

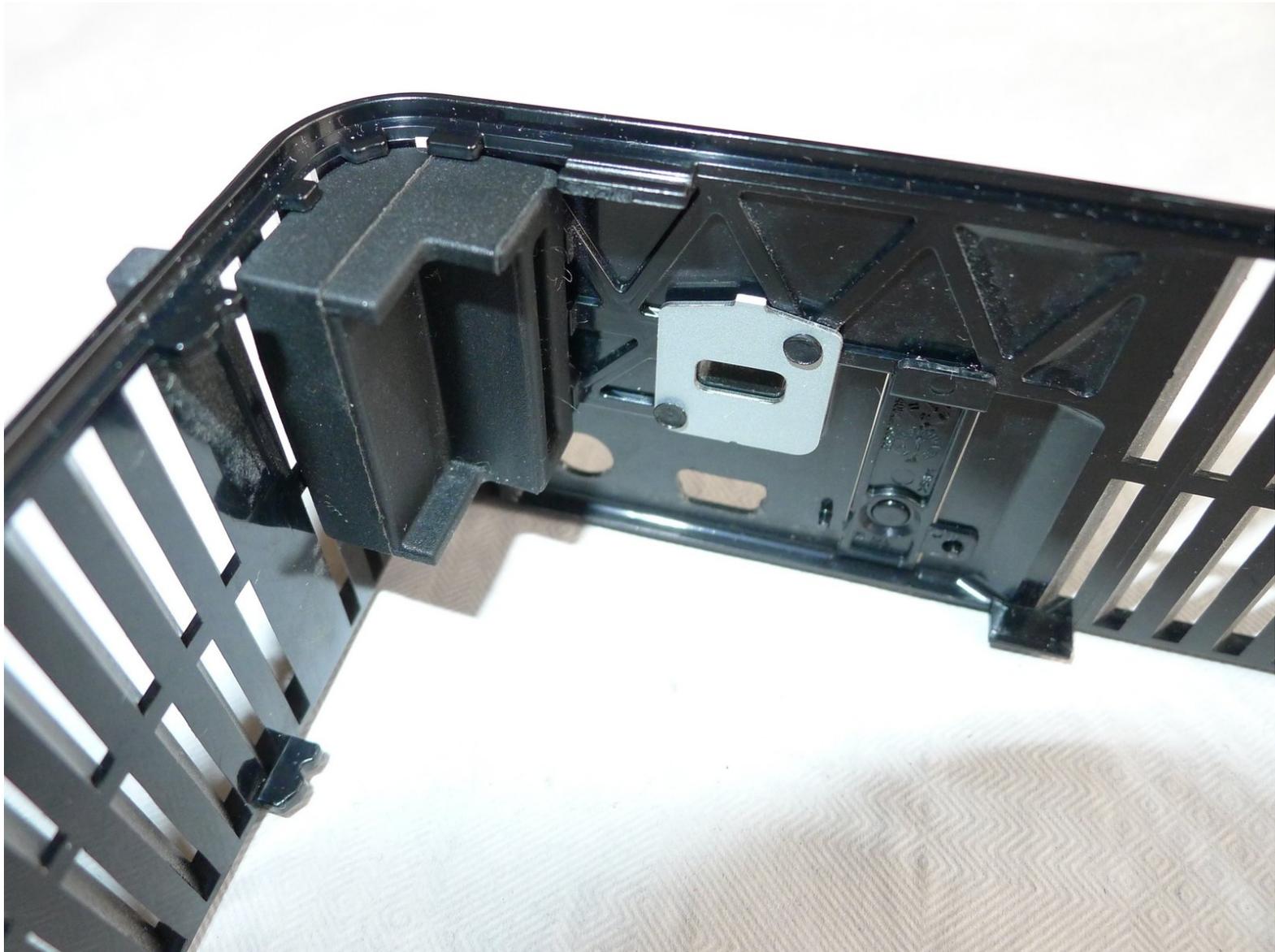


Disassembling Western Digital Essentials HD

Anti-vibration rubber pieces

Only prerequisite guide for disassembling Western Digital Essentials HD

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TOOLS:

- [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Case



- Use a large plastic opening tool along the rear panel:
 - There are 4 clips to release.

