How to reattach a Spacebar Key to the Magic Keyboard

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INTRODUCTION

The process may look easy, but in reality, it is a bit difficult if you don't know what you are doing. Please refer to the guide and the video.

It is much harder to reattach than other previous mac keyboards. Including the AA-powered previous gen wireless keyboard.

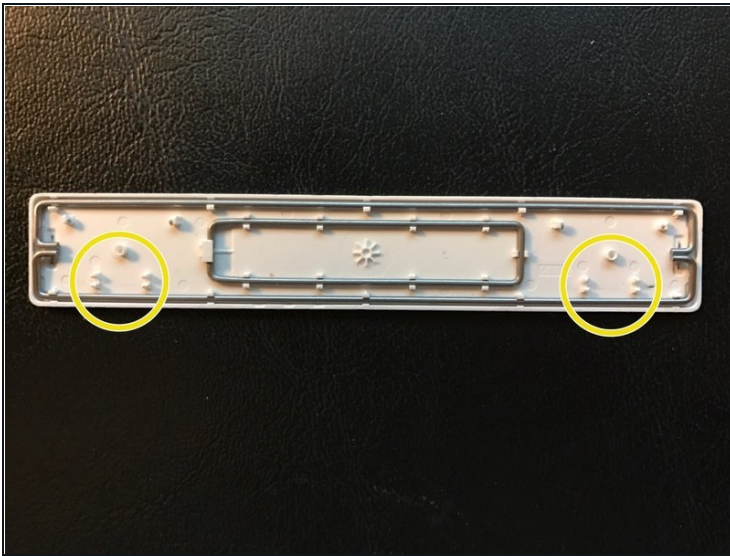| 🔧 **TOOLS:**	⚙️ **PARTS:**
Longer fingernails. (1)	Magic Keyboard Spacebar (1)

Step 1 — Remove Spacebar

⚠️ This is a challenging procedure. The space bar is very hard to reattach. It is far more difficult than previous mac keyboards. There is the risk of permanent damage if replacement is attempted.

- To remove the spacebar, slide a long fingernail under the front of the key and gently pry it up
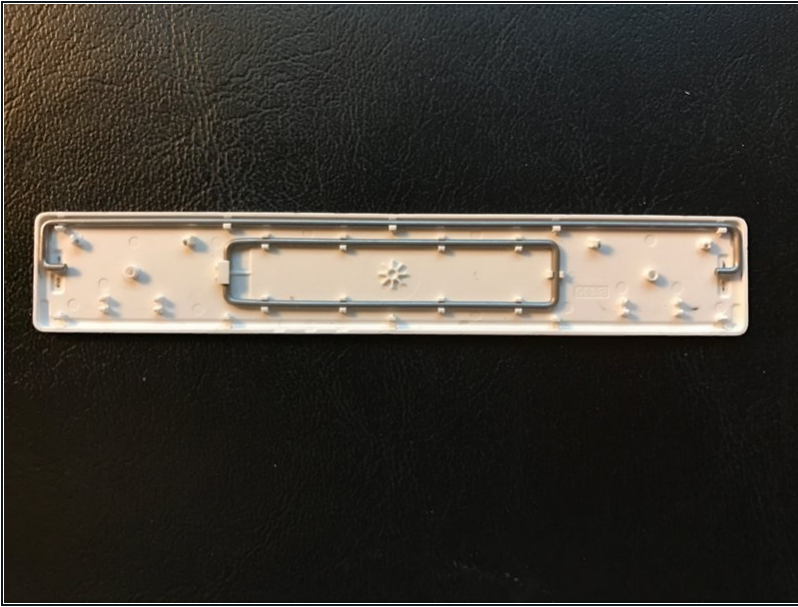
Step 2 — Identify orientation

