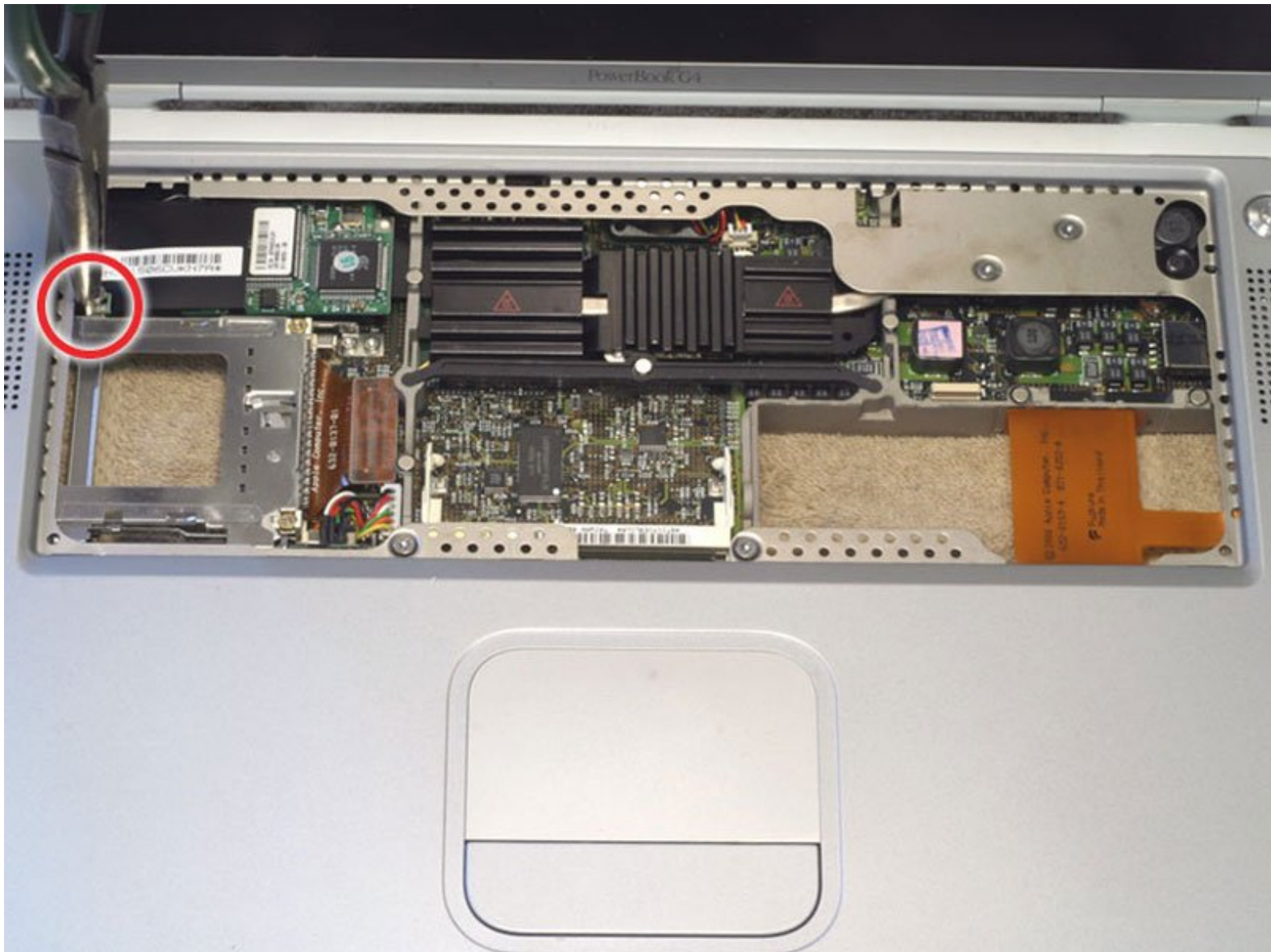




PowerBook G4 Titanium Mercury Modem Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

56k internal modem, standard on all models.



