



# Nintendo 3DS SD Board Replacement

SD board replacement.

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## INTRODUCTION

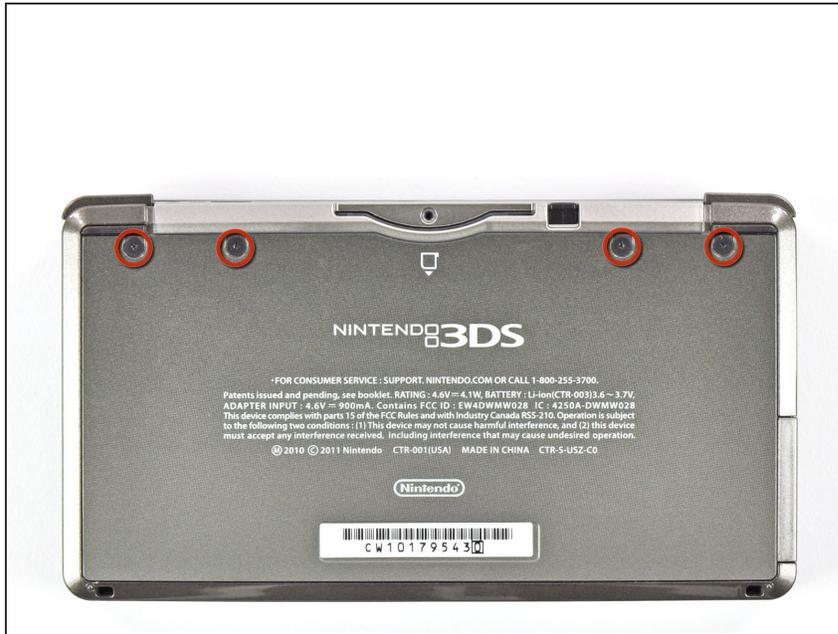
Replacing the SD board in your 3DS may help resolve issues you're having loading and saving content.

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### TOOLS:

- [iFixit Opening Tool](#) (1)
  - [Spudger](#) (1)
  - [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — Back Cover



- Unscrew the four Phillips #00 screws along the top of the back cover.

ⓘ The screws are held in place by locking washers, and will not come out of the back cover.

⚠ The comments section is full of unlucky souls who will tell you that the screws here through step 4 will strip incredibly easily. Press down fairly hard, and go slow.

## Step 2



- i Hold the device in one hand and turn it over.
- Grab the top edge of the back cover with your opposite hand so that the cover does not fall back into place.
- i Flip the 3DS over again so that the back cover is facing up.
- Pull the back cover up and away from the rest of the device to remove it.

## Step 3 — Battery



- Insert a plastic opening tool into the notch in the lower case above the battery.
- Pry the battery up with the plastic opening tool.
- Grab the top edge of the battery and lift it out of the lower case.

## Step 4 — Lower Case



- Remove the nine 6.3 mm black Phillips screws from the lower case.
- ⚠ These screws will strip very easily unless you use the correct size bit. Apply pressure to the screws while turning to avoid stripping them.
- Remove the 2.4 mm silver Phillips screw above the game cartridge slot.

## Step 5



- Lift the bottom edge of the lower case off the rest of the 3DS.

**⚠** There are still two ribbon cables connecting the mother board to the case, so be sure not to pull the lower case all the way off.

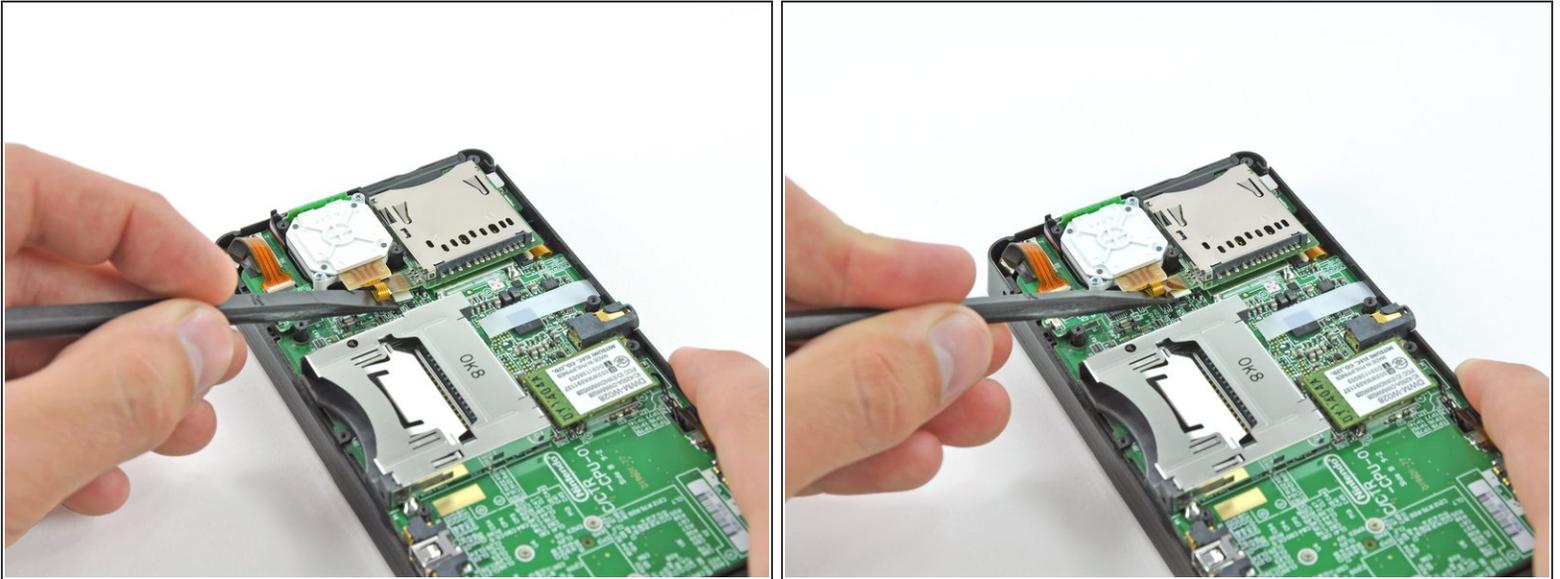
- Use a plastic opening tool to pry the shoulder button ribbon cables off their sockets on the motherboard.
- Remove the lower case from the device.

## Step 6 — SD Board



- Remove the two 4.5 mm Phillips screws securing the SD board to the motherboard.

## Step 7



**i** The connector for the SD board sits underneath the Circle Pad ribbon cable.

- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry the SD board ribbon cable connector off its socket on the motherboard.

## Step 8



- Insert the flat end of a spudger between the SD board and the motherboard.
- Run the spudger along the sides of the SD board to free it from the adhesive pad holding it in place.
- Once completely freed, lift the SD board straight off the motherboard.

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