- Identify top and bottom of the Spacebar.
  - The bottom side, (the side that will be closer to the lower edge of the keyboard), has two plastic notches on either side. These notches will grab on the lower portion of the two scissor mechanisms' small holes, as indicated.
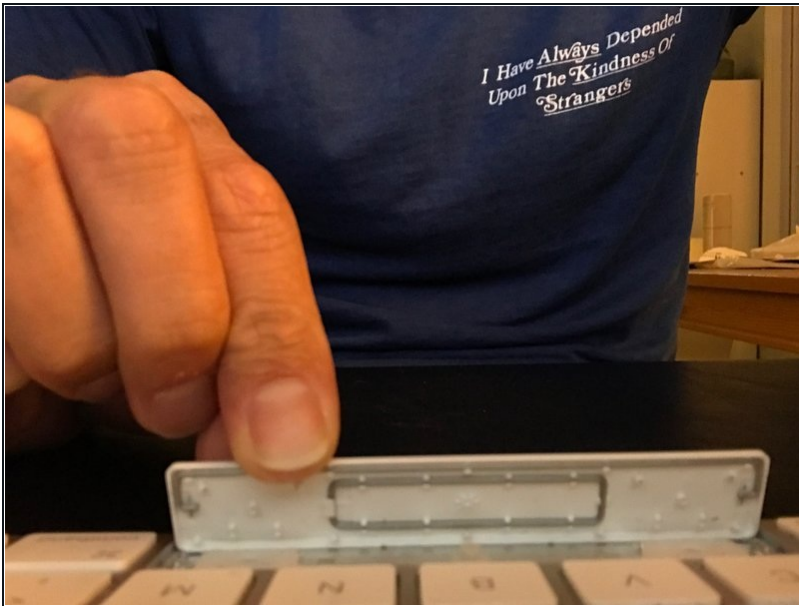
Step 3 — Inspect for Damage

- Locate the small metal hooks that hold the bracket arms and hook inward to grip the bracket arms.

- (i) If the metal bracket holders are bent your key may be harder or impossible to replace.
  - (i) These should come up straight out of the keyboard and not look bent. If you've tried repeatedly to replace the key, you may want some pliers or to gently use a fingernail to straighten these out.

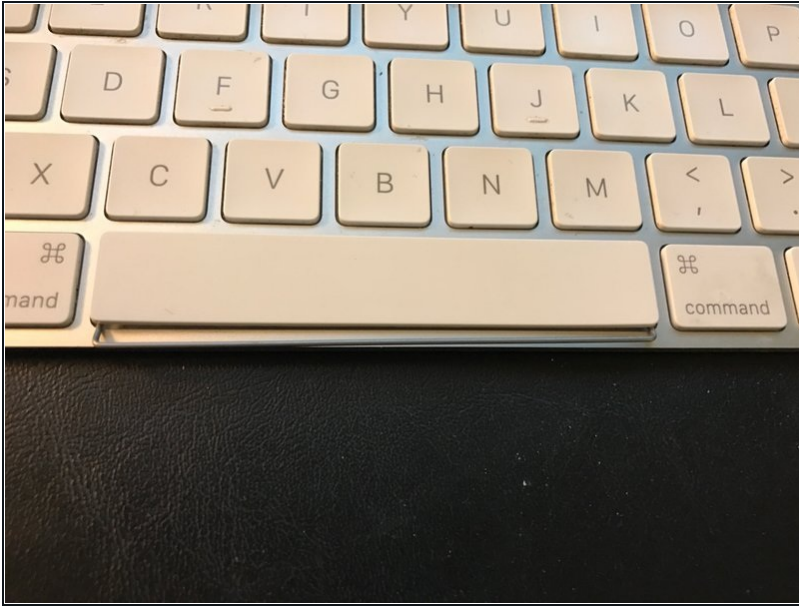## Step 4 — Remove Lower Stabilizer Bracket

- Remove the lower metal bracket by prying it off carefully with your fingernail.

- ⓘ Don't worry too much about breaking anything. They snap out and back in fairly safely.

Step 5

- Position the bottom of the key in the opening with the top tilted up and away from the keyboard.
  - ⓘ You may want to take the top bracket off the key and put it into its spot in the hole first. I've done this with it on and off.

- Apply pressure starting from the bottom and slide your fingers up toward the top of the key.

- You should hear and feel the two lower connections to the scissors. The top bracket should naturally be in the correct space.

- You should be able to tap the key and feel normal action from the top part of it. No matter where you tap it on the top half.

- ⚠ Do not apply excess pressure. Previous Mac Keyboards you just pushed down hard and it worked. Apply only enough to seat the key.

Step 6 — Add Lower Bracket

- Carefully pry up the bottom part of the Space key at one corner, without pulling it away from the the scissor connection points.

- Carefully slide the bracket into the space below the spacebar. Nudge the bracket in until it is in its home.

- Gently tap the key around the bottom side of the keyboard. Do not apply excessive force as shown on previous mac keyboard spacebar repair videos.
  - ⓘ You'll know you've been successful when you can press down on any of the four corners of the Space key and it will type a space.

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