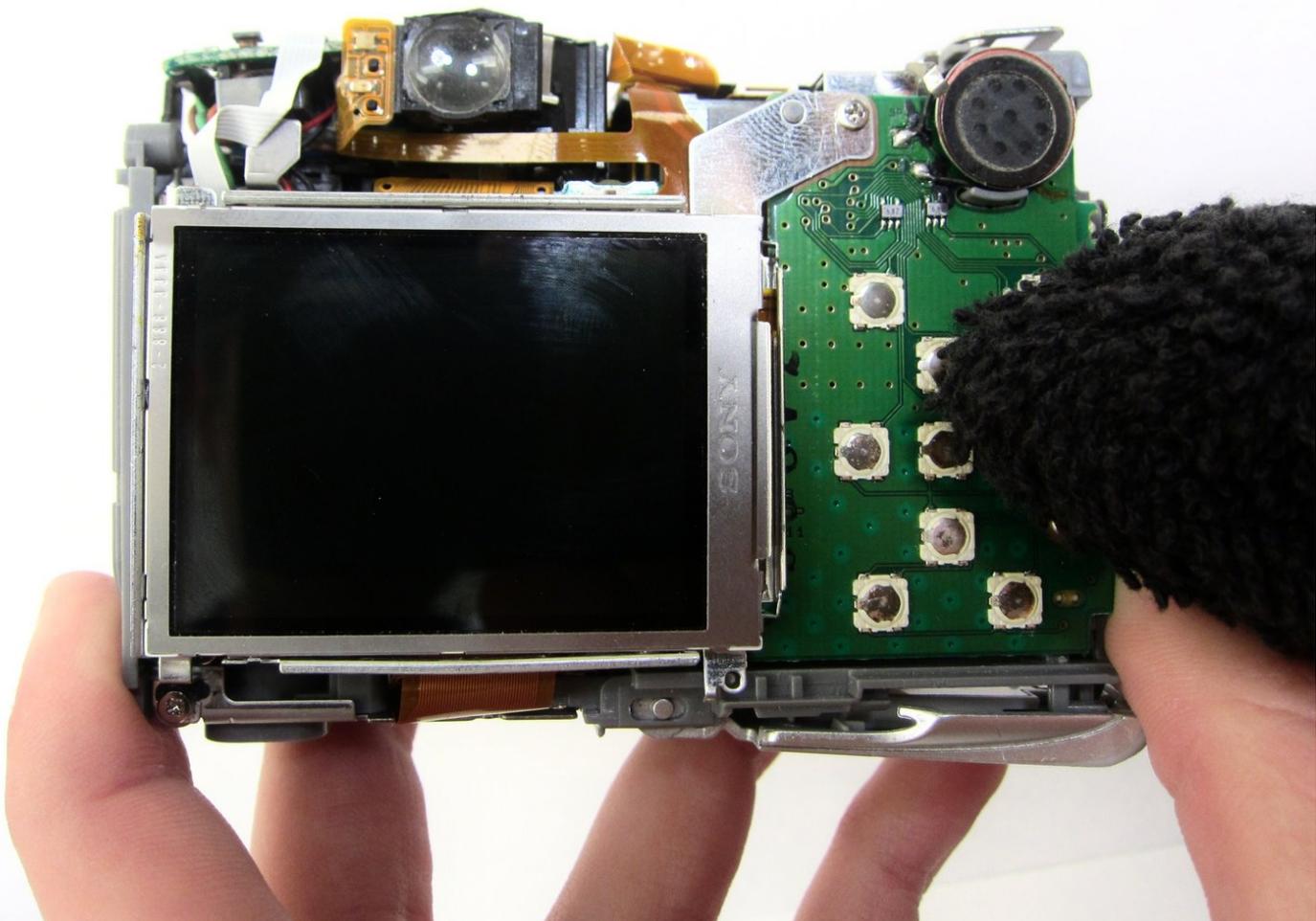




# How to clean Canon PowerShot A550 buttons

This guide will show you how to clean the function keys on your Canon PowerShot A550.

