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

Replace the optical drive in your MacBook Pro 15" Unibody Late 2008 and Early 2009.

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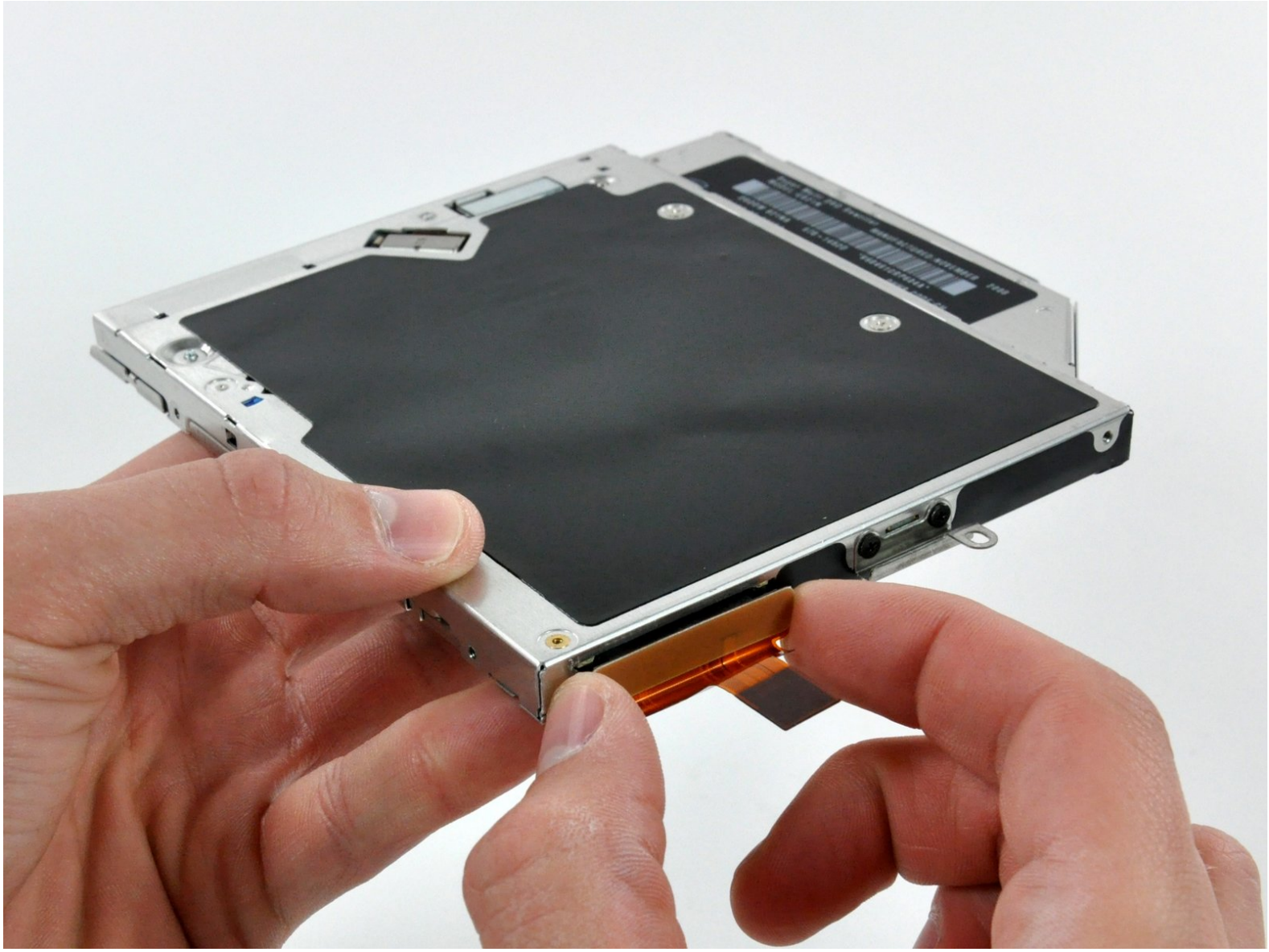

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INTRODUCTION

This guide will show you how to replace the SuperDrive from your laptop (requires a SATA SuperDrive).

