



Dell Inspiron 1721 Back Cover Replacement

This guide will show how to remove the back cover to access the interior parts of the Dell Inspiron 1721.

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INTRODUCTION

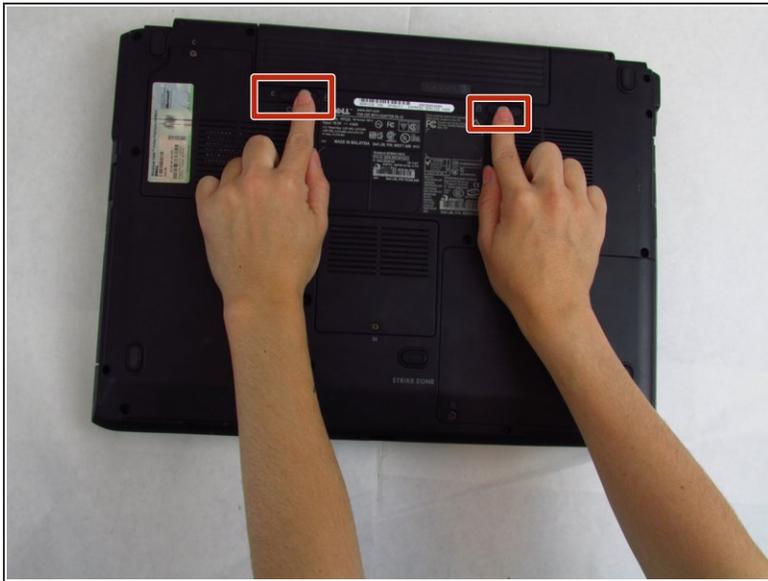
If you are experiencing any problems with the device not reading a disk, overheating, or any other issues with an interior part of the Dell Inspiron 1721 this guide can be a helpful starting place for getting access to remove or replace any components.

Before attempting to take the a back cover off make sure that the device is completely turned off.

TOOLS:

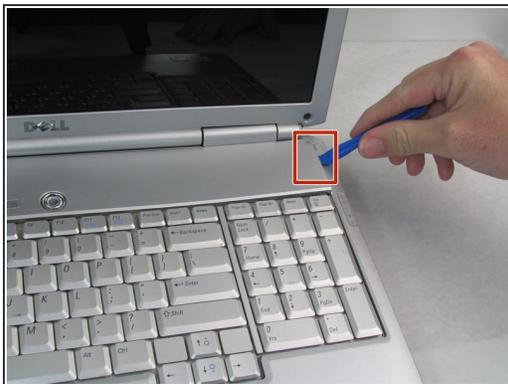
- [Phillips #1 Screwdriver](#) (1)
 - [Spudger](#) (1)
 - [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)
 - [Phillips #0 Screwdriver](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Battery



- Slide tabs outward to undo the locks.
- Grab and pull the battery away from the device to remove.

Step 2 — Hinge Plate Cover



- Pry up on the corner of the hinge cover with an iFixit opening tool.
- Use the iFixit opening tool along both sides and the front of the hinge cover to release it.
- Lean the display back as far as it goes and lift up on the hinge cover to remove.

