



MacBook Pro 13" Unibody Early 2011 AirPort/Bluetooth Cable Replacement

Replace a broken AirPort/Bluetooth cable on your Early 2011 MacBook Pro 13" Unibody.

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INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace a broken AirPort/Bluetooth cable.



TOOLS:

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



PARTS:

- [MacBook Pro 13" Unibody \(Early 2011/Late 2011/Mid 2012\) Airport/Bluetooth Cable](#) (1)

Step 1 — Lower Case



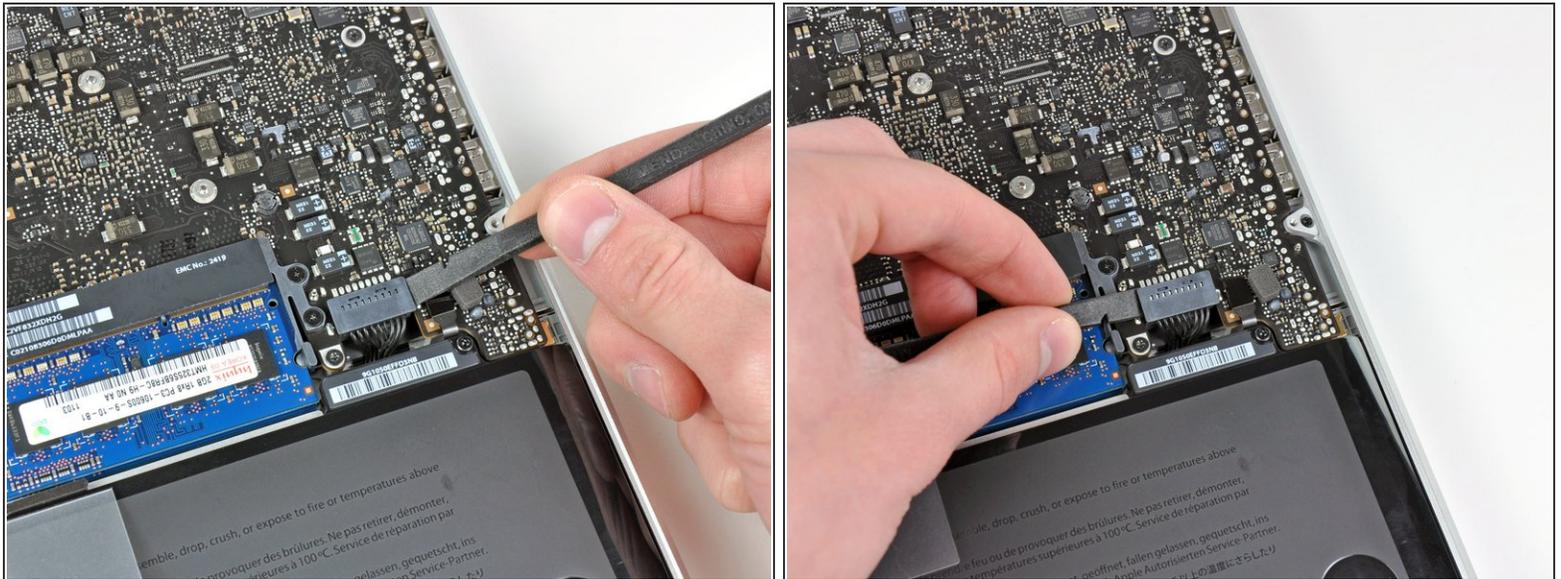
- Remove the following ten screws:
 - Three 14.4 mm Phillips #00 screws
 - Three 3.5 mm Phillips #00 screws
 - Four 3.5 mm shouldered Phillips #00 screws
- ⓘ When replacing the small screws, align them perpendicular to the slight curvature of the case (they don't go straight down).

Step 2



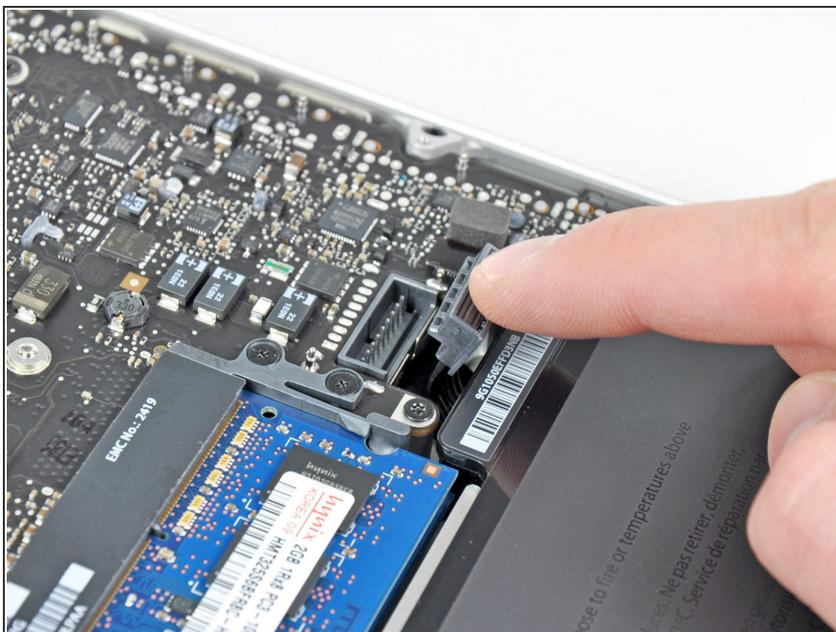
- Use your fingers to pry the lower case away from the body of the MacBook near the vent.
- Remove the lower case.

Step 3 — Battery Connection



- Use the edge of a spudger to pry the battery connector upwards from its socket on the logic board.
- ⓘ It is useful to pry upward on both short sides of the connector to "walk" it out of its socket. Be careful with the corners of the connectors, they can be easily broken off.

Step 4



- Bend the battery cable slightly away from its socket on the logic board so it does not accidentally connect itself while you work.

Step 5 — AirPort/Bluetooth Cable



- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry the AirPort/Bluetooth connector up from its socket on the logic board.

Step 6



- Peel back the piece of EMI tape covering the AirPort/Bluetooth cable connector above the optical drive.

Step 7



- Use the tip of a spudger to lift the AirPort/Bluetooth connector off of its socket on the AirPort/Bluetooth board.

Step 8



- Remove the AirPort/Bluetooth cable from the machine.

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