TOOLS:

- Phillips #00 Screwdriver (1)
- Spudger (1)

PARTS:

- MacBook Pro 15" Unibody (Late 2008/Early 2009) 8x SATA SuperDrive (Used) (1)
- MacBook Pro 15" Unibody (Late 2008/Early 2009) SATA SuperDrive Cable (1)
- Unibody Laptop Dual Drive (1)
- Unibody 8x SATA SuperDrive (Pre-Mid 2009) (1)

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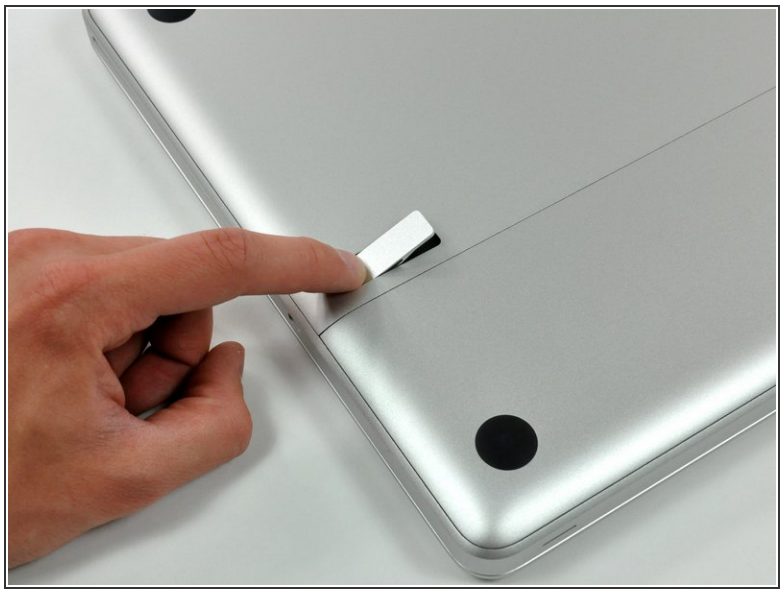
Step 1 — Access Door



- 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.

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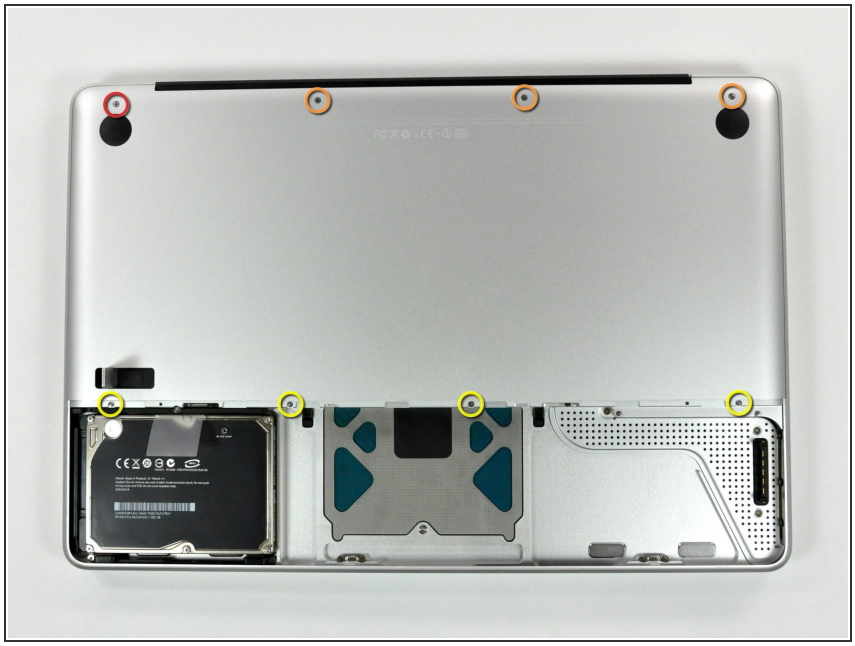
Step 3 — Battery

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 — Lower Case



- Remove the following eight screws securing the lower case to the chassis:
  - One 5.4 mm Phillips screw.
  - Three 14 mm Phillips screws.
  - Four 3.5 mm Phillips screws.