Step 2



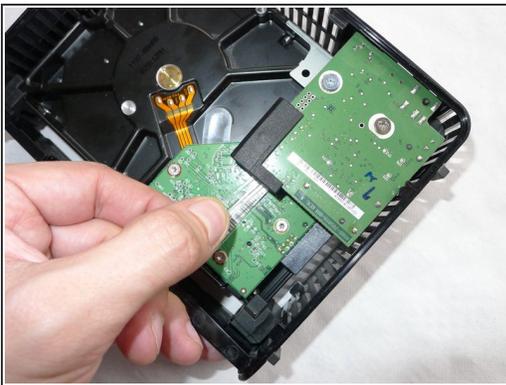
- Slide the cover along the plastic frame.

Step 3 — LED Light conducting plastic pieces



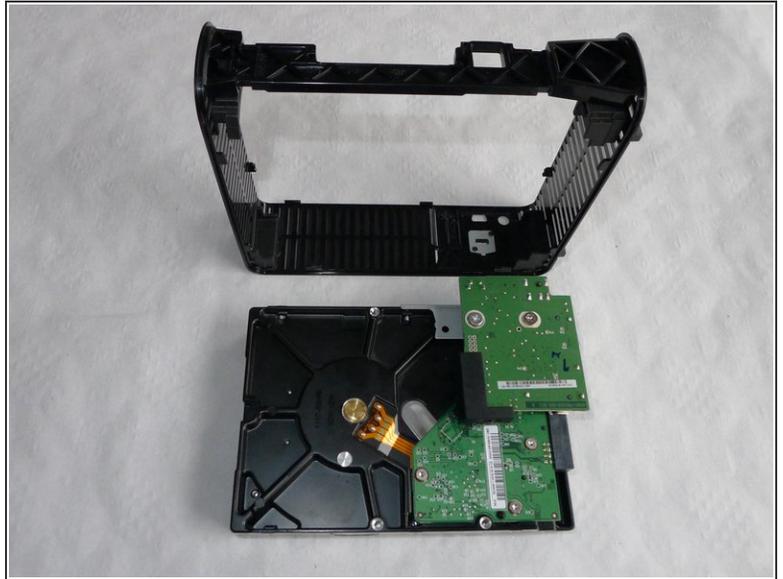
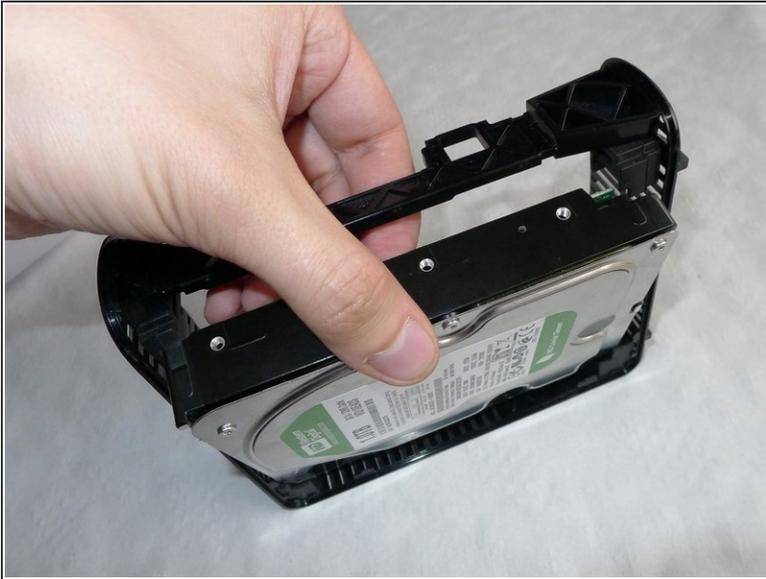
- Slide off the largest plastic pieces.

Step 4



- Bend the second small plastic piece to release it from the rubber piece.
- Now you can slide it out.

