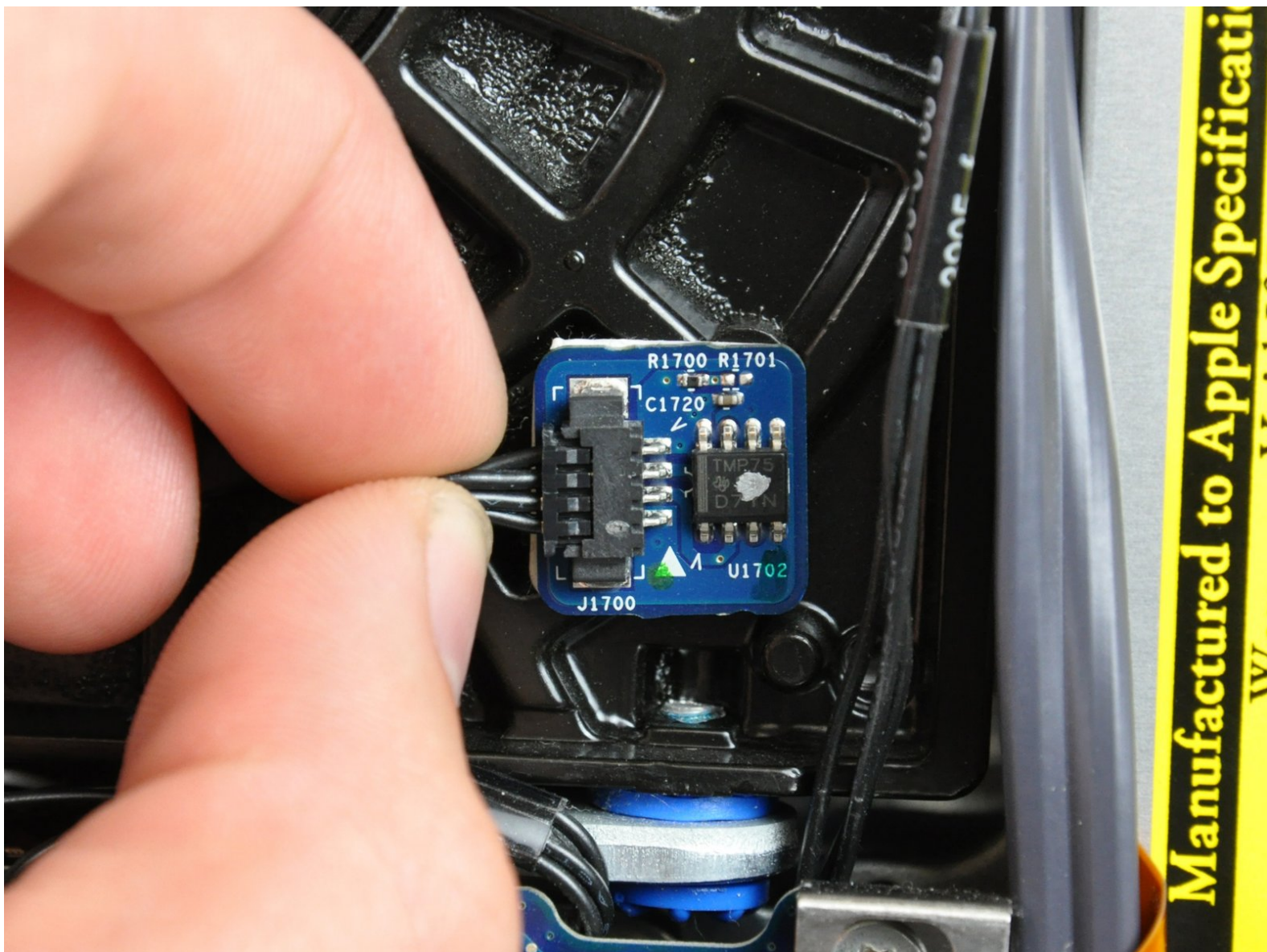




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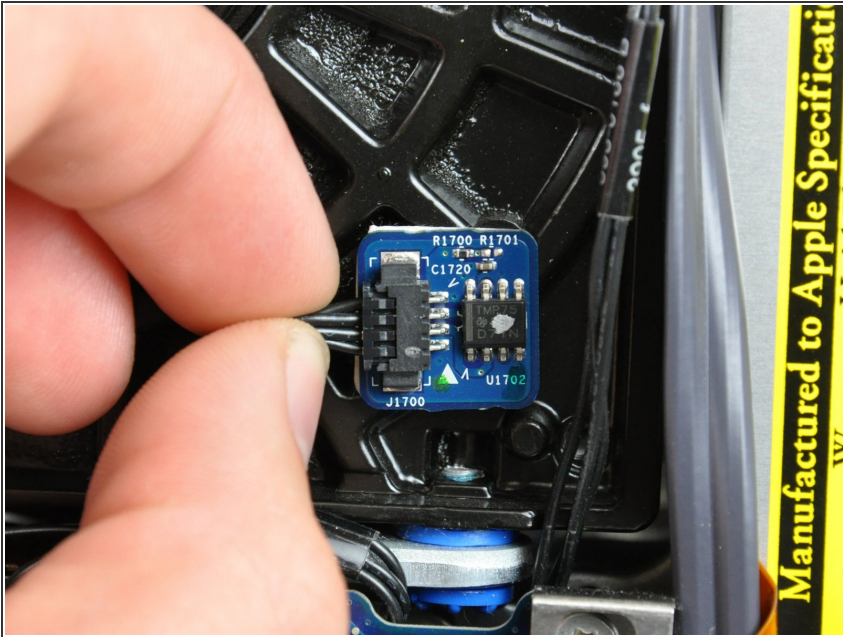
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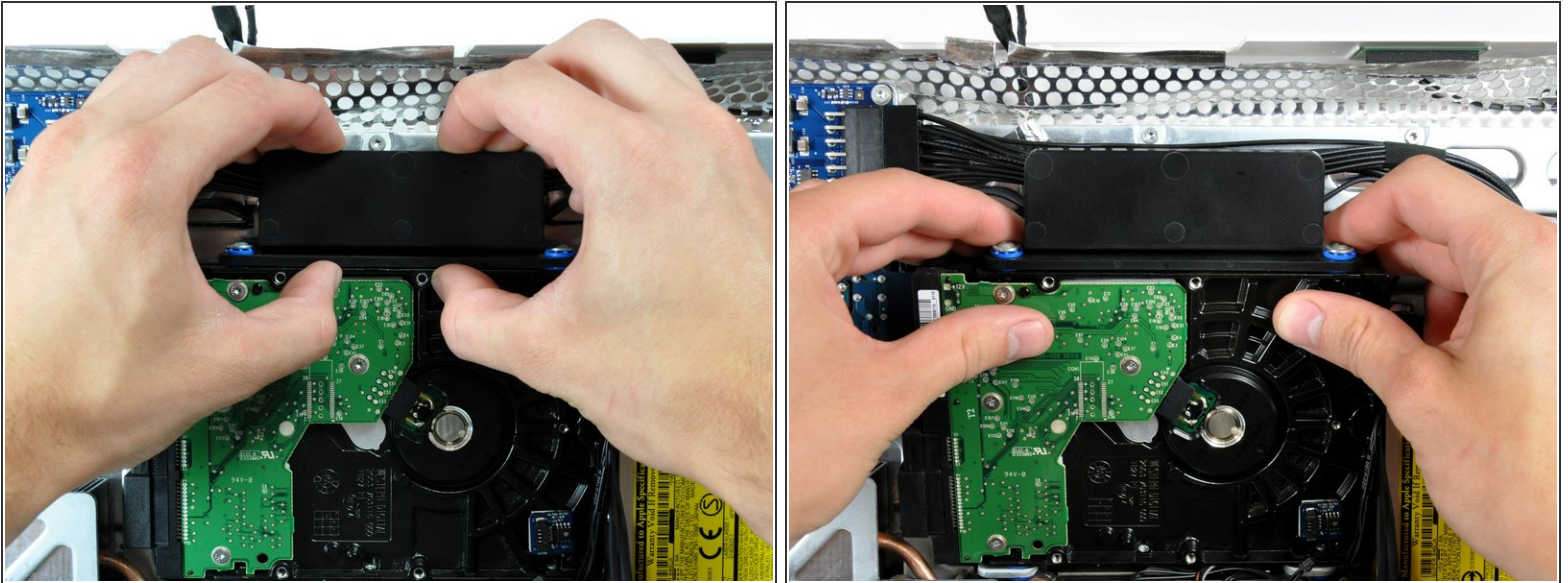
- [Spudger](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Hard Drive



- Disconnect the hard drive thermal sensor by pulling the connector away from its socket parallel to the face of the hard drive.

