



# Dell Inspiron Mini 10 Hard Drive Replacement

Whether its because your old hard drive broke or because you wanted something faster, this guide will help you replace the mechanical hard drive that came with your Dell Inspiron Mini 10

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## INTRODUCTION

This guide will take you through accessing and removing the hard drive. The hard drive is an important component because it stores operating system software and your files. Keep it away from magnets as they may demagnetize the part, causing loss of information.

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### TOOLS:

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



**⚠** To prevent injury and loss of data, ensure the device is turned off.

- Slide the release latches out toward the edges to unlock the battery.

## Step 2



- Remove the battery by pulling it up and out.

### Step 3 — Palm Rest



- Using a prying tool, gently pry the palm rest off of the palm rest bracket. Start prying from one side and slowly work your way around.
- ⚠ Carefully remove the palm rest from the computer base since it is still connected by a cable and to avoid damage to the palm rest.

### Step 4



- Gently pull the touchpad cable off the palm rest bracket.
- Lift the rest of the palm rest off the computer base.

## Step 5 — Keyboard



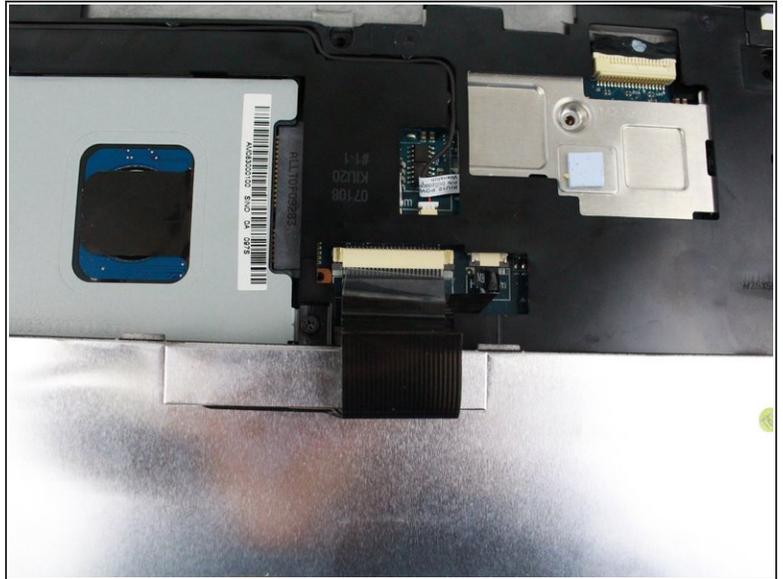
- Remove the three 8mm Philips 0 screws securing the keyboard.

