



# MacBook Pro 15" Retina Display Mid 2015 I/O Board Replacement

Use this guide to replace the I/O board...

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# INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace the I/O board containing a USB 3.0 port, HDMI port, and SDXC card reader.

It's not strictly necessary to remove the SSD in order to replace the I/O board, but doing so provides some additional clearance to make this process easier. If you are comfortable replacing the I/O board without removing the SSD, feel free to skip the SSD steps.



## TOOLS:

[P5 Pentalobe Screwdriver Retina MacBook Pro and Air](#) (1)  
[Spudger](#) (1)  
[T5 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)  
[Tweezers](#) (1)



## PARTS:

[MacBook Pro 15" Retina \(Mid 2015\) Right I/O Board](#) (1)  
[MacBook Pro 15" Retina \(Mid 2015\) I/O Board Data Cable](#) (1)

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## Step 1 — Lower Case



- Remove the following P5 pentalobe screws securing the lower case to the MacBook Pro:
  - Eight 3.1 mm
  - Two 2.3 mm

## Step 2



- Lifting from the edge nearest the clutch cover, lift the lower case off the MacBook Pro.

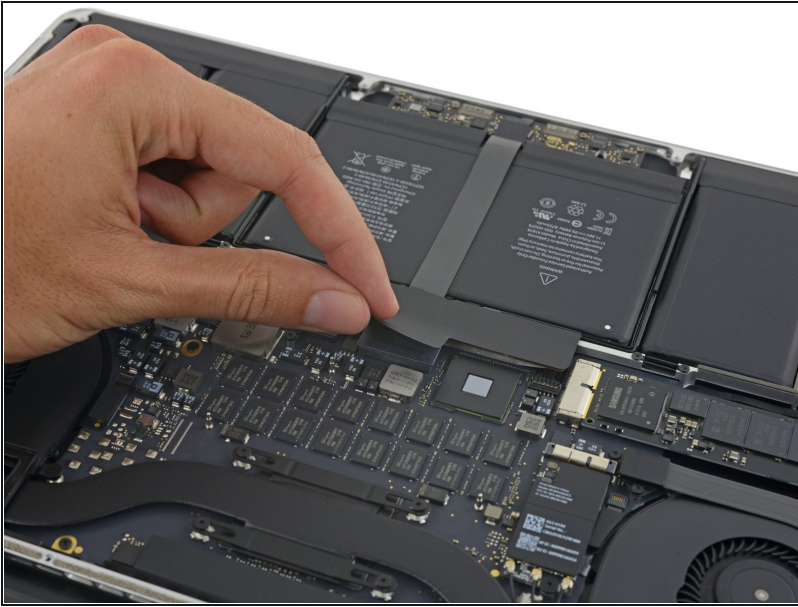
## Step 3



- ① The lower case has two plastic pegs (red) that fit into plastic clips in the upper case (orange).
- ★ During reassembly, gently push down the center of the lower case to reattach the case to its two plastic clips.

