

Motorola Cliq LCD Screen Replacement

Does your screen have a case of the black blobs...

Written By: Tony Tran



INTRODUCTION

Does your screen have a case of the black blobs or rainbows? Use this guide to replace a damaged or broken LCD Screen on the Motorola Cliq. You will need to be ready to handle many small parts. This part is very intensive and requires the most work.

🖌 TOOLS:

iFixit Opening Tool (1) Spudger (1) T4 Torx Screwdriver (1)

Step 1 — Battery



• Turning over your phone, place two fingers on the back cover and apply pressure away from the camera to slide the back cover off.





- Pinch the battery pull tab located below the camera, pull it upwards, and remove the battery.
 - (*i*) The pull tab may be tucked under the battery.

Step 3 — Rear Casing



- Wedge a plastic opening tool behind the panel covering the camera, pry it up, and remove it using your fingers.
- (i) The panel is held down by adhesive and may require you to wedge and pry the right side of the panel before it can be easily removed.



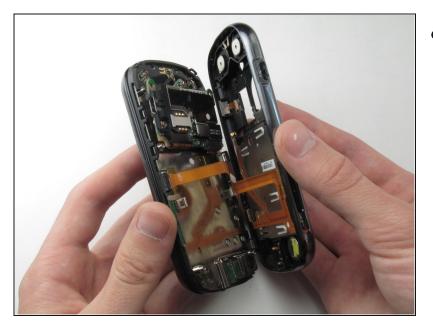
• Remove the six 4.0 mm T4 Torx screws which line the edge of the back of the phone.

Step 5



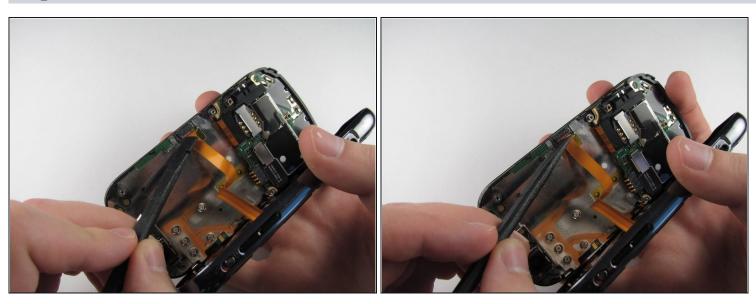
- Turn the phone over and slide out the keyboard.
- Wedge a plastic opening tool where the keyboard meets the back casing of the phone next to the headphone jack.
- Carefully pry open the back casing along the keyboard's edge until at least two corners of the back casing are separated from the keyboard.

⚠ Do not fully separate the rear panel from the phone. A cable is connecting the two parts together.



• Carefully separate the back casing from the rest of the phone.

Step 7

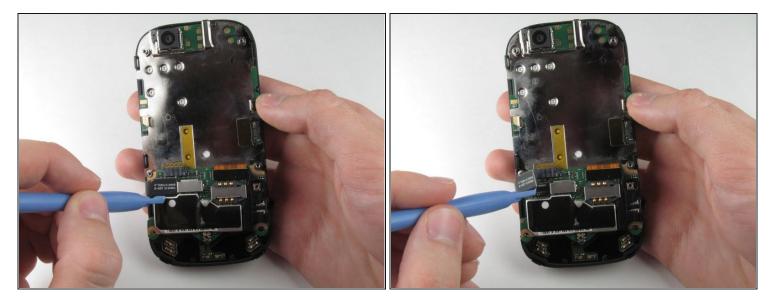


- Gently pry ZIF connector upwards using the flat end of a spudger tool.
 The ZIF connector is glued down. Be gentle! Ripping it off or breaking it will make your phone inoperable.
- You may need adhesive to keep your power cable in place when reassembling your phone.

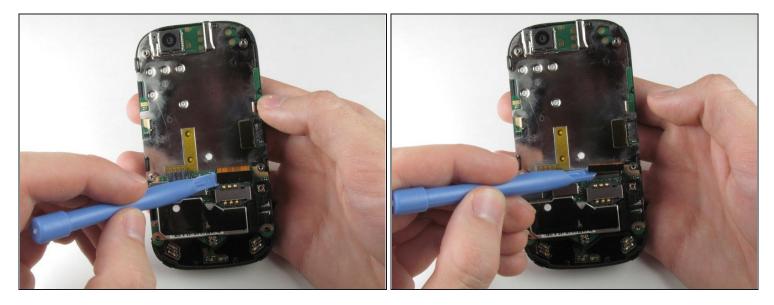


- Press your thumb against the orange power cable and pull it down slowly to disconnect the power cable from the bottom of the keyboard.
- The rear casing and the rest of the phone should now be completely separated.

Step 9 — Motherboard



• Wedge the plastic opening tool underneath the black display connector and pry it off its socket on the motherboard.



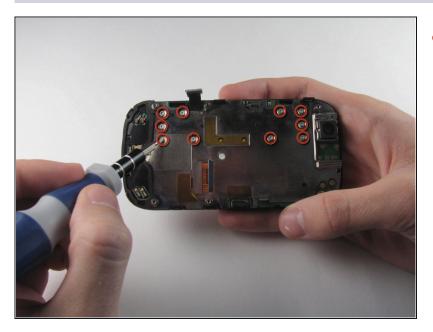
• Pry the orange keyboard connector from its socket on the motherboard using the edge of the plastic opening tool.

