How to Create a Teardown

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INTRODUCTION

Create teardowns for fun! For more information about writing teardown guides, check out our how to take awesome photos guide and the Teardown FAQ. You can also take a look at our Teardown Guidelines to get ideas on how to write an awesome teardown!

TOOLS:

- Pro Tech Toolkit (1)
Step 1 — How to Create a Teardown

- To begin, decide what you want to take apart. Some examples of things not to take apart include:
  - Your pet poodle.
  - Grandpa's pacemaker.
  - Any device containing plutonium.
  - Optimus Prime.

- Next, make your way to the store to pick up your new device. We prefer eco-friendly leg power, but to each their own.

- Enter the store to find what you are looking for. If necessary, camp outside the store to be the first in line.
Step 2

- Next, find your device of choice in the store. Try not to tackle the 70 year-old woman who just took the last one off the shelf.

- Don't forget to pay for the product. Contrary to popular belief, Jedi mind tricks do not work on security guards.

- Politely decline the extended warranty.

Step 3

- Now that you're safely home, unbox your new beauty and bask in its technological superiority. If you watch closely enough, you can witness your device depreciating.

- Don't forget to pretend to read the instruction manual before throwing it away.

- With your new device up and running, it's time to actually enjoy your new purchase. Remember: water + electronics = shattered dreams.
Step 4

- Make sure to keep track of all the appropriate tools.
- Use extreme caution when disassembling the device, unless your intention is to show the destruction of a device. In that case, proceed as planned.
- Most important of all, make sure to have fun!
Step 5

- It's now time to setup the photo room environment.

- Lighting is essential for good photographs. Set up lamps and focus the light near your work area.

- We recommend attaching a portable lamp to a tripod to aid in precisely focusing light.
Step 6

- With all the proper equipment set up, you can now move on to the actual disassembly of the device.

- During disassembly, document all your steps with notes and pictures to share your knowledge with the iFixit community.

- You can place a sheet of white paper beneath your workspace for better pictures.

ℹ Included is a teardown shot taken under our professional lighting setup. Actual results may vary.

Step 7

- Now it's time to share your knowledge with the world by indulging in one of the most honored traditions of all time: writing.

- Invoke your imagination and unleash your writing ability upon the iFixit community.
Great job! You made a teardown! But why stop there?

Help answer questions!

Step 8

- Now that your work is published on iFixit, it's time to sit back and relax and enjoy the sweet satisfaction of having created a teardown guide.

- This calls for an iPod dance party!