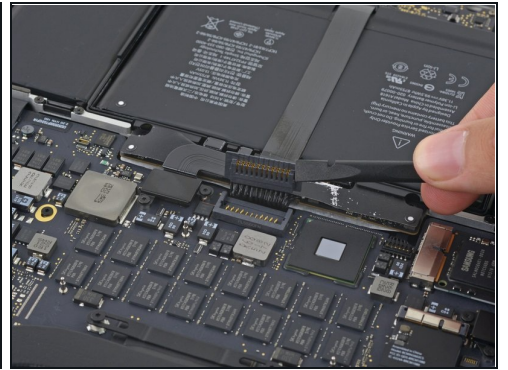


## Step 4 — Battery Connector



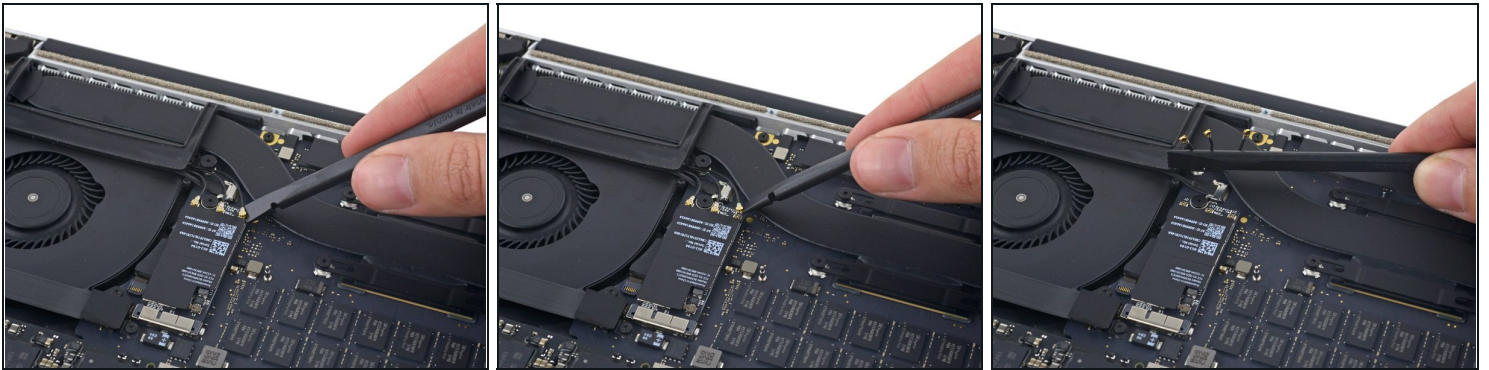
- Peel back the sticker covering the battery connector.

## Step 5



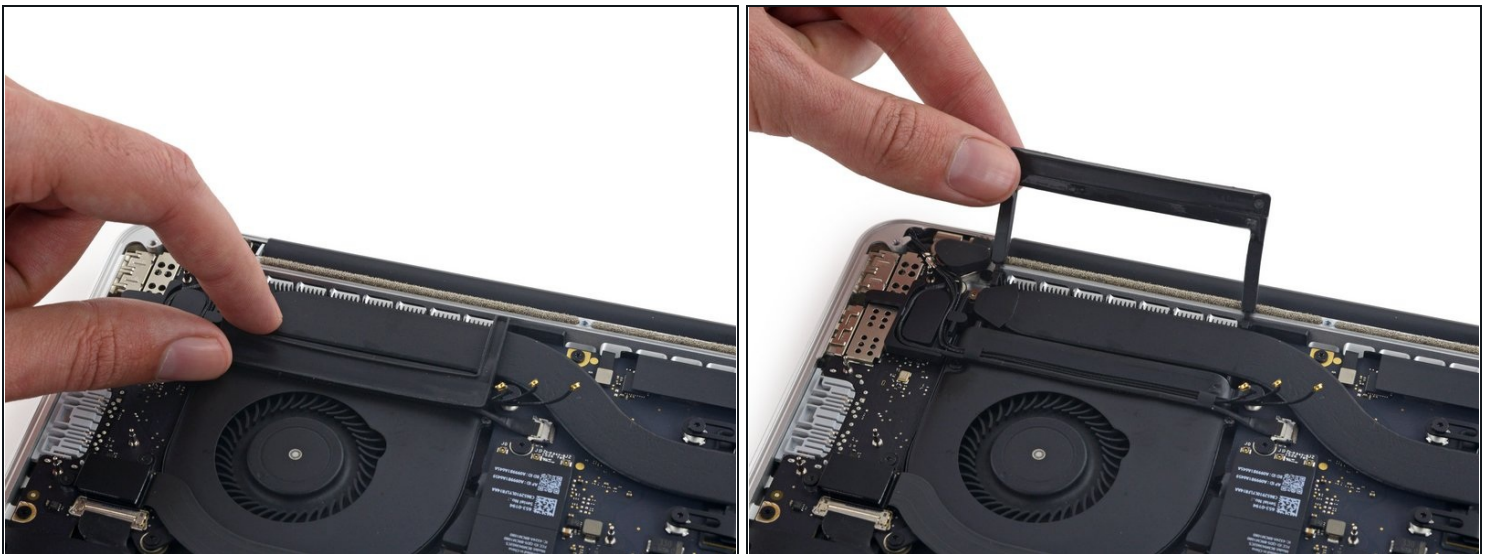
- Gently lift each side of the battery connector to pry the connector out of its socket on the logic board.
- Bend the connector back toward the battery, ensuring that the battery connector doesn't accidentally make contact with the logic board.