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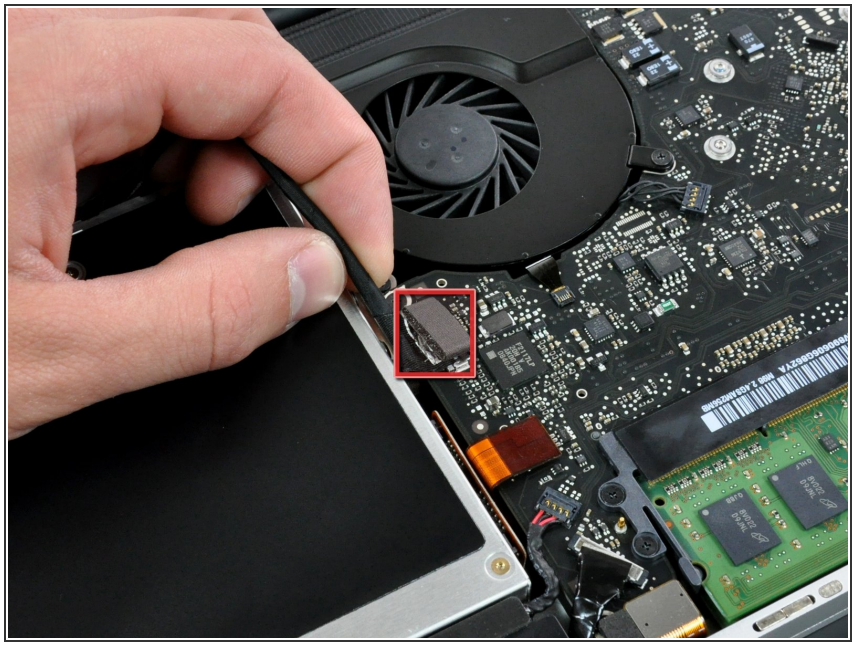
Step 5

- Using both hands, lift and remove the lower case off the upper case.

Step 6 — Optical Drive



- Disconnect the camera cable by pulling the male end straight away from its socket.

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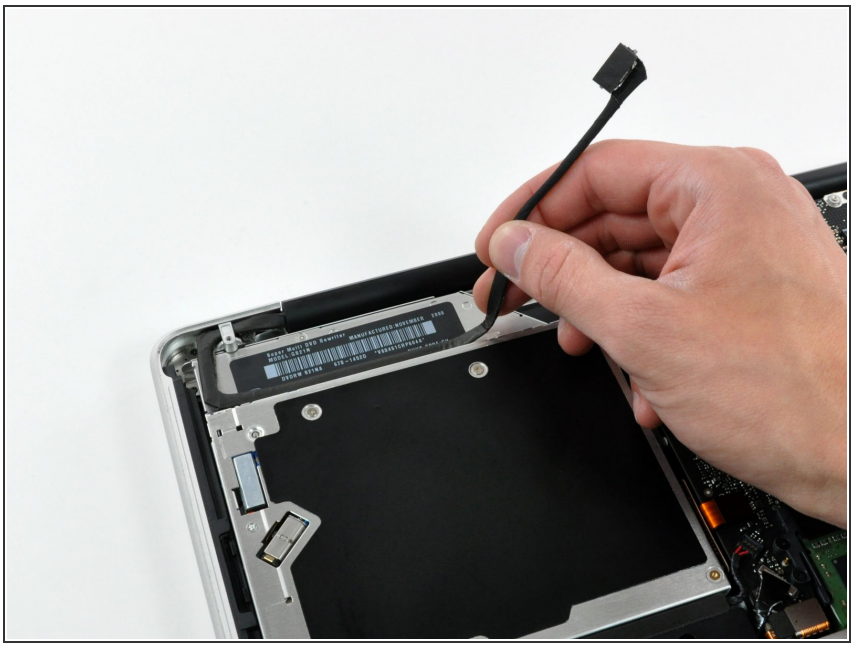
Step 7



- Deroute the camera data cable from the channel in the optical drive.