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## INTRODUCTION

If sand, dirt or liquid has penetrated the outside covers of the camera, the function buttons might stick or cease to register. This guide shows you how to open the camera and clean the function keys.

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### TOOLS:

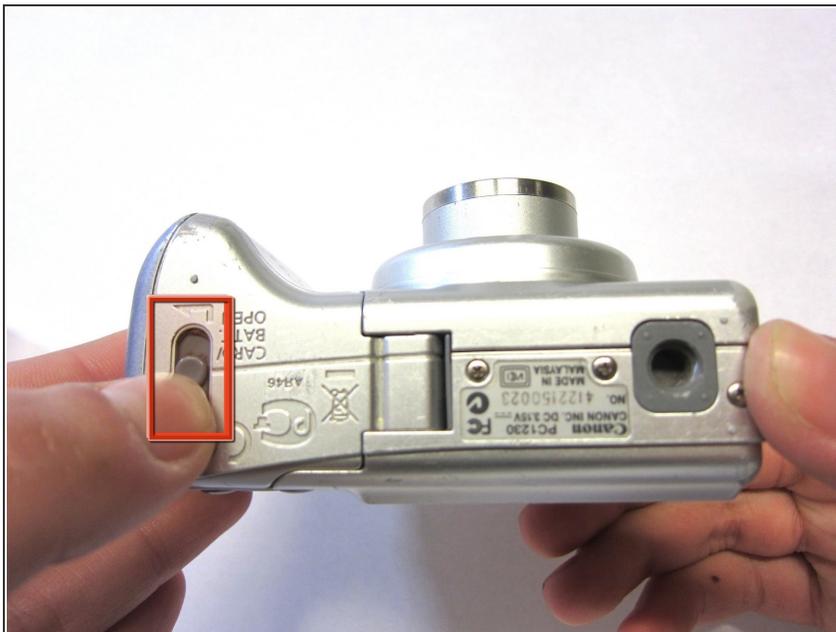
- [Cotton Swab](#) (1)
  - [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
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  - [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — Front and Back Covers



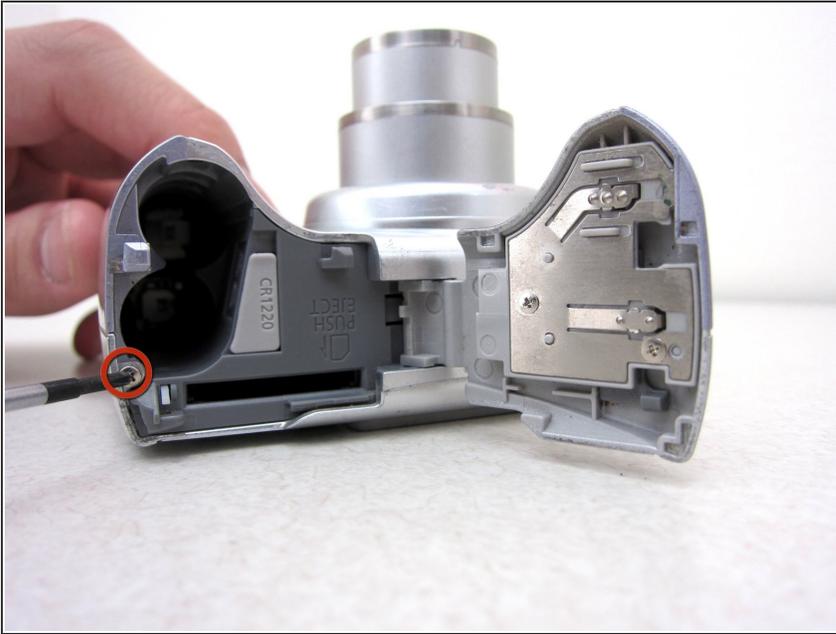
- Unscrew a total of 6 4.45 mm phillips head screws using a #00 phillips head screwdriver.
- There are 2 screws on the left side (when looking at the front of the camera).
- There are 3 screws on the bottom
- There is 1 screw on the right side