## Step 6 — AirPort/Camera Cables



- Use a spudger or [tweezers](#) to pry the three AirPort antenna cables straight up off of their sockets on the AirPort board, and bend them up and out of the way.  
**⚠ The cable connection points are **very** fragile. Be careful to lift only on the connector, and not on the socket or cable.**
- ☑ To reconnect, align the connector carefully into position over the socket, and press it down firmly with the flat of your spudger.

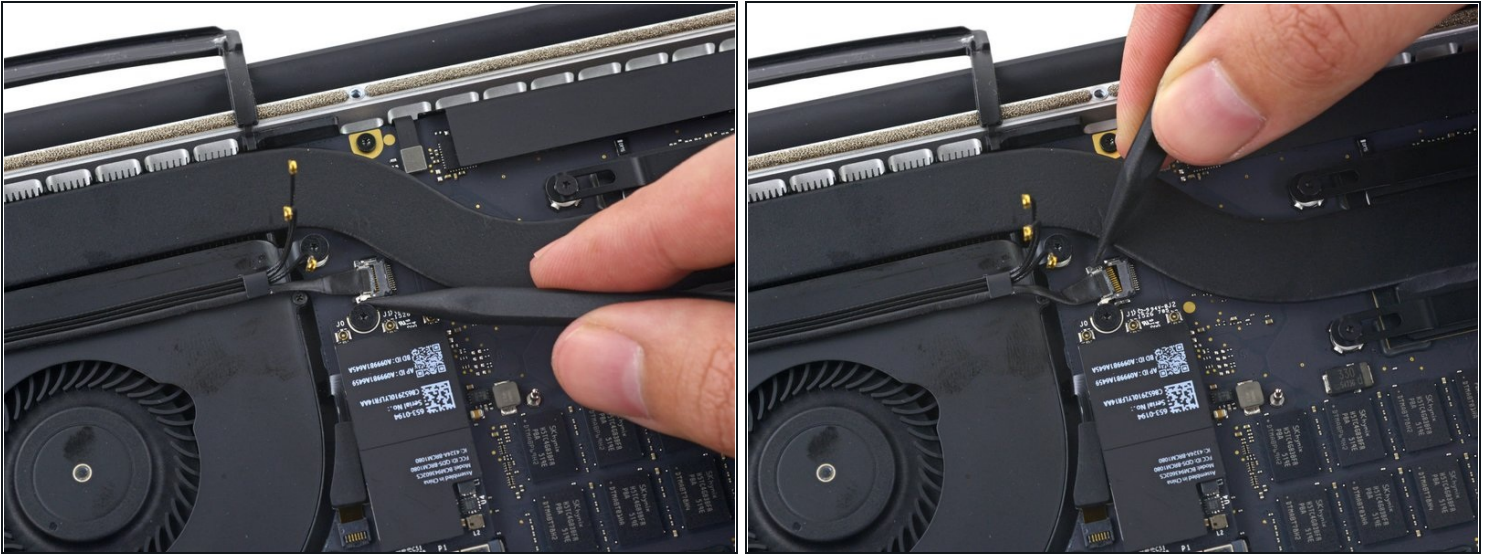
## Step 7



- Peel the right rubber cover up off the fan and fold it out of the way.