## Step 6



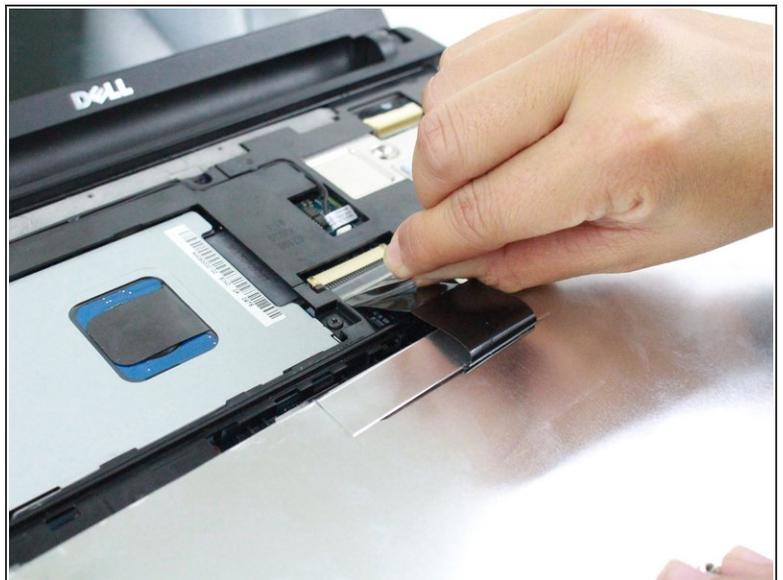
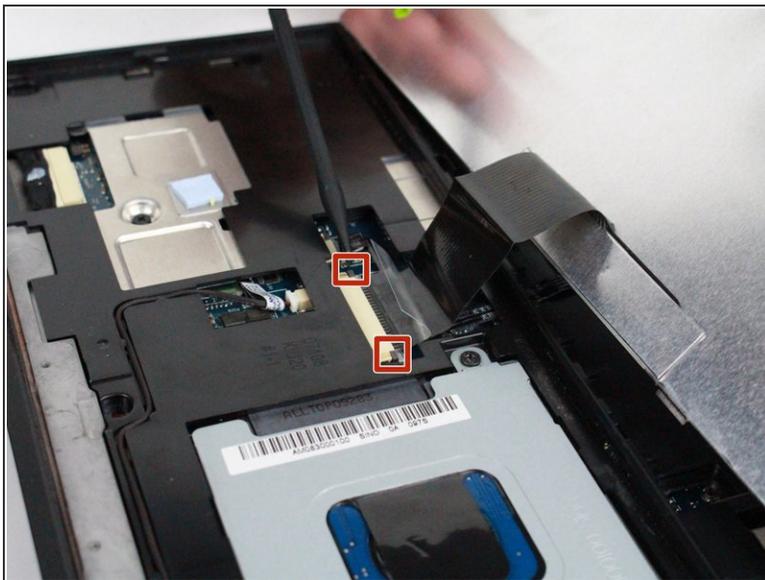
- Turn over the device and open the display.
- Gently pry open the keyboard with the plastic opening tool, working under the edges to release the clips.

## Step 7



 Lift the keyboard off of the support bracket carefully since it is still connected by a ribbon cable.

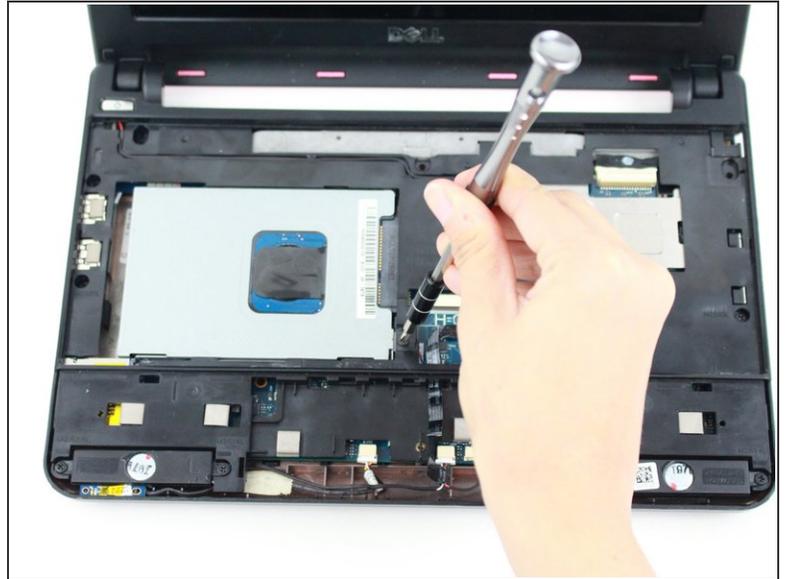
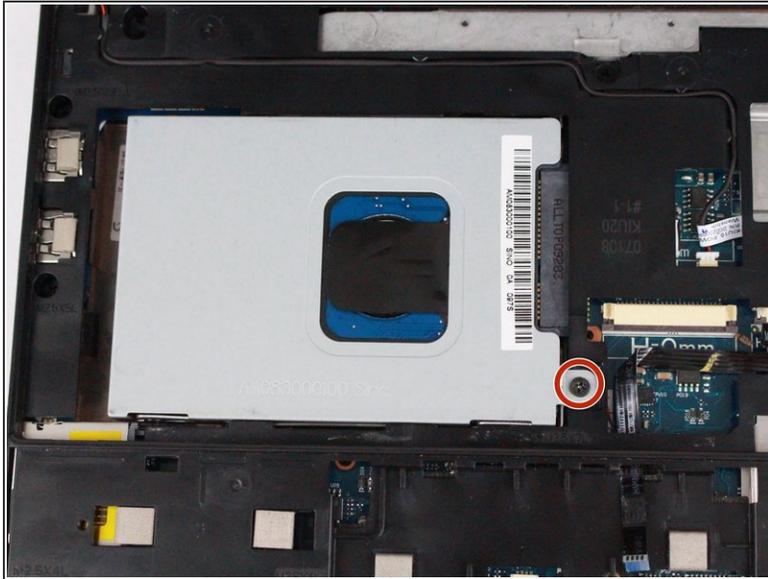
## Step 8