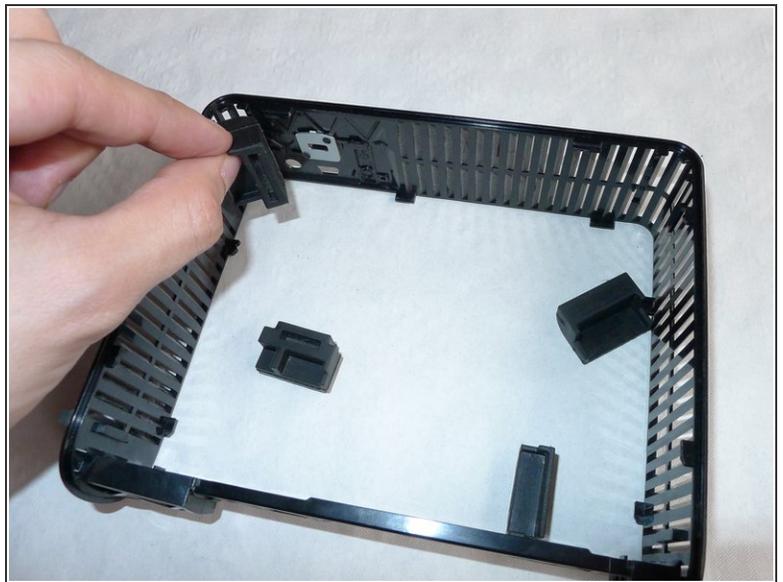
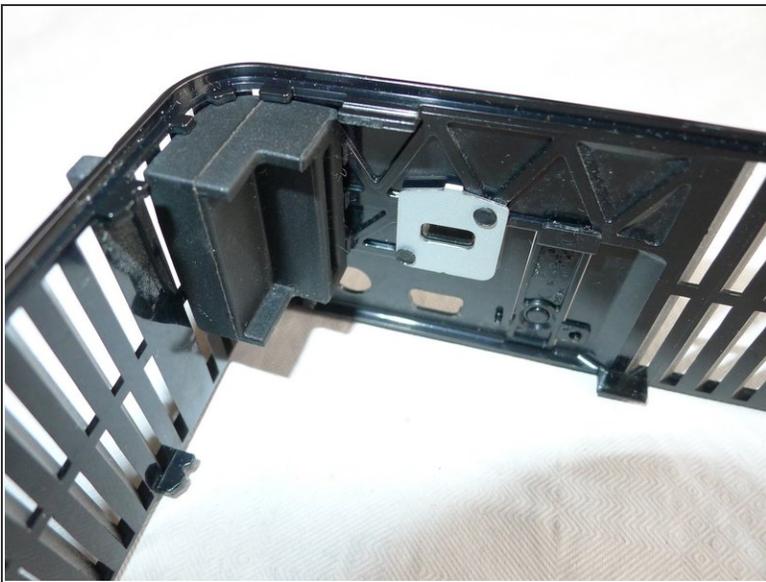
Step 5 — Disassembling Western Digital Essentials HD Hard Drive



- Slide out the hard drive as shown in the picture

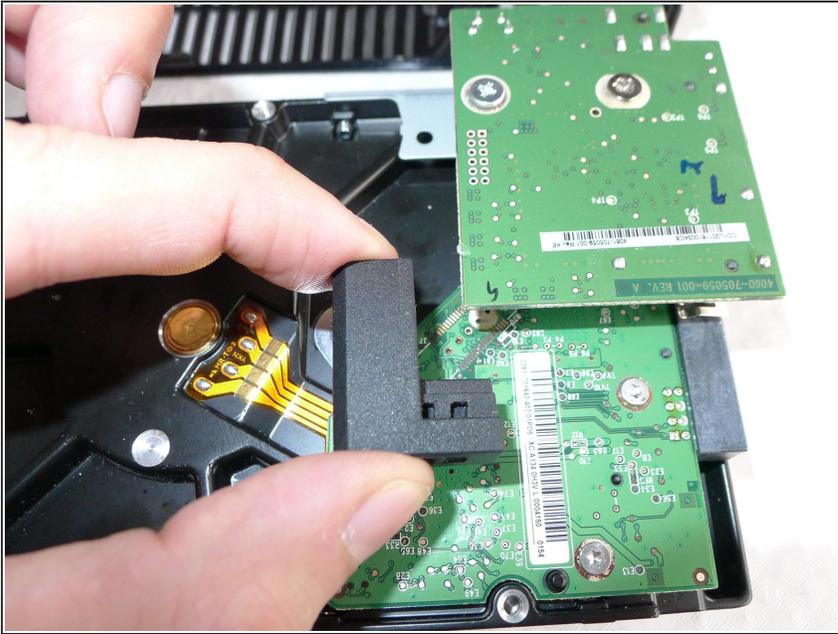
 *Make sure to slide as shown or you may damage the USB bridge logic board.*

Step 6 — Disassembling Western Digital Essentials HD Anti-vibration rubber pieces



- Remove the 4 rubber piece from the plastic frame at each corner.

Step 7



- Remove the rubber piece from the SATA/USB bridge logic board.

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