TOOLS:

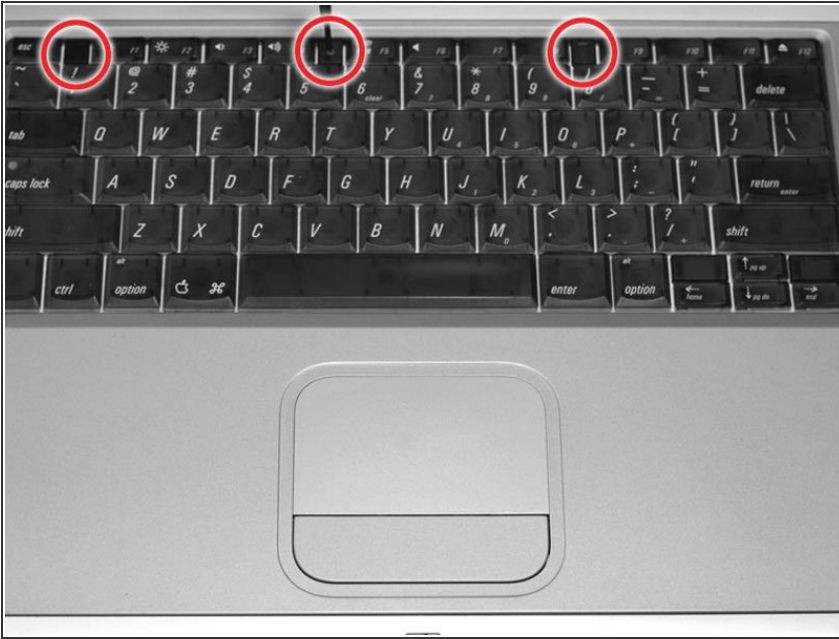
- [5mm Nut Driver](#) (1)
- [Phillips #0 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [T8 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)



PARTS:

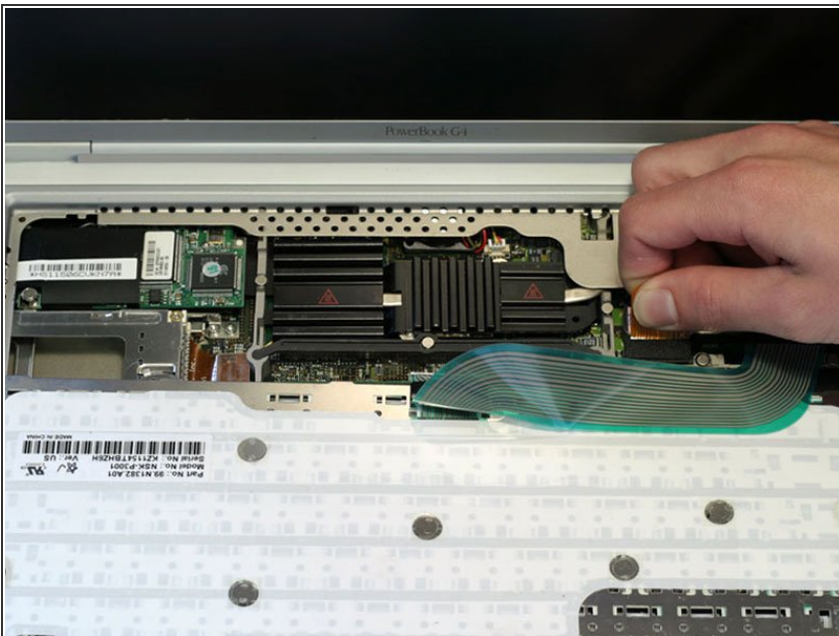
- [G4 Titanium Mercury or iBook G3 500 56k Modem](#) (1)

Step 1 — Keyboard



- Remove the battery.
- Turn the keyboard locking screw so that it is parallel to the space bar.
- Pull the keyboard release tabs toward you and lift up on the keyboard until it pops free.

Step 2



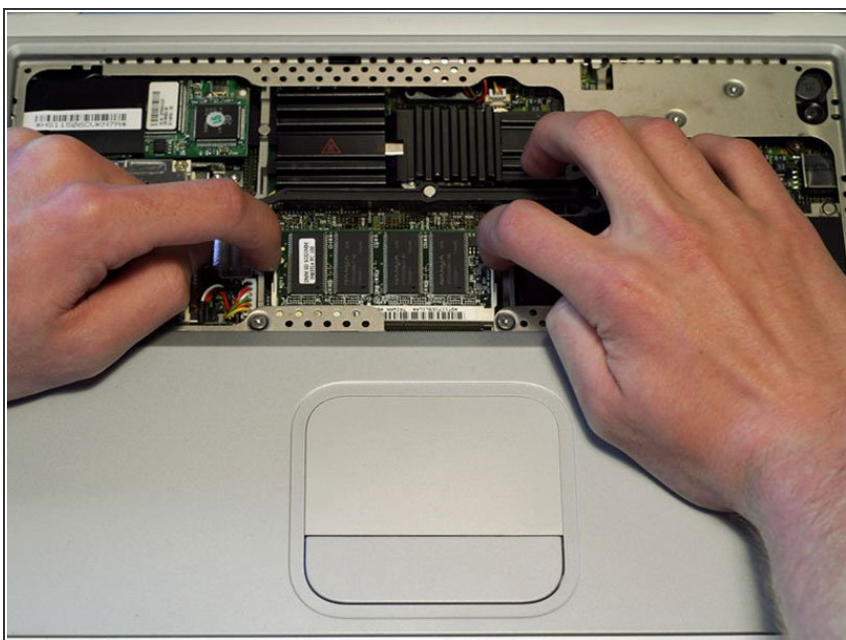
- Rest the keyboard face down on the trackpad area.
- Disconnect the keyboard connector from the logic board.

