

# Kindle Fire HDX 7" Motherboard Replacement

A free guide on how to replace the motherboard on a Kindle Fire HDX 7" tablet.

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Replacement guide for the motherboard on a Kindle Fire HDX 7" tablet.

The battery can only be disconnected once the motherboard is removed. Be careful not to cause a short with metal tools around the components on the motherboard.



# **TOOLS:**

- iOpener Kit (1)
- iFixit Opening Picks set of 6 (1)
- Spudger (1)
- ESD Safe Tweezers Blunt Nose (1)
- T3 Torx Screwdriver (1)
- T5 Torx Screwdriver (1)



# PARTS:

Kindle Fire HDX 7" Motherboard (1)

## Step 1 — Speaker Bezel







- Insert an opening pick underneath the speaker bezel, and slide it along the perimeter to separate it from the tablet.
- (i) The adhesive is strong and may require an iOpener, or heat gun, to soften.

## Step 2



Remove the speaker bezel.

#### Step 3 — Rear Panel



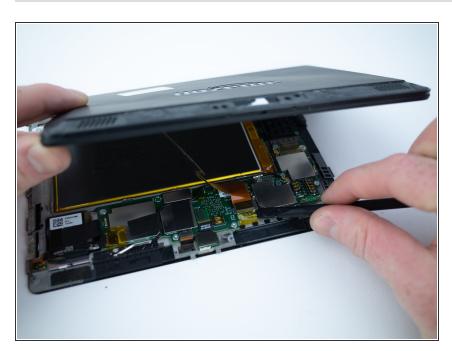
 Remove the six pink 3mm T3 Torx screws from the back case.

#### Step 4



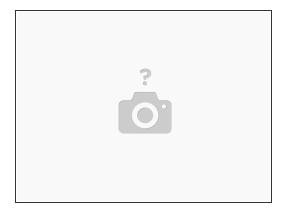


- Wedge opening picks around the perimeter between the display and back case.
- Work the opening picks around the perimeter until the two halves disengage from each other.
- ↑ Don't completely separate as the display ribbon cable still connects the two.



 Use the flat end of a spudger to pry up and disconnect the rear panel press-fit connector from the motherboard.

## Step 6



• There may be a glue strip between the battery and the outside case. Gently pry the case open and use the flat end of a spudger to separate the glue strip.

# Step 7 — Motherboard



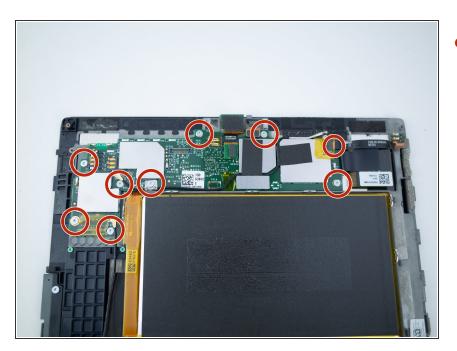


 Grab the yellow tape with a pair of tweezers and pull upwards to disconnect the press-fit connector.

# Step 8



 Use the flat end of a spudger to disconnect the front camera press-fit connector from the motherboard.



 Remove the nine 3mm T6 Torx screws from the motherboard.

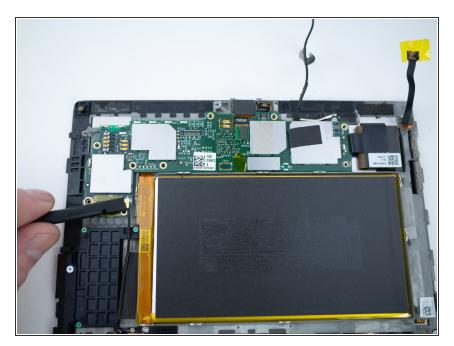
## Step 10







- Use a spudger to pry up and disconnect the antenna cable from the motherboard.
- Pull the antenna cable up and off of the motherboard.
  - ♠ Don't remove completely as it's soldered to the frame.



 Use a spudger to disconnect the second antenna cable from the motherboard.

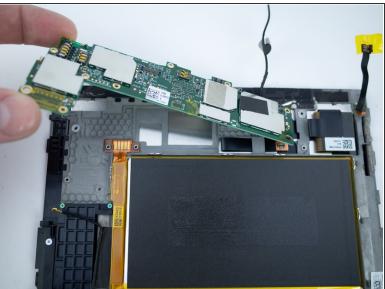
# Step 12





- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry up and disconnect the front camera press-fit connector from the motherboard.
- Remove the front camera.





Remove the motherboard from the tablet.

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