## Step 2



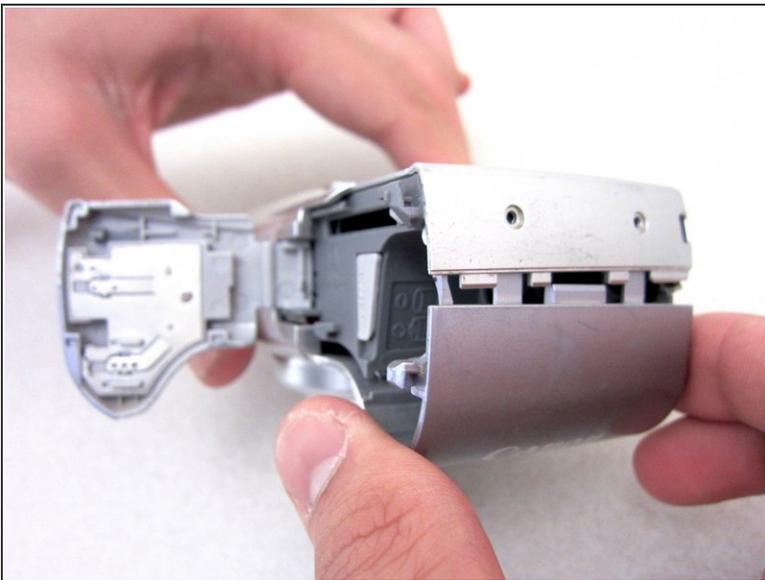
- Turn to the bottom of the camera.
- Open the memory card cover by sliding the "CARD/BATT." button up, and then pulling the cover to the left.

### Step 3



- This is what the SD card/battery compartment looks like when opened.
- Remove one 4.45mm phillips head screw from the SD card/battery compartment using a #00 phillips head screwdriver.

### Step 4



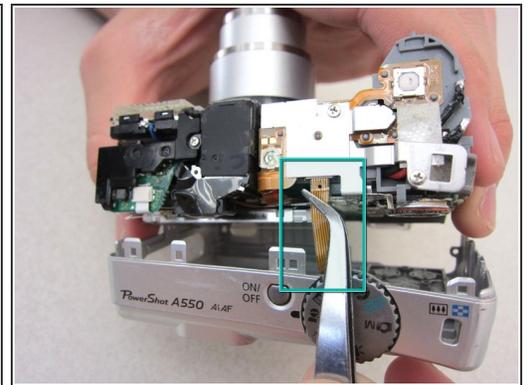
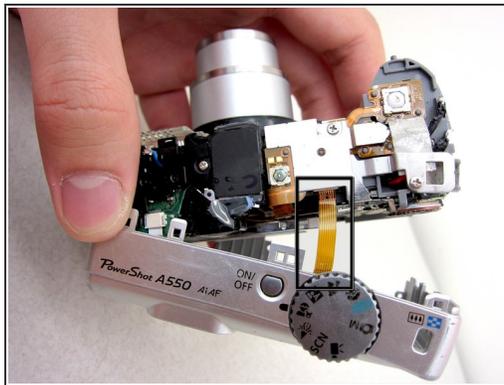
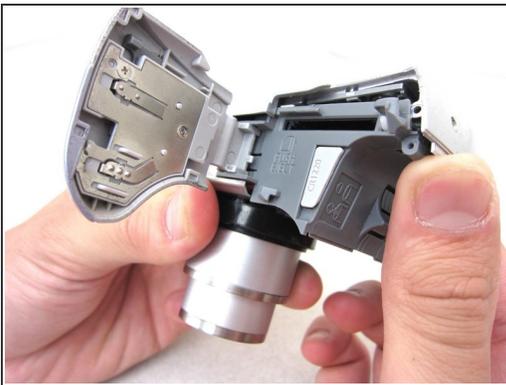
- Gently remove the front cover away from the camera body.
- Tip: Start by loosening the teeth on the left side of the camera next to the battery compartment.

## Step 5



- The camera should look like this once the front cover is removed.