Step 3



- Your laptop should look approximately like this.

Step 4 — RAM



- Release the tabs on each side of the RAM chip at the same time. These tabs lock the chip in place and

releasing them will cause the chip to "pop" up.

- Pull the RAM chip out.
- Repeat this process if a second RAM chip is installed.

Step 5 — Lower Case



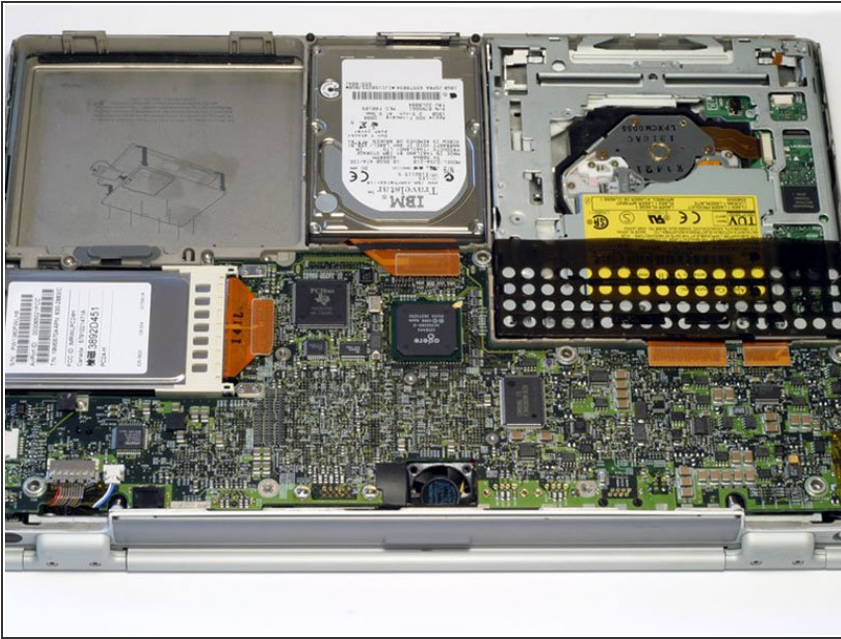
- Turn the G4 over.
- Remove the eight Phillips screws from the lower case.

Step 6



- Using your thumbs, slide the lower case away from you.
- ⓘ The lower case may stick in the front on a tab just above the center of the DVD drive. Be careful as you work the case off, or you may break the thin strip of plastic just above the drive.
- Lift the lower case off.

Step 7



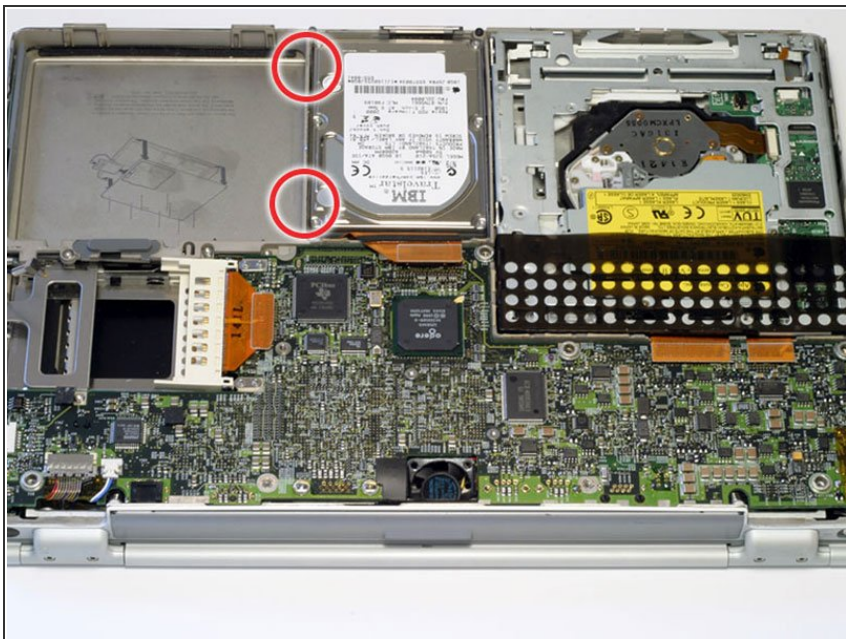
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Step 8 — Hard Drive



