



How to Repair a Broken Slider on a Suitcase Zipper

Fix a broken zipper on your suitcase by replacing the slider.

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INTRODUCTION

Repairing a broken zipper slider is a relatively simple process that most people can accomplish at home. A malfunctioning slider of a zipper can make the zipper itself unusable as it prevents it from being able to be zipped or unzipped. By simply replacing this broken component, a person will no longer feel the need to throw away the entire suitcase.



TOOLS:

- [Slip Joint Pliers](#) (1)



PARTS:

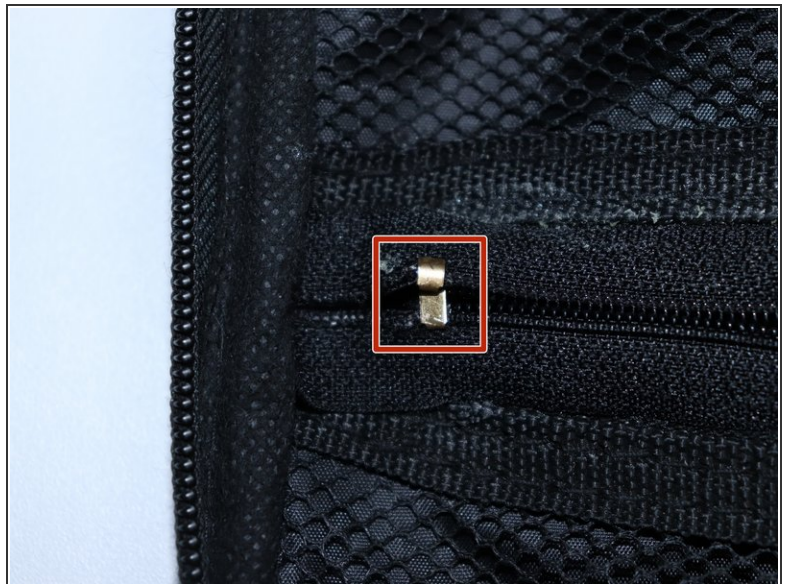
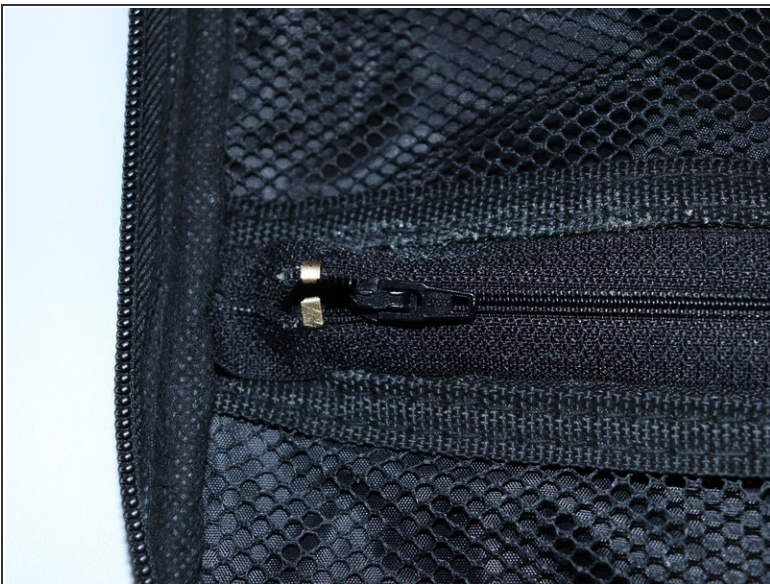
- [Zipper Stop](#) (2)
- [Zipper Slider](#) (1)

Step 1 — Slider on a Zipper



- Locate the zipper with the broken slider on the suitcase.

Step 2



- Find the top of the zipper and locate the two stop pieces.

Step 3



- Use your pliers to remove both of the stop pieces from the zipper.

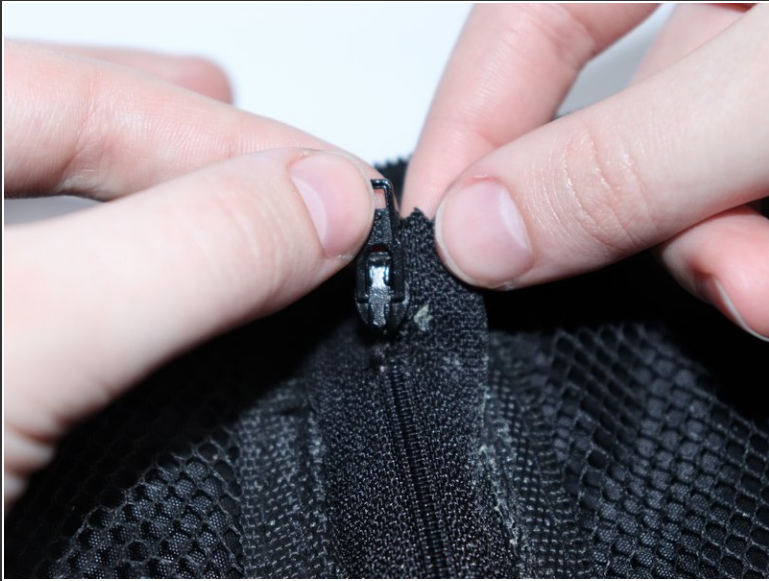
⚠ Be careful to not tear the zipper fabric when removing the stop pieces.

Step 4



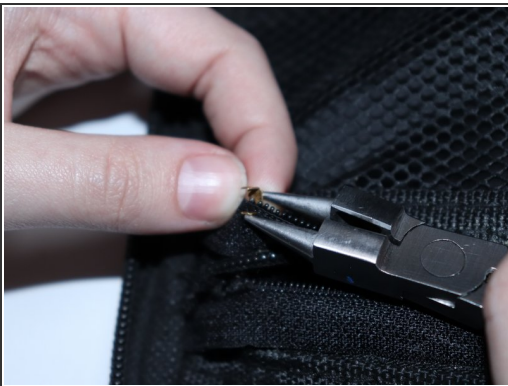
- Remove the original slider from the zipper.

Step 5



- Attach the new slider to the zipper.
- ⓘ You may need to use some force to get the new zipper slider onto the zipper itself.

Step 6



- Attach two new stop pieces with a pair of pliers.
- Use the pliers to crimp the stop pieces into the fabric.
- ⓘ The best area to place the stop pieces is directly above the first few teeth of the zipper.

Step 7



- Check to make sure the zipper works by moving the slider up and down.