Step 8

- Use a spudger to pry the optical drive connector straight up off the logic board.

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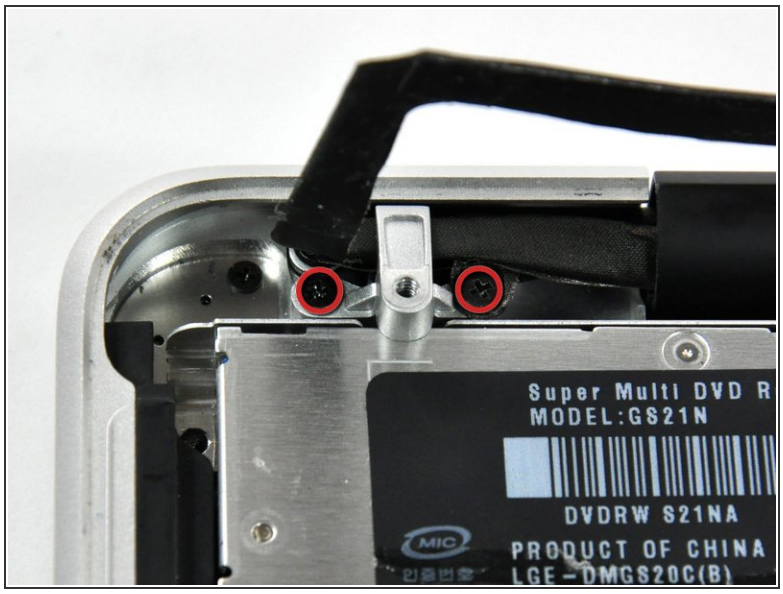
Step 9



- Remove two 8 mm Phillips screws securing the camera cable bracket to the upper case.

ⓘ The rightmost screw may remain captive in the camera cable.

- Lift the camera cable bracket out from the upper case.

Step 10

- Remove the following three Phillips screws securing the optical drive to the upper case:
  - One 3.5 mm Phillips screw.
  - Two 2.5 mm Phillips screws.

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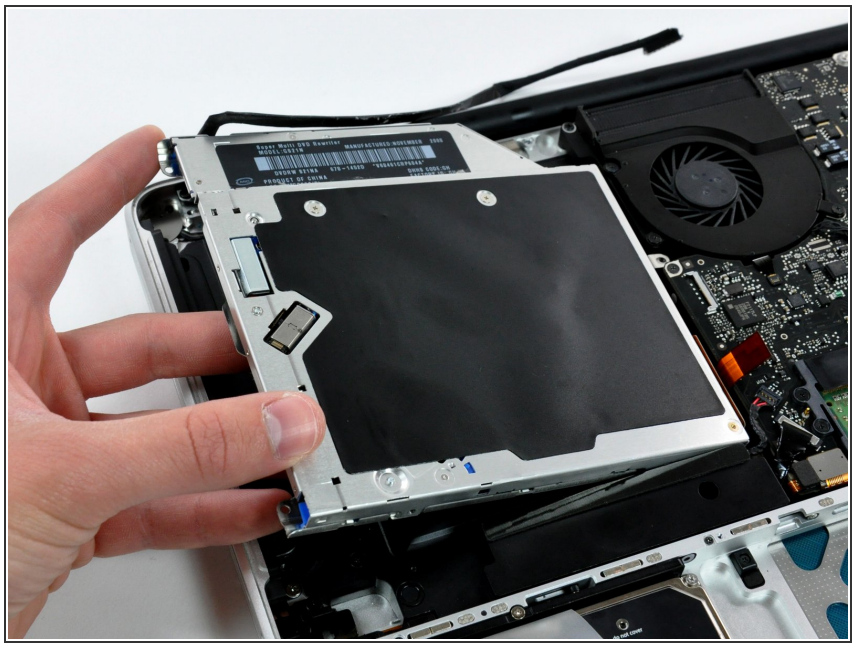
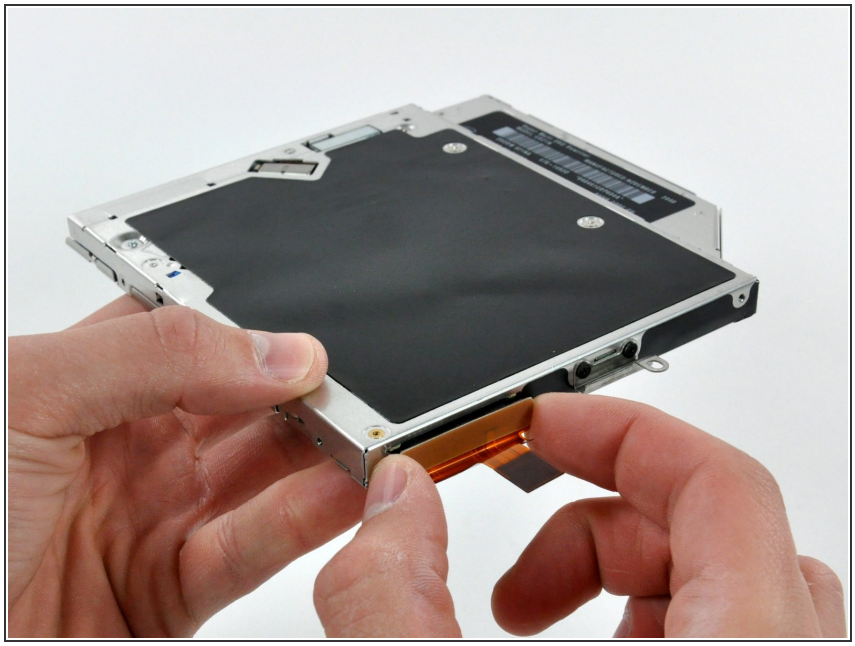
Step 11