Step 3 — Display Assembly



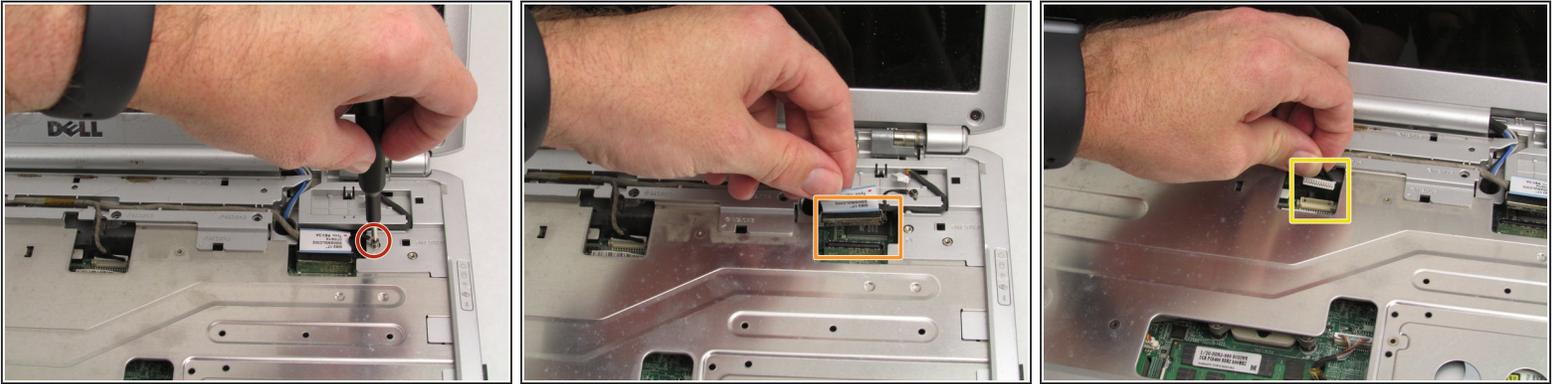
- Loosen the two captive Phillips #0 screws.
- Remove the cover.

Step 4



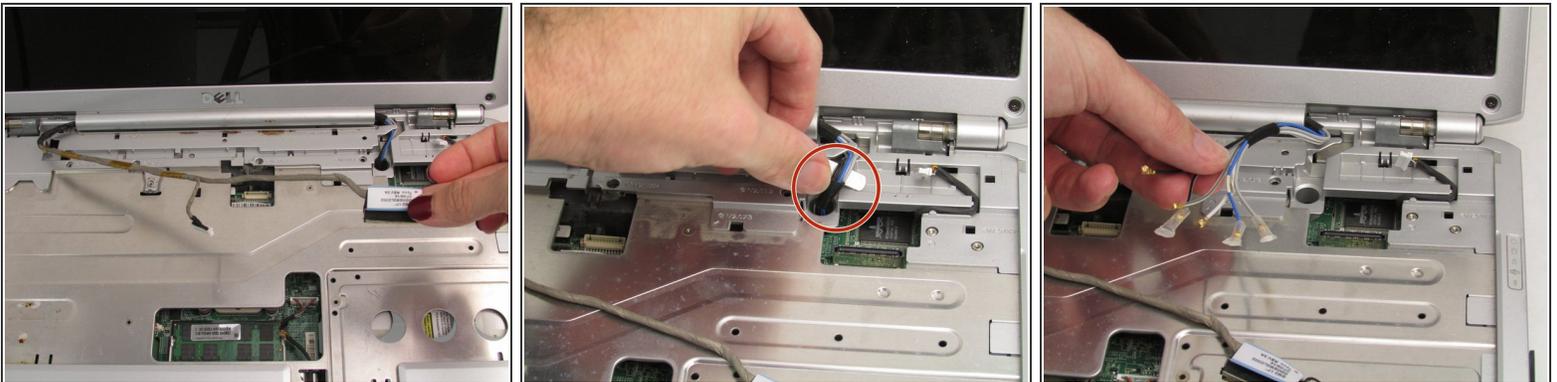
- Disconnect the antenna connectors from the WLAN card.

Step 5



- Remove the 3mm Phillips #0 screw securing the connector to the case ground.
- Disconnect the display connector.
- Disconnect the second connector, then remove the cable from the base.