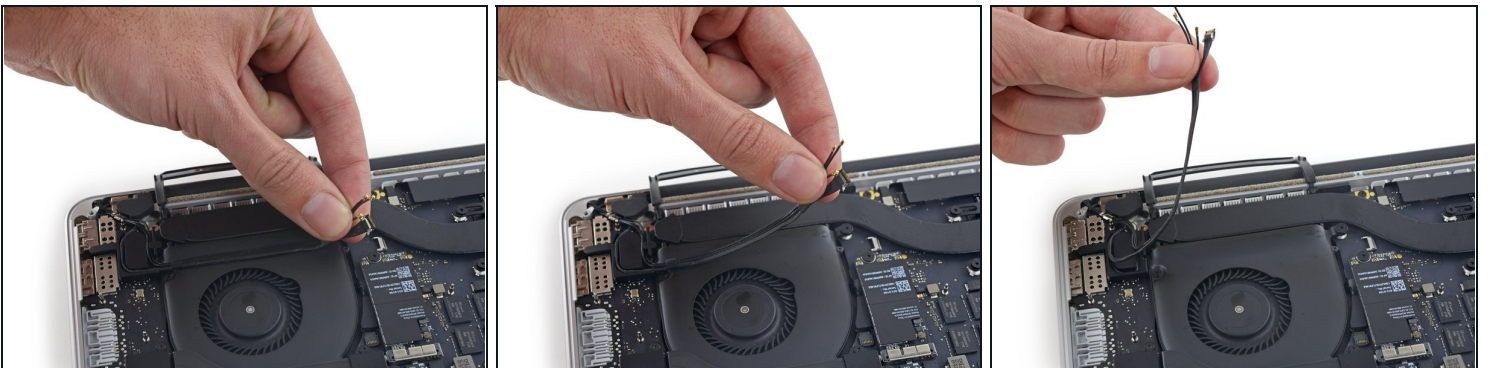


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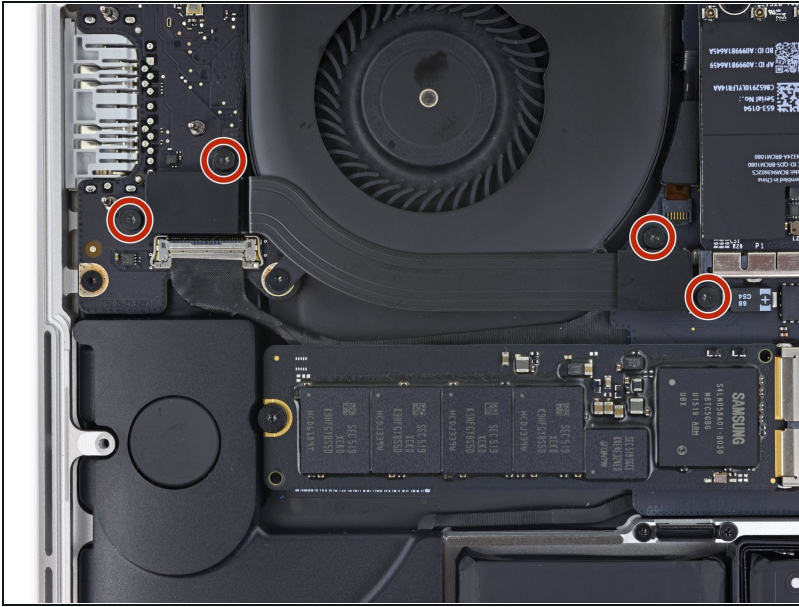
- Use the tip of a spudger to push the camera cable connector out of its socket on the logic board.
  - ❗ Be sure to push parallel to the board, pushing first on one side, then the other to "walk" the connector out of its socket.

## Step 9



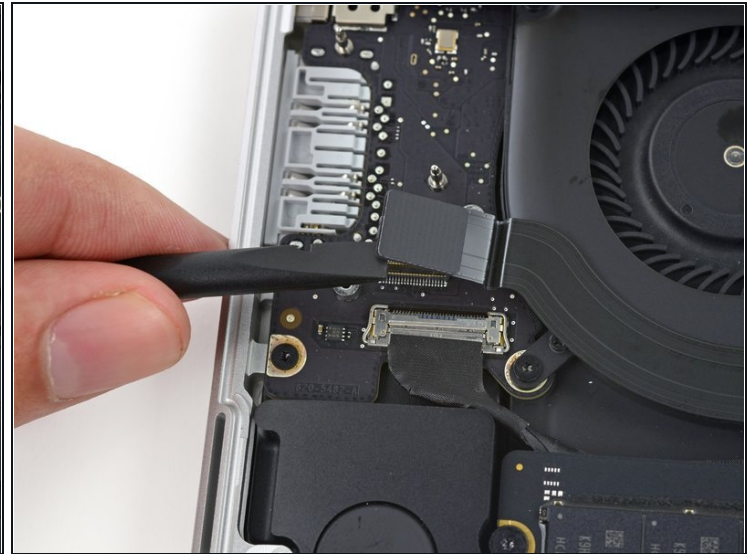
- Use your fingers to pull the AirPort/Camera cables up off the fan.
  - ❗ The cables are adhered to the fan, so peel them up carefully to avoid damaging them.
- Carefully de-route the cables from the plastic cable guide.
- ☑ On reassembly, there should be enough adhesive still on these cables to stick them back down to the fan.