## Step 6

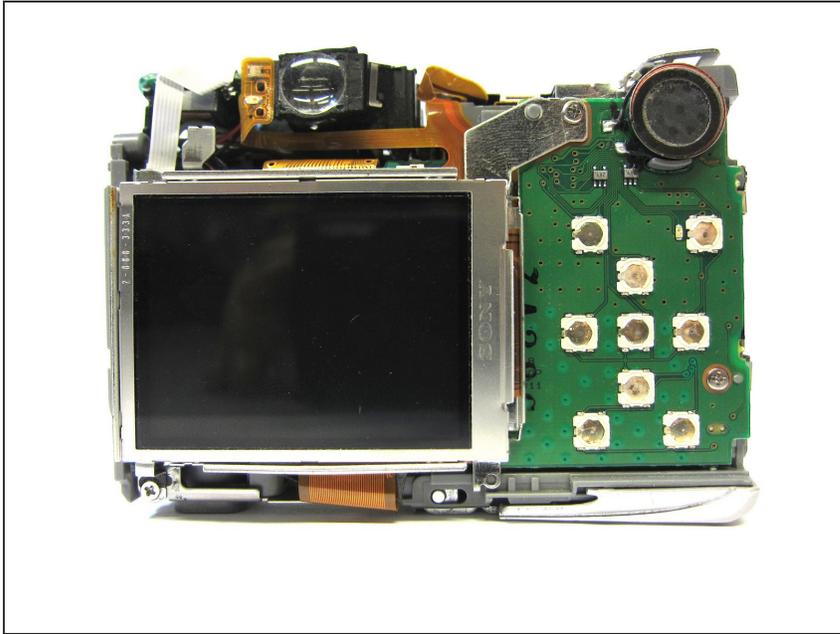


- Start from the battery compartment and remove the back cover.

**⚠ Caution:** Do not tug on the back cover after it is removed. This could tear the ribbon attaching the back cover to the camera body.

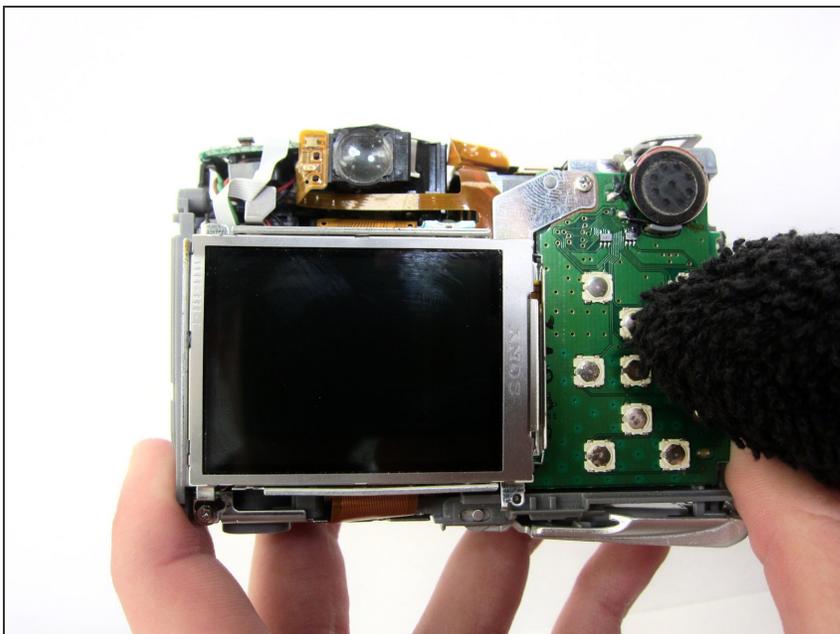
- Remove the connecting ribbon from the body of the camera using a pair of tweezers.

## Step 7



- Once the ribbon connecting the back cover is removed, the back of the camera body should look like this.

## Step 8 — How to clean Canon PowerShot A550 buttons



- Turn to the back of the camera body. Rub the function keys and surrounding area with a clean cloth dipped in isopropyl alcohol.

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