Step 6



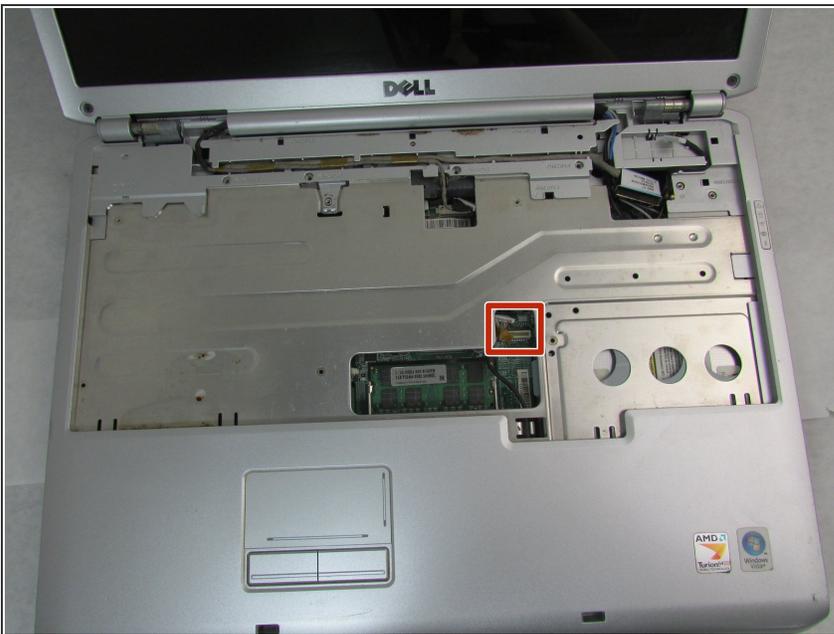
- Remove the display cable from the palm rest.
- Use a spudger to carefully pull the antenna wires through to front of the device.

Step 7



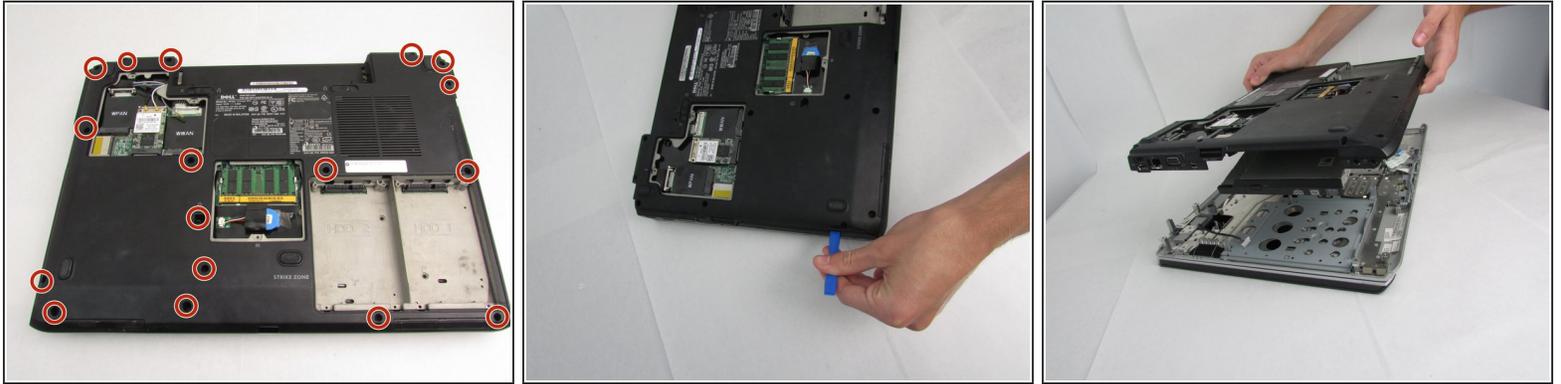
- Remove the two 3.5 mm Phillips screws that hold the display assembly in place.
- Lift the assembly straight up to separate it from the body of the device.

Step 8 — Back Cover



- Disconnect the touch pad connector.

Step 9



- Lay the device flat and remove the 17 7mm Phillips #0 screws.
- Use an iFixit opening tool to separate the back cover.
- Remove the back cover.

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