- Precision Utility Knife (1)
Step 1 — Hard drive

- Here you would usually have a hard drive, my xbox does not. To remove it you push down the button and lift it out.

Step 2 — Removing the front cover

- You can put a flat head screw driver in between the plastic as shown and gently pry open the front.

- You can alternatively grab inside the USB port and pull the cover off.
**Step 3 — Removing the bottom panel**

- Use a small tool to stick in and push these pins
- Be sure to keep pressure pulling outwards for this to come out easily
- Make sure that you pop out the pins on both sides

**Step 4 — Removing the top plate**

- Same as the bottom plate you want to push in the buttons holding this in

ℹ️ Note that there are six buttons holding this together in total so it is ok to accidentally break 1 or 2
Step 5 — The front case

- You have to evenly disconnect all four of these connectors holding it together

ℹ️ I used flat head screwdriver bits to hold the connectors open

⚠️ You have to remove a warranty sticker to open the console. Be warned, this will void your warranty.
Step 6 — Removing the back of the casing

- You must push in these buttons (7 in total)

- It is nearly impossible to not mess up the plastic using a screwdriver, I would recommend using an x-acto knife

- This was one of the harder steps, you must push the button in until it clicks and then go farther still

- Make sure you keep pressure applied outwards so that the locks do not re-engage

Step 7 — Removing the disc drive button

- To pop off this button, use the flat end of a spudger or flat-head screwdriver.
Step 8 — Opening up to the motherboard

- Remove the six silver screws
- Flip over the whole Xbox holding both the plastic and the metal, then pull off the casing

Step 9 — Removing the disc drive

- Carefully remove the two connectors

The disc drive may have some tape in the front holding it in place, simply remove this.
Step 10 — Opening up the fans

- To remove the fan covering, use a flat head screw driver as shown to gently pry it off

Step 11 — Removing the fans

- Use a small flat head screw driver to open this locking mechanism and then gently remove the fan connector
- Use a screw driver or spludger to pry out the fan from the casing
Step 12 — Removing the power button

- To remove the "On" button simply disconnect the plastic clip
- Remove the three black screws and pull the chip directly outwards so you do not damage the connector

Step 13 — Removing the mother board

- Remove the 9 gold screws
- Remove the 8 black screws
- Carefully pull out the mother board and make sure that you do not damage any connectors
Step 14 — Displaying the main components.

- Memory card ports
- Custom ATi Graphics Processor with 10Mb of Ram
- 3 IBM PowerPC Cores Each Running At 3.2Ghz with 512Mb of System Ram
- Hard drive port
- Power port
- HDMI and Video ports
Step 15 — You’re finished!

- This is it. Follow these steps in reverse to re-assemble your Xbox 360 system!