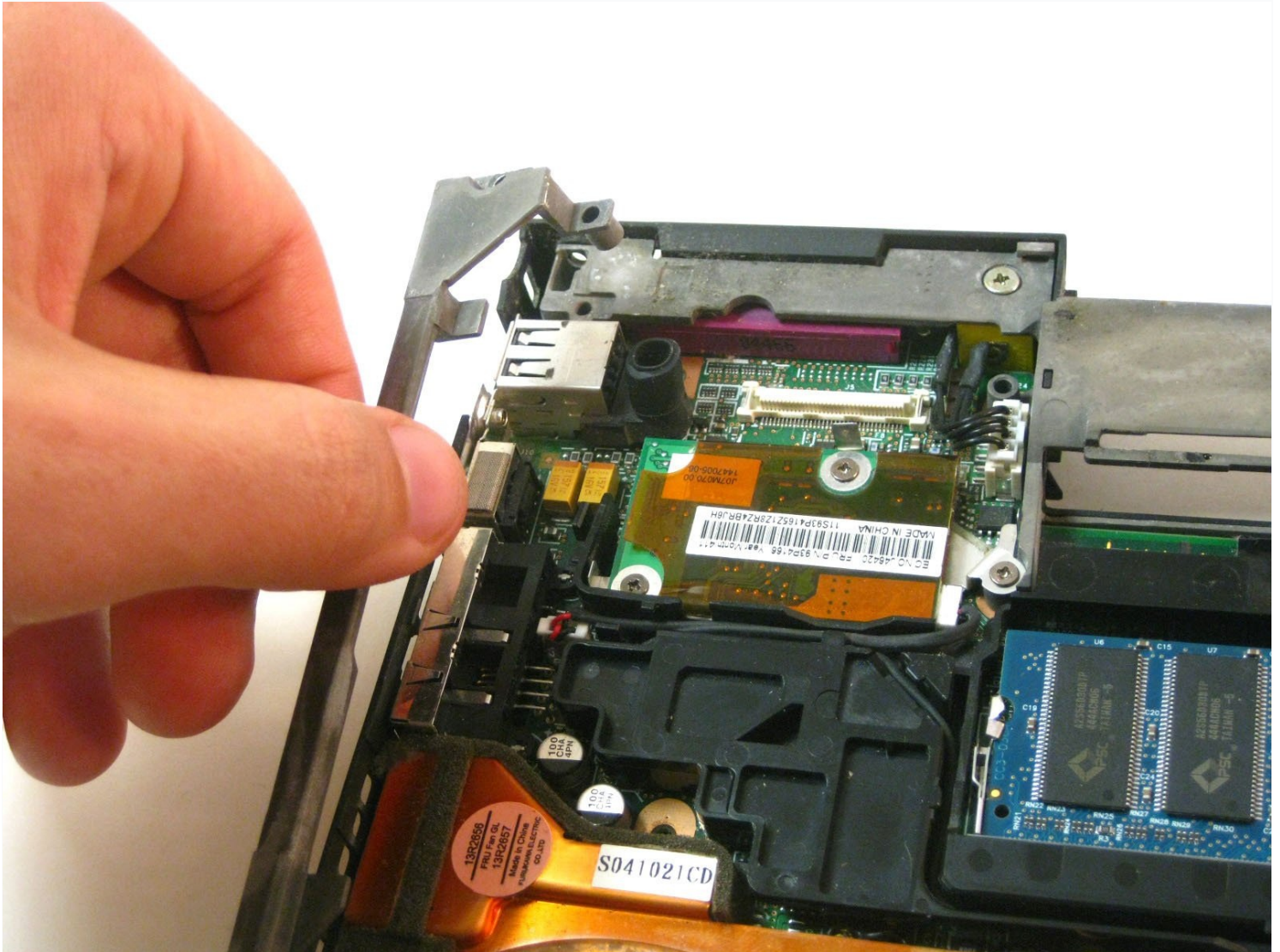




# Disassembling IBM ThinkPad T42 Lower Bracket

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# INTRODUCTION

The lower bracket needs to be removed to get to some components of the laptop.

## TOOLS:

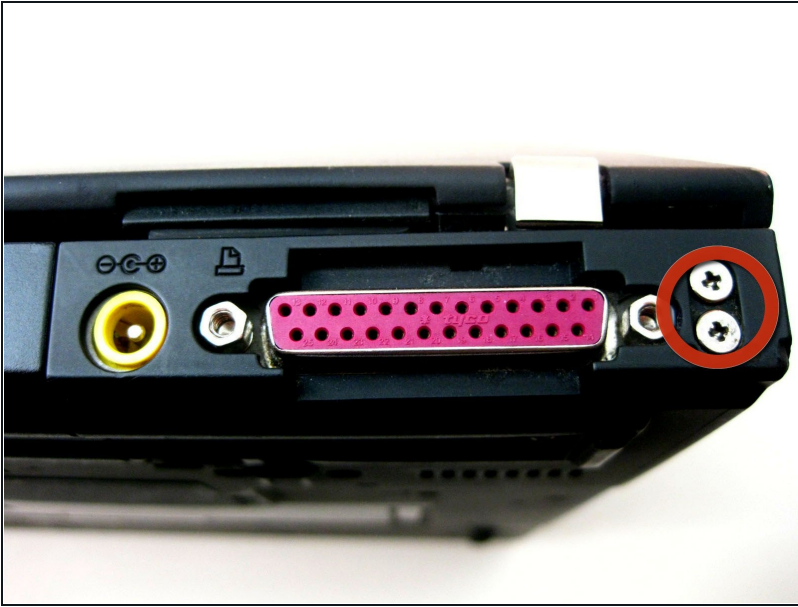
Phillips #0 Screwdriver (1)

### Step 1 — Bottom cover



- Using a Phillips #0 screwdriver, identify and unscrew the twenty screws located on the underside of the T42.