- Push the clips out on either side of the ribbon cable to release it.
- Gently disconnect the ribbon cable by pulling on the clear tab.
- Remove the keyboard.

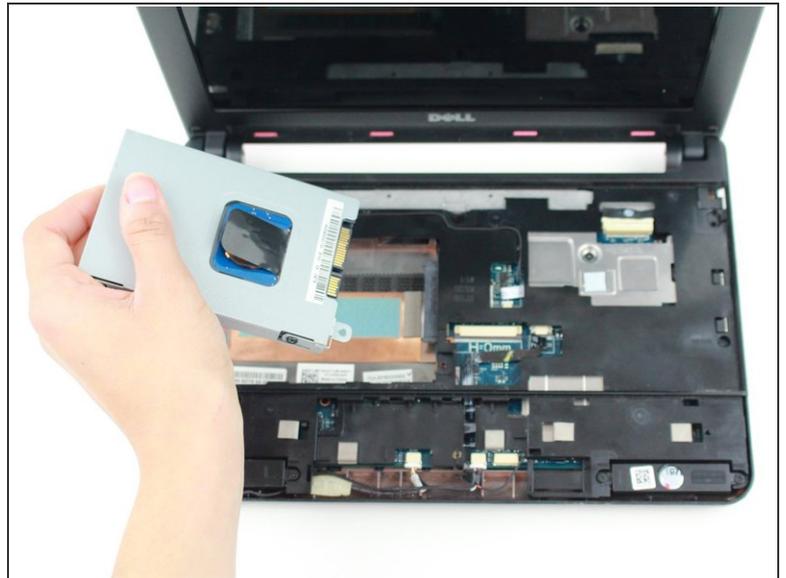
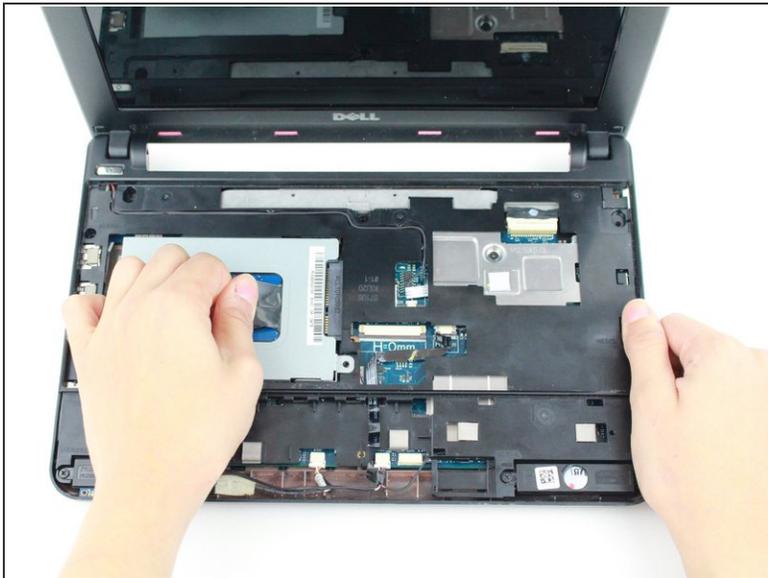
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## Step 9 — Hard Drive



- Remove the single 8mm screw attaching the hard-drive cage to the body of the device.

## Step 10



- Pull on the black tab and slide the hard-drive cage toward the USB port until it comes free.

## Step 11



- Unscrew the four 3mm screws, two on each side of the drive, and slide the drive free from the cage.

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