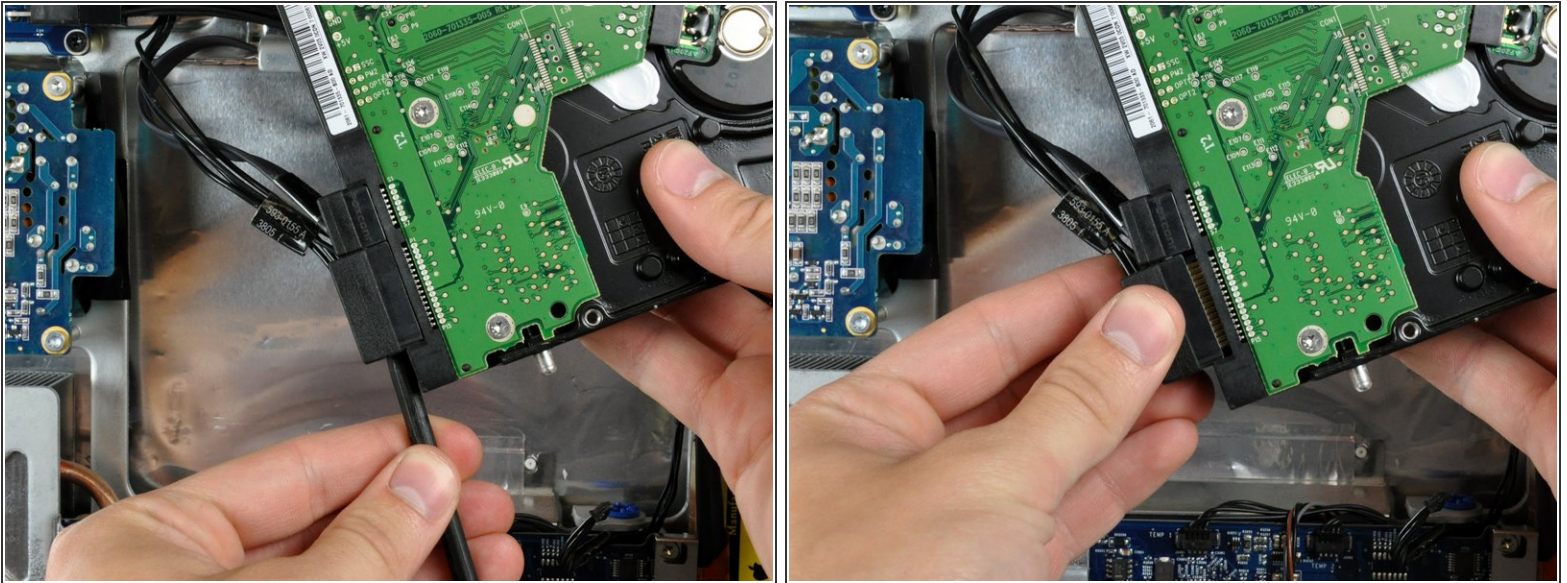
Step 2



! Pressing the top of the hard drive bracket down to release it from the rear case requires a substantial amount of force, so we recommend laying your iMac stand-side down on a table to avoid knocking it over.

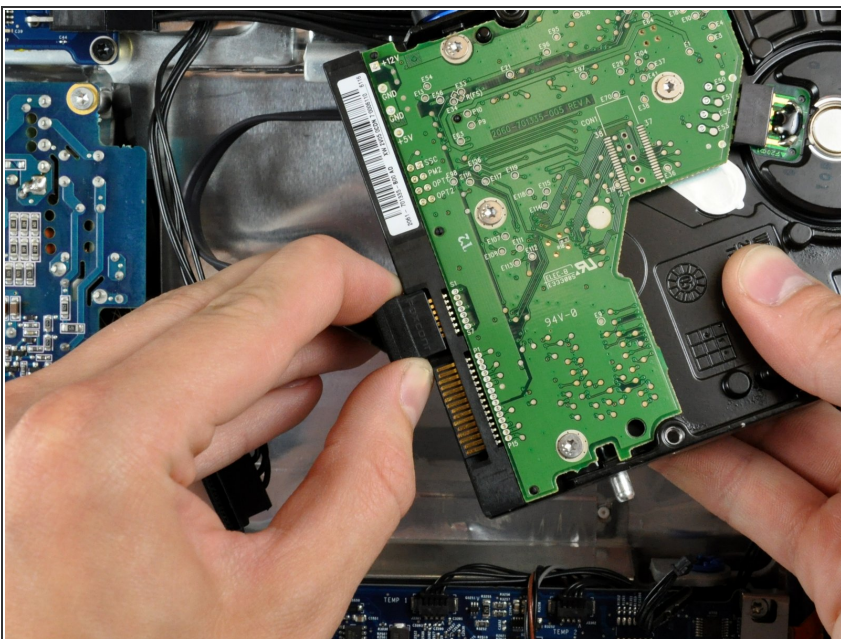
- Press the hard drive bracket down toward the bottom edge of your iMac to free it from the rear case, then rotate the top of the drive toward yourself.
 - Lift the hard drive off its lower pins and pull it out of the rear case, minding the cables that are still attached.
- ➡** When reinstalling the hard drive, be careful not to push the rubber grommets through the chassis with the hard drive pins as retrieving them may require logic board removal.

Step 3



- Insert the flat end of a spudger into the gap between the SATA power connector and the hard drive.
- Twist the spudger to separate the SATA power connector from the hard drive.
- Pull the SATA power connector away from the hard drive.

Step 4



- Pull the SATA data cable away from the hard drive.
- Hard drive remains.

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