Step 11



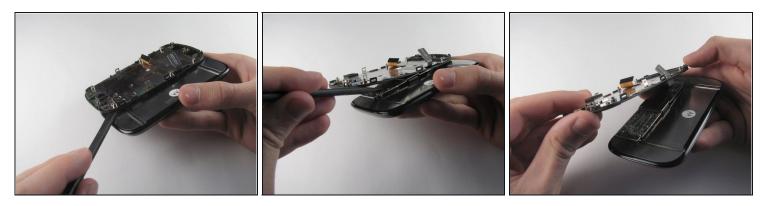
• Carefully grab the sides of the motherboard with your fingers and remove it from the phone.

Step 12 — LCD Shield Plate



• Remove the ten 3.0 mm T4 Torx screws near the black display cable.

Step 13



- Orient the phone so that the edge closest to the camera points towards you and slide out the keyboard.
- Wedge the tip of a spudger between the keyboard and the display assembly below the camera.
- With steady pressure, pry the keyboard away from the display assembly.
 i The keyboard and display assembly are glued together, so expect some resistance.

⚠ Do not completely separate the keyboard and display assembly because the display flex cable still connects them.



• Grab the display flex cable and gently push it through the notch it is coming out of.

Step 15



- Wedge a plastic opening tool underneath one of the metal panels on the underside of the display assembly.
- Pry upwards and remove the metal panel.
- Repeat this step for the second metal panel located on the opposite side of the phone.

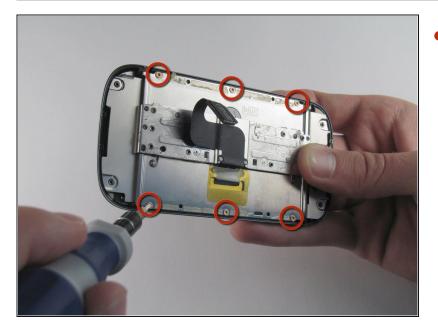


• Remove the four 3.0 mm T4 Torx screws at the corners of the phone.

Step 17

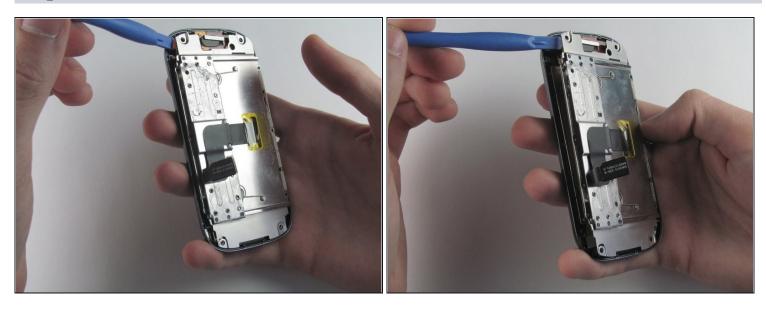


- Wedge a plastic opening tool between the edge and the black pastic cover on the underside of the display assembly.
- Run the plastic opening tool along the edges to separate the black plastic cover from the display assembly.
- Remove the black plastic cover.



• Remove the six 3.0 mm T4 Torx screws that align on the phone's sides.

Step 19



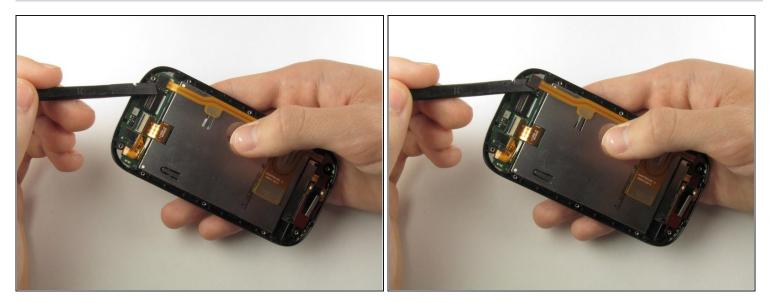
• Insert a plastic opening tool between the LCD shield plate and a corner of the keyboard slider plate.

Pry apart the keyboard slider plate and LCD shield plate.
 Do not completely separate them: the keyboard slider plate is still connected to the LCD shield plate via the display flex cable.



- Pry the display flex cable from its connector on the LCD shield plate with a plastic opening tool.
- Separate the display flex cable from the LCD cover plate.

Step 21 — LCD Screen

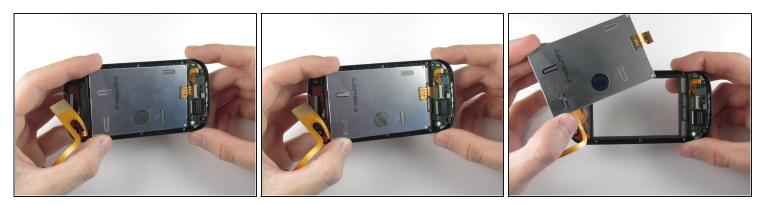


• Pry off the flex cable located at the top right of the display assembly using the flat end of a spudger.



- Turn the display on its side.
- Carefully tilt the screen of the display until the digitizer starts to fall out.
 Do not completely separate the digitizer just yet: it is still connected to the LCD case.

Step 23



- With the digitizer held between two fingers, gently pull it away from the bottom of the phone until the digitizer flex cable has been completely removed from its socket.
- Remove the digitizer.

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