



Installing MacBook Pro 15" Unibody Late 2008 and Early 2009 Hard Drive Replacement

Tools used in this guide

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

Parts relevant to this guide

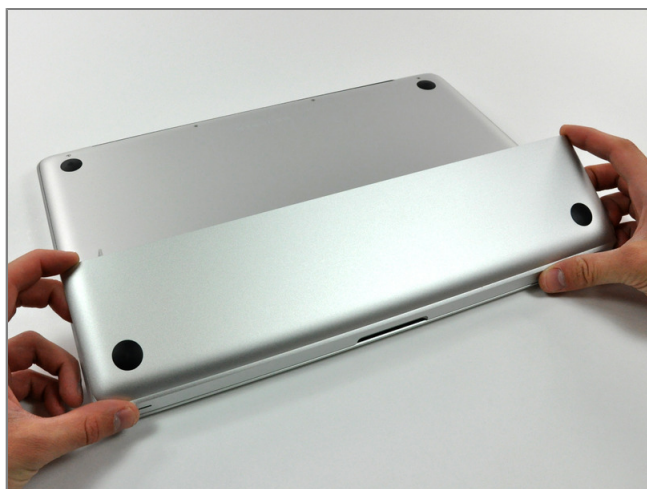
- [320 GB 5400 RPM Western Digital SATA Hard Drive \(New\)](#) (1)
- [500 GB 5400 RPM Western Digital SATA Hard Drive \(New\)](#) (1)
- [320 GB 7200 RPM Seagate SATA Hard Drive \(New\)](#) (1)
- [500 GB 7200 RPM Seagate SATA Hard Drive \(New\)](#) (1)

When replacing your hard drive, you must transfer the Torx screws from the old drive to the new one.



Step 1 - Access Door

- With the case closed, place the Unibody top-side down on a flat surface.
- Depress the grooved side of the access door release latch enough to grab the free end. Lift the release latch until it is vertical.



Step 2

- The access door should now be raised enough to lift it up and out of the Unibody.



Step 3 - Battery

- Be sure the access door release latch is vertical before proceeding.
- Grab the translucent plastic tab and pull the battery up and out of the Unibody.
- If the latch is depressed it will lock the battery in place.



Step 4 - Hard Drive

- Remove the single Phillips screw securing the hard drive bracket to the upper case.
- This screw is captive to the hard drive bracket.



Step 5

- Lift the hard drive by its pull tab enough to grab and remove the retaining bracket.
- Lift the hard drive out of the upper case, minding the cable attaching it to the computer.



Step 6

- Remove the hard drive from its cable by pulling the cable connector straight away from the drive.



Step 7 - Hard Drive Replacement

- Remove two T6 Torx screws from each side of the hard drive (four screws total).
- You'll need to transfer these screws to your new hard drive if you're changing drives.
- If you are installing a new hard drive, we have an [OS X install guide](#) to get you up and running.



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

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