## Step 2 — Rear screws



- Unscrew the four Phillips screws located on either side of the rear of the T42 (there are two located on each end.)

## Step 3 — Keyboard and Trackpad

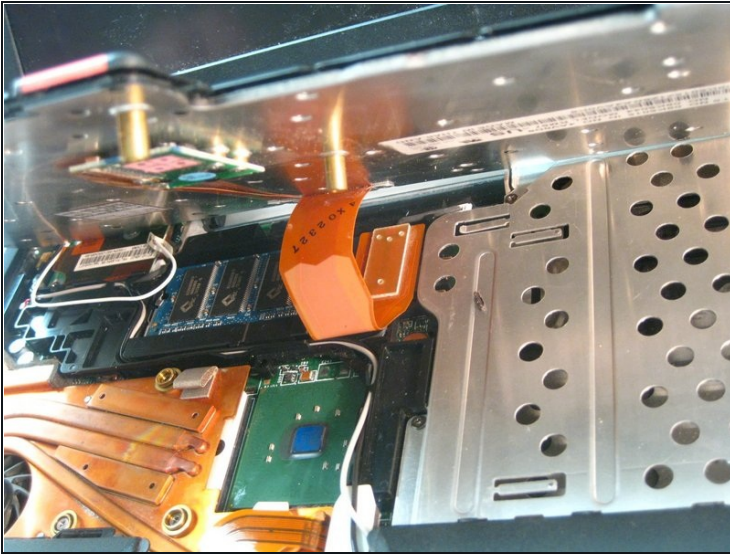


- Flip the laptop over and open the screen to access the keyboard and trackpad.
- ① The keyboard and trackpad are connected to the motherboard. Before removing the keyboard and trackpad, disconnect both components from the motherboard, as shown in the following step.

⚠ The bezel and keyboard will be loose, be careful.

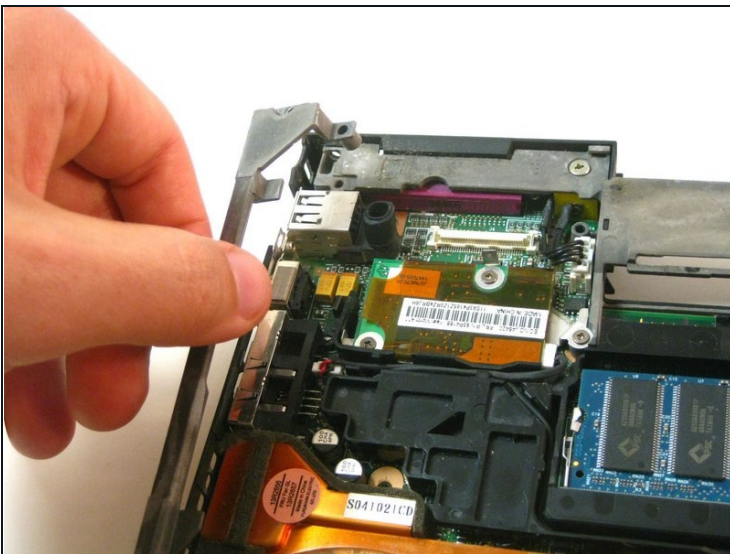


## Step 4



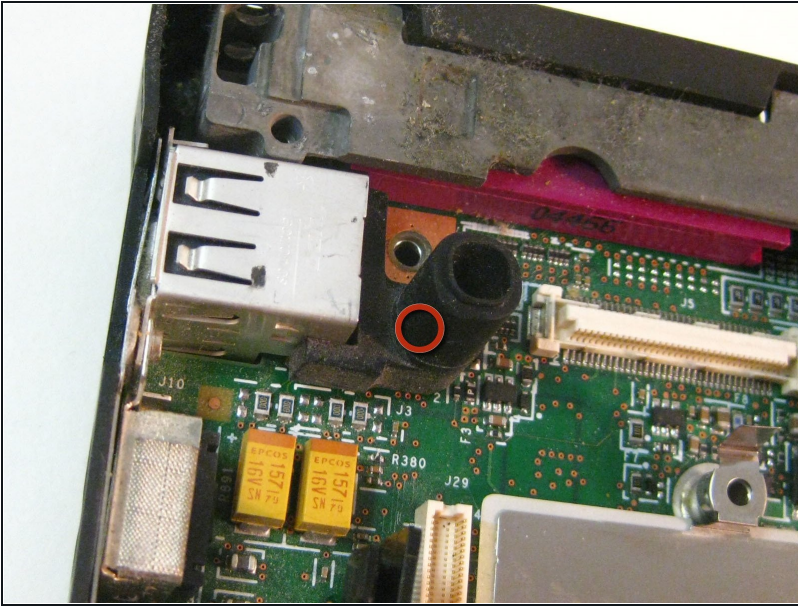
- Carefully maneuver the palm rest away from the keyboard, as both the keyboard and palm rest/trackpad will come off together.  
⚠ Remember, both the keyboard and trackpad have connectors to the motherboard. Disconnect these before completely removing either component.

## Step 5 — Lower Bracket



- Grasp the metal bracket to remove it from the device.

## Step 6 — Microphone cover



- Remove the rubber cover from the microphone.

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