



Powerbeats Pro Teardown

A video teardown of the Powerbeats Pro wireless earbuds, performed at iFixit in June of 2019.

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INTRODUCTION

Well, the Powerbeats Pro have finally made their way to our teardown table. We're excited about their potential to be more repairable than their [glue-filled siblings](#). Is it irrational to hope that something this small from an Apple-owned company will be repairable? Probably. Do we still have that hope? You bet we do. Check out our video teardown and make sure to subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#) for more teardowns and other repair videos.

[video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vEHwL59jOPg>]

TOOLS:

- [Tweezers](#) (1)
- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Curved Razor Blade](#) (1)
- [iOpener](#) (1)
- [Heat Gun](#) (1)
- [Spudger](#) (1)
- [Metal Spudger](#) (1)

Step 1 — Final Thoughts

REPAIRABILITY SCORE:



- The Powerbeats Pro earn a **1 out of 10** on our repairability scale (10 is the easiest to repair):
 - The battery is a fairly common button-cell, and is only lightly soldered in place, meaning battery swaps are technically possible with the right tools.
 - The earbuds' opening procedure is not totally destructive per se, but it will likely lead to at least some cosmetic damage.
 - The earbuds' internal circuitry is all connected with fragile ribbon cables that do not detach, so a full disassembly can only be accomplished destructively.
 - The charging case is a nightmarish bucket of glue, making potential battery replacements unnecessarily difficult and destructive.