## Step 10 — I/O Board Cable (Top)



- Remove the four 2.2 mm T5 Torx screws securing the I/O board cable connector covers.

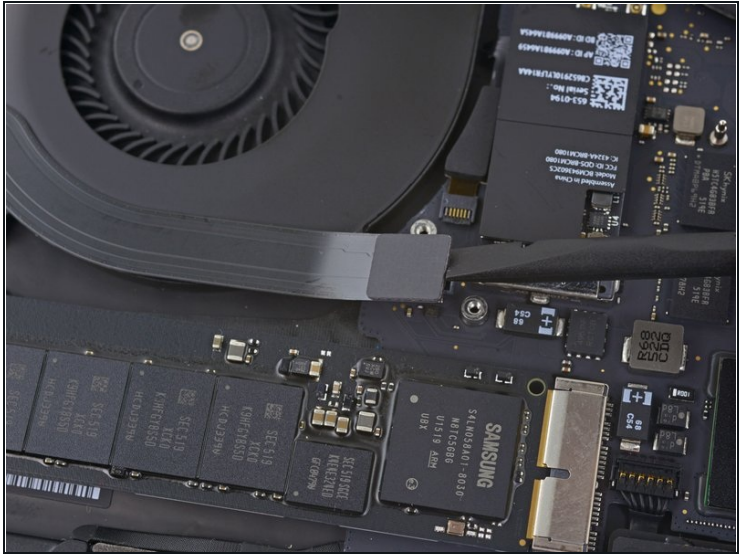
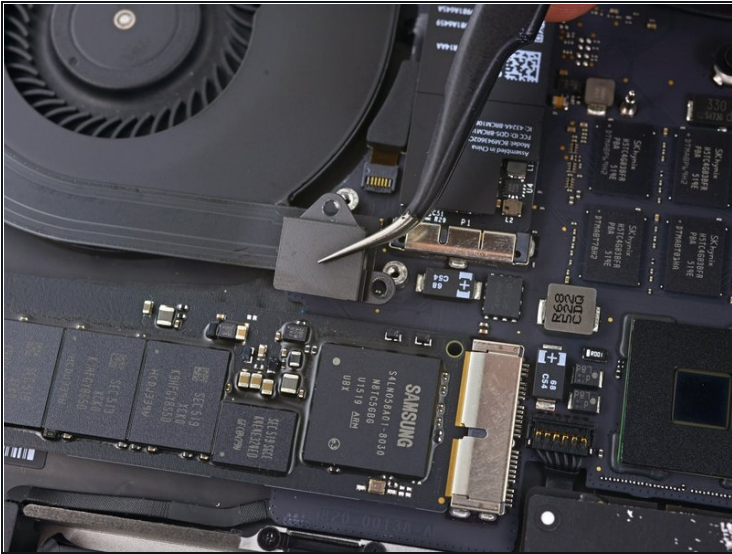
## Step 11



- Remove the left connector cover.
- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry the left end of the I/O board cable up from its socket on the logic board.

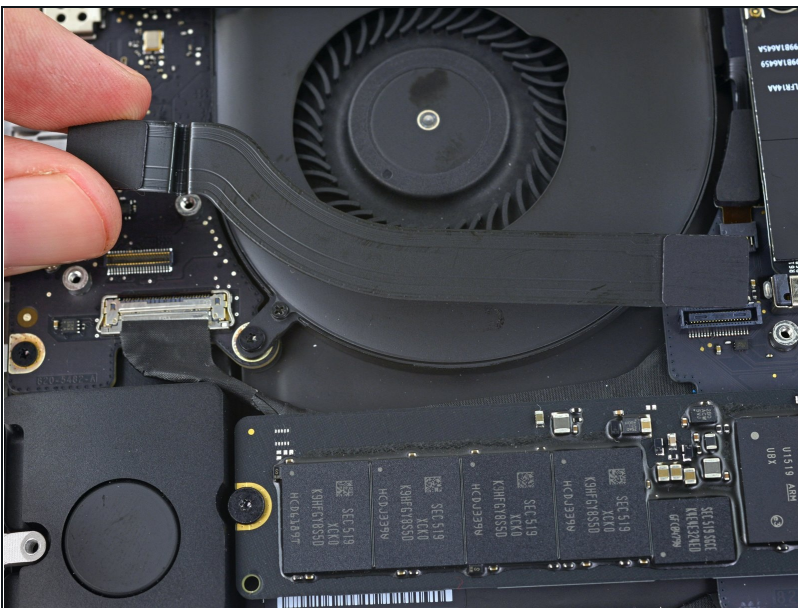


## Step 12



- Remove the right connector cover.
- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry the right end of the I/O board cable up from its socket on the logic board.

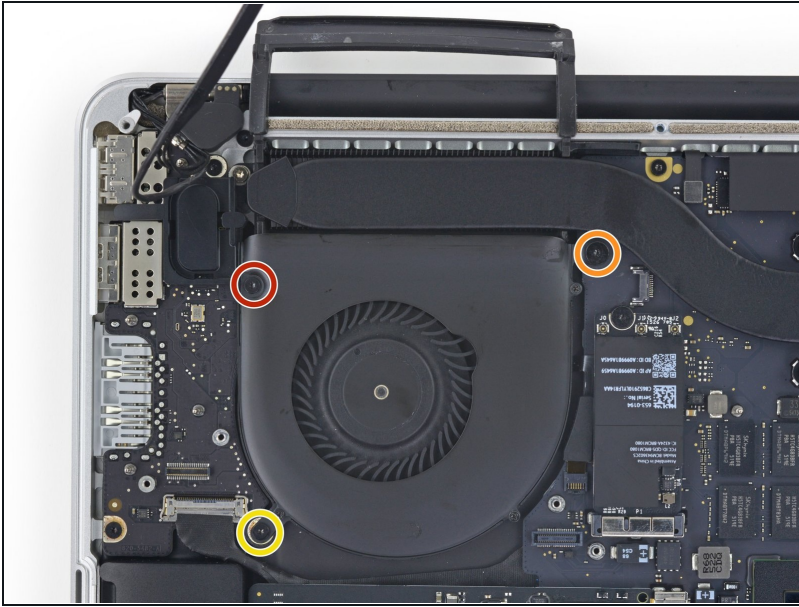
## Step 13



- Peel the I/O board cable up from the adhesive securing it to the fan.
- Remove the cable.

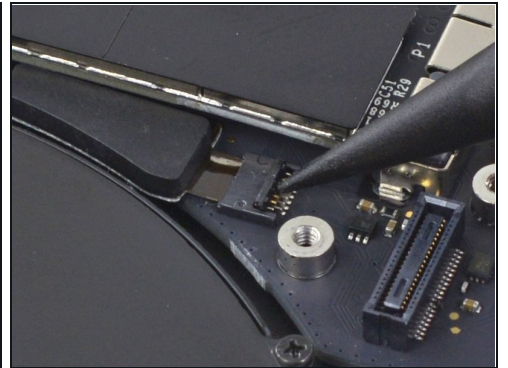
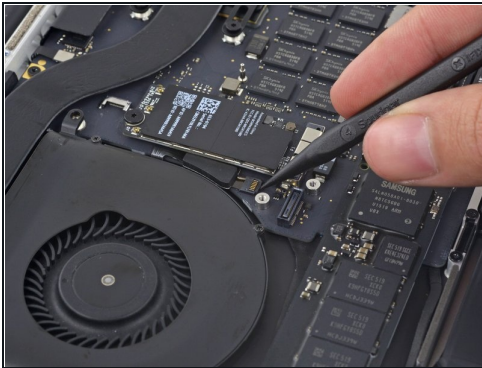


## Step 14 — Right Fan



- Use a T5 Torx driver to remove the following three screws securing the right fan to the logic board:
  - One 5.0 mm screw with a 2.0 mm long shoulder
  - One 4.0 mm screw with a wide head
  - One 4.4 mm screw

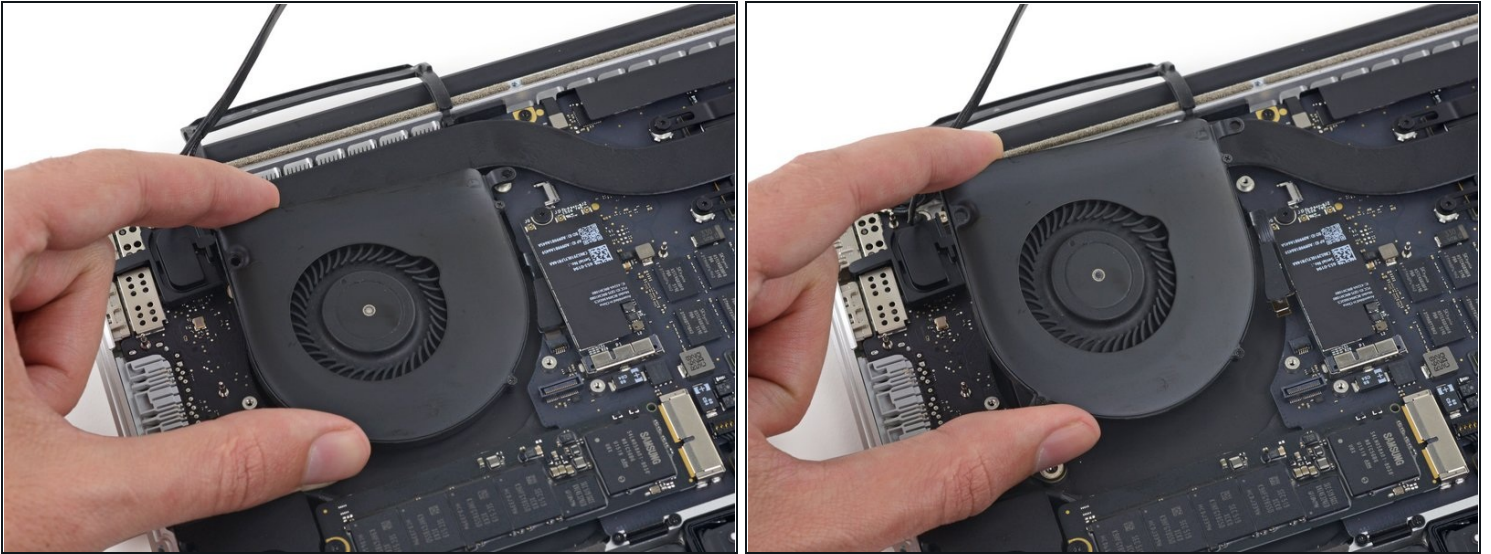
## Step 15



- Use the tip of a spudger to flip up the retaining flap on the right fan ribbon cable ZIF socket.

⚠ Be sure you are prying up on the hinged retaining flap, **not** the socket itself.

## Step 16



- Lift the fan and push it gently towards the back edge of the MacBook to free the fan cable from its socket.  
**⚠ The fan cable may be adhered to the logic board—to avoid tearing the cable, gently peel it up while lifting the fan.**
- Remove the fan.

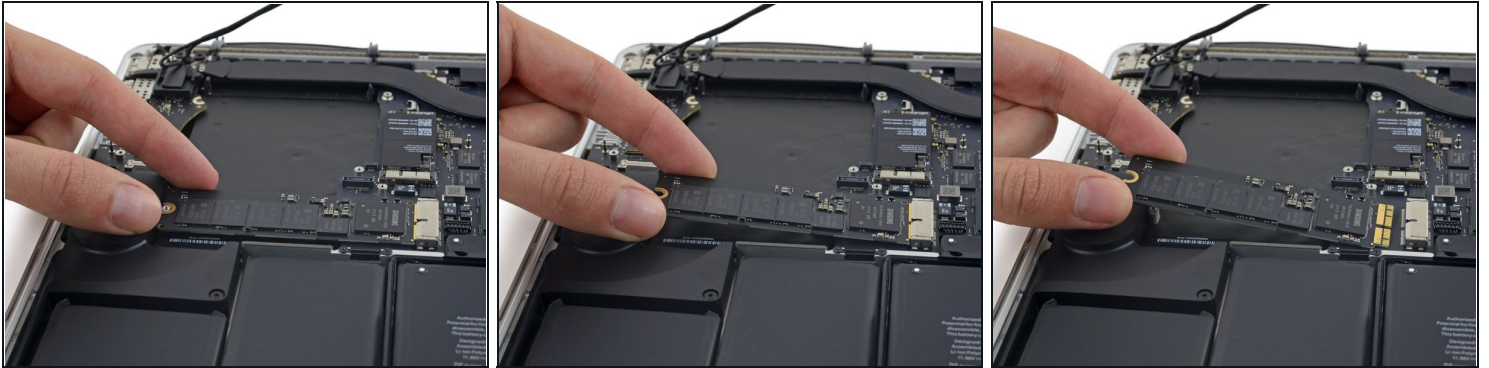
## Step 17 — SSD



- Remove the single 2.9 mm T5 Torx screw securing the SSD to the logic board.



## Step 18



- Lift the end of the SSD up enough to pass over the speaker directly behind it.  
**⚠ Do not lift the SSD too high, or you could damage the contacts or socket.**
- Pull the SSD straight out of its socket on the logic board.

## Step 19



- Use the point of a spudger to flip up the locking mechanism on the I/O board connector.
  - Flip the spudger around and use the flat end to slide the I/O cable out of the connector.
- ⓘ Push on the opened locking mechanism for an easy way to slide the I/O cable out of the connector. This could help prevent accidental damage to the cable or connector contacts.

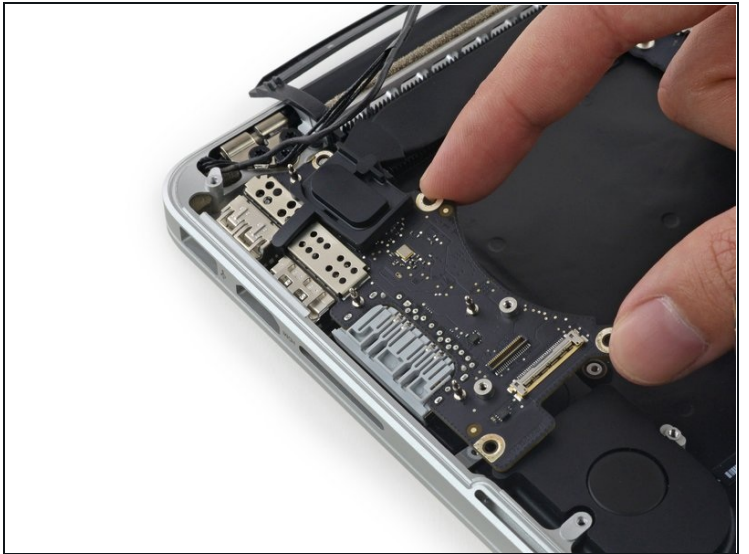
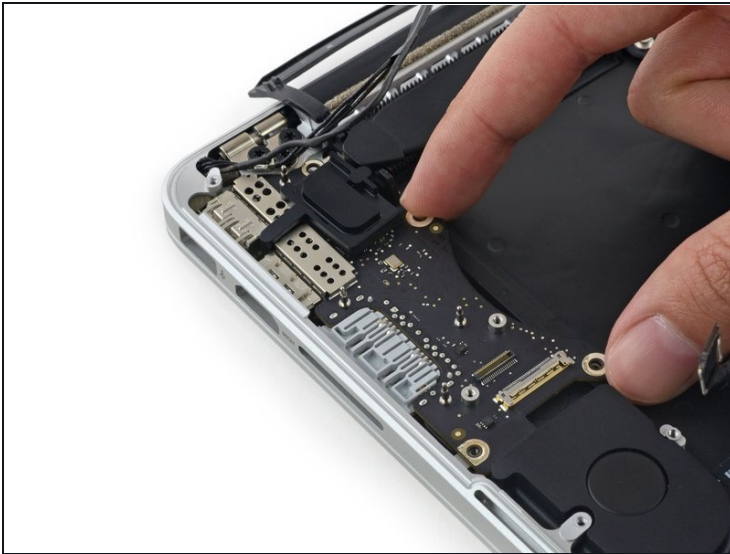


## Step 20



- Remove the two 3.1 mm T5 Torx screws from the I/O board.

## Step 21



- Slightly lift the interior edge of the I/O board and pull it toward the center of the MacBook, away from the side of the case.
- Remove the I/O board.

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