- Lift the optical drive from its left edge and pull it out of the computer.

Step 12 — Optical Drive



- Remove the optical drive cable by pulling it straight away from the optical drive.

ⓘ If you have a CD or any other object jammed in your optical drive, we have an optical drive repair guide.

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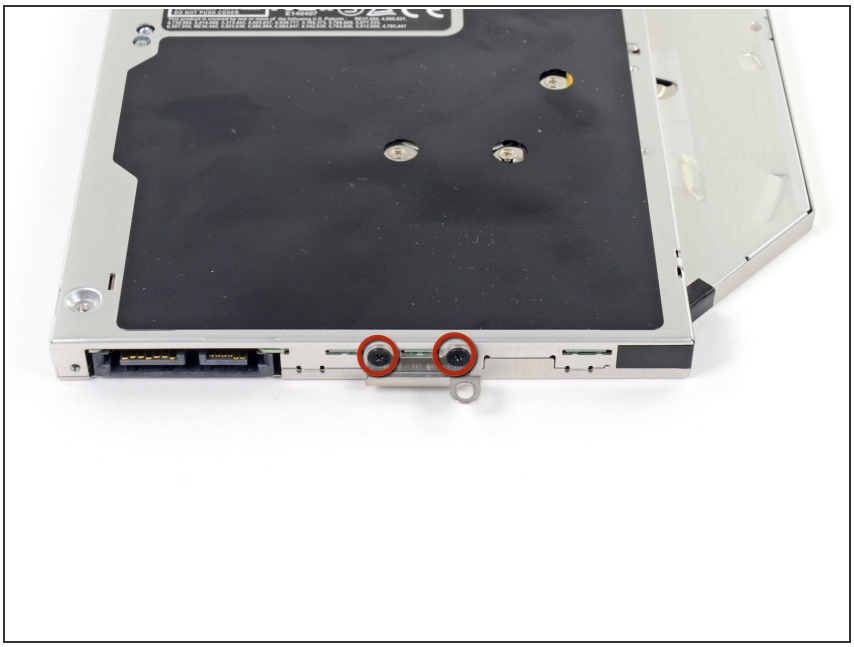
Step 13



- Remove the two black Phillips #0 screws securing the small metal mounting bracket. Transfer this bracket to your new optical drive or hard drive enclosure.

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

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