



Nintendo DS Lite Lower Screen Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

This guide has been updated by iFixit staff! Read the new, official guide [here](#).

This guide will show you how to remove the lower screen.

TOOLS:

Phillips #00 Screwdriver (1)
iFixit Opening Tool (1)
Tweezers (1)

PARTS:

Nintendo DS Lite Touchscreen (1)

Step 1 — Nintendo DS Lite Battery Disconnect



- Place your device upside down and locate the battery compartment.
- Find the Phillips head screw securing the battery cover in the bottom right hand corner of the device.
- ★ Loosen the screw enough to remove the battery cover but leave the screw in the cover for reassembly.
- i Use only a Phillips screwdriver to remove screw.

Step 2



- Slowly remove the battery cover with the iFixit opening tool.

⚠ Make sure to remove the cover carefully to keep from losing Phillips screw in the cover. It will be needed for reassembly.

Step 3



- Use the iFixit opening tool to carefully pry the battery out of the case.
- After the old battery is removed replace it with a new battery facing the same direction as when the cover was opened.
- ① For some devices, you may be able to remove the battery by flipping the DS over and letting the battery fall into your hand.

Step 4 — Disassembling Nintendo DS Lite Bottom Case



- Remove the following seven screws that secure the lower case to the DS Lite:
 - Three silver tri-wing screws (5mm long)
 - One black tri-wing screw (4mm)
 - Two gold Phillips screws (4mm)
 - One silver Phillips screw (3mm)
- **Do not** remove the silver PH screw (3mm) in the battery compartment yet. It holds the main PCB in place.

Step 5



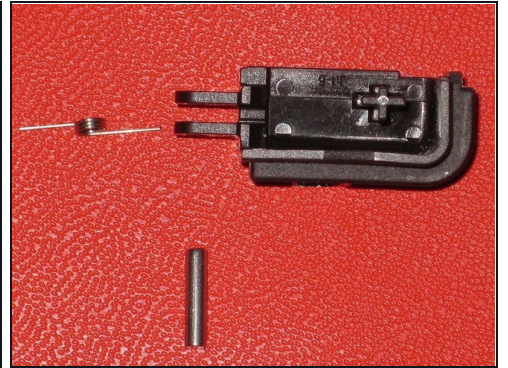
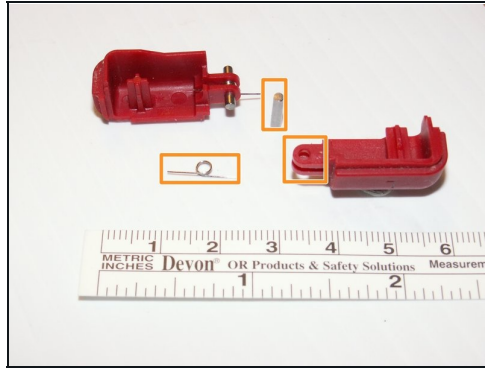
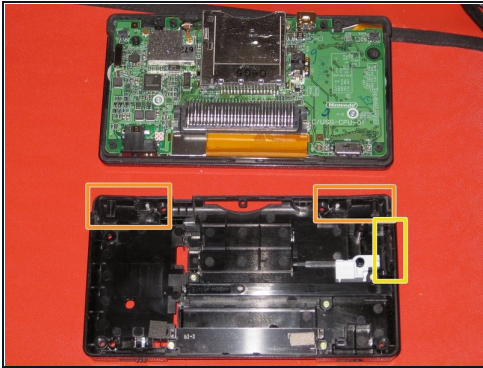
- On the front edge of the Nintendo DS between the headphone jack plug and volume controls remove the plastic insert (or cartridge) from the lower slot (Slot 2).

Step 6



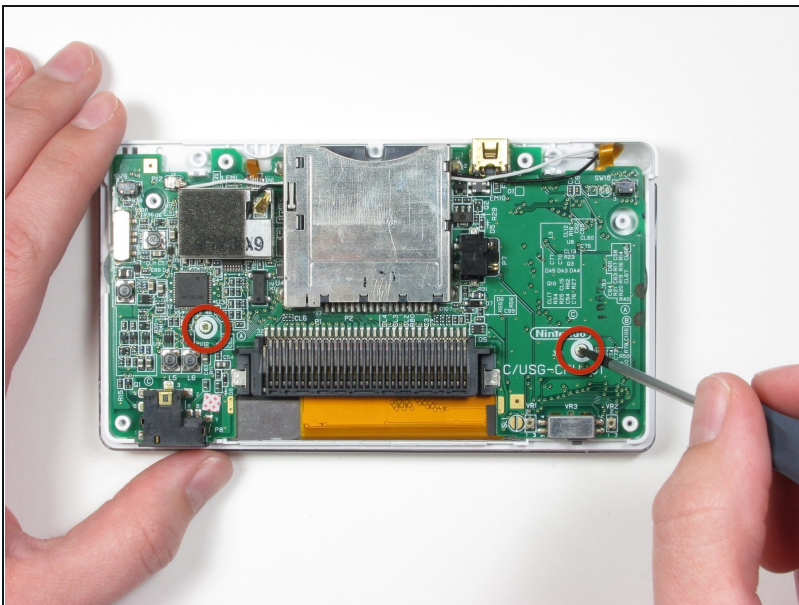
- Flip the unit over so that it is facing right-side up.
- Use a spudger to pry open the gap between the bottom case and the front panel. Work all the way around the case until the panel is free.
- Avoid touching the L and R shoulder buttons, because they easily detach and are difficult to reassemble. Keep the bottom case flat against your workbench to help hold the shoulder buttons in place.

Step 7



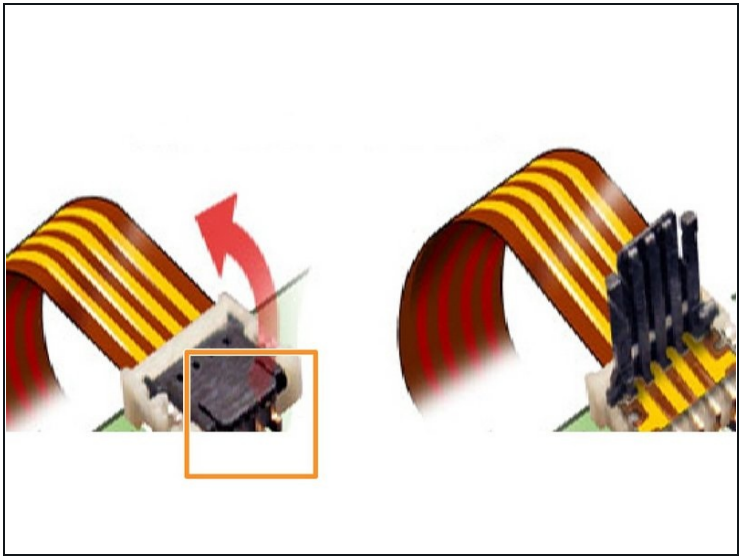
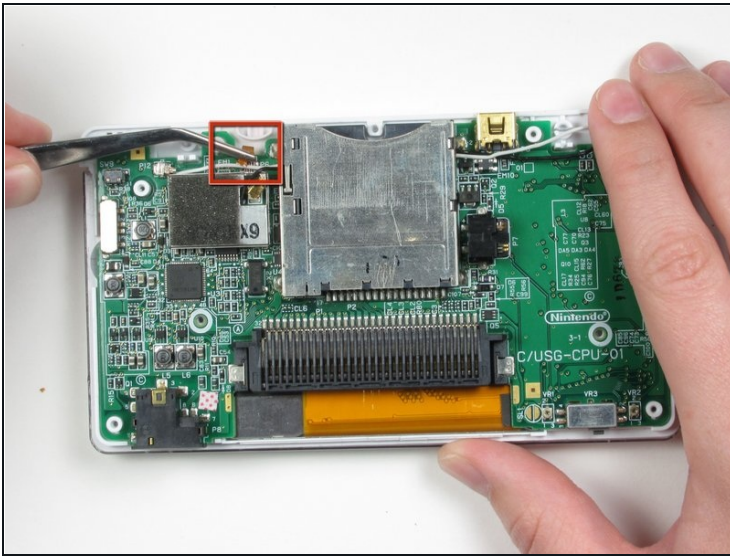
- Carefully separate the two pieces by hand.
- The two shoulder buttons are made up of three pieces -- the plastic button, a pin, and a spring. If they accidentally pop out while you are working, study the picture and make sure you put the spring in the correct position.
- ☑ When reassembling the cover, make sure that the power switch caver on the bottom case is in the off (down) position to avoid breakage.

Step 8 — Lower Screen



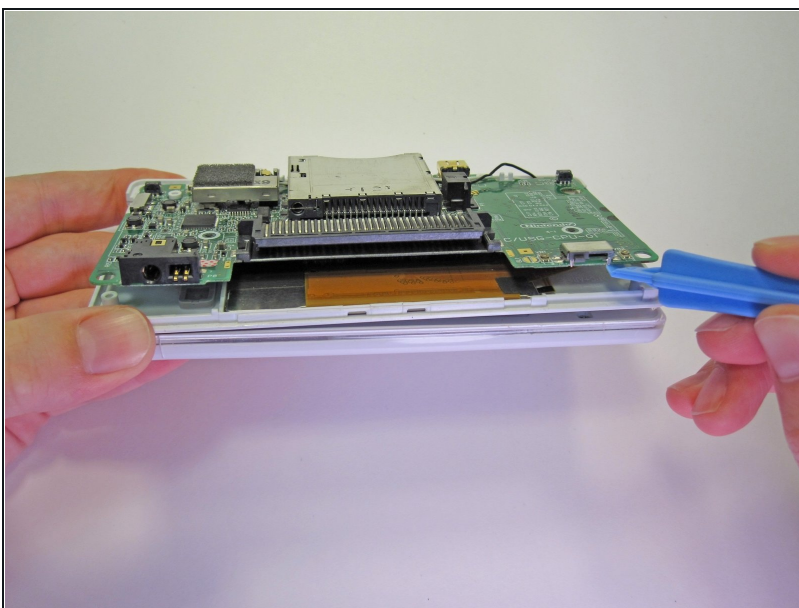
- Remove the two screws holding the motherboard to the rest of the device using a Phillips #00 screwdriver.

Step 9



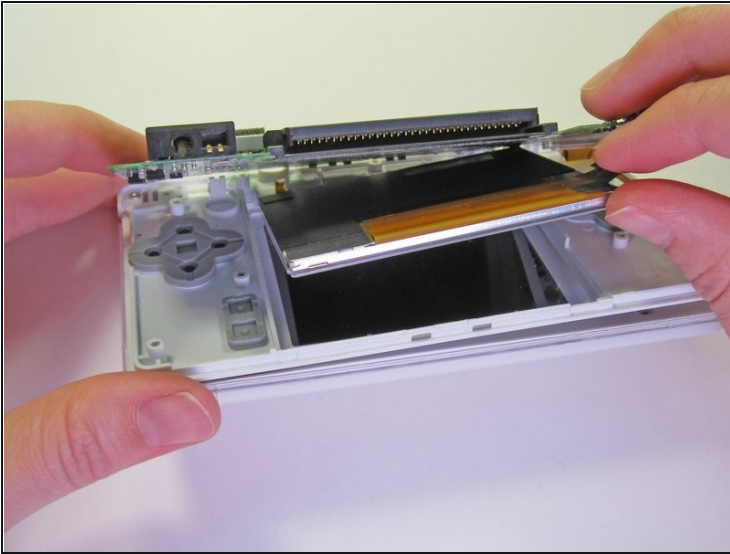
- Locate the small ribbon cable that connects the touch screen to the motherboard. Do not pull on this cable.
- Gently lift the hinged black cover on the connector.
- ① The hinges are near where the ribbon is inserted.
- After lifting the black cover, the ribbon cable will disconnect easily.

Step 10



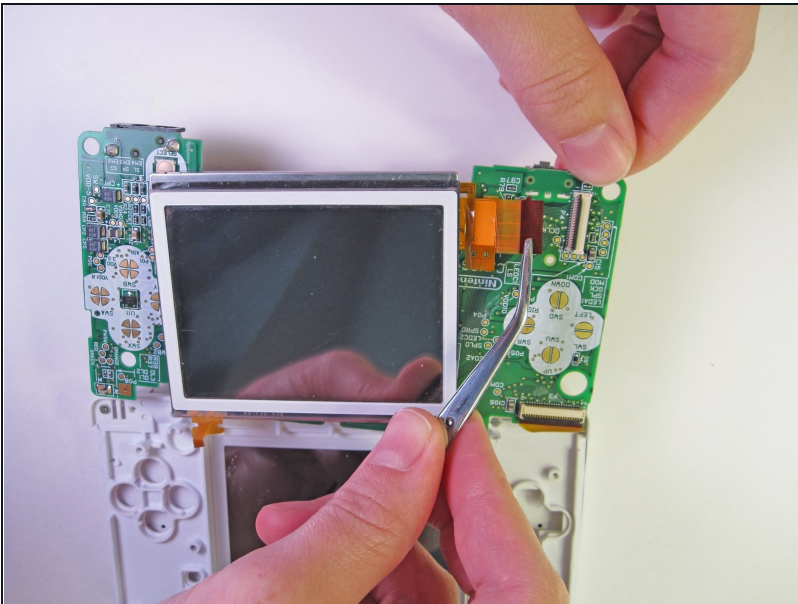
- With a plastic opening tool, gently begin to separate the motherboard from the rest of the device.
- ⚠ The ribbon cable and two wires are still connected to the motherboard and the buttons tend to fall out.

Step 11



- Flip the motherboard over so the touch screen is facing up.

Step 12



- Do not pull on the main ribbon cable.
- Carefully lift the tiny hinged cover on the connector.
- The ribbon cable will easily disconnect.
- Remove the third ribbon cable the same way.

Step 13



- There is nothing else connecting the touch screen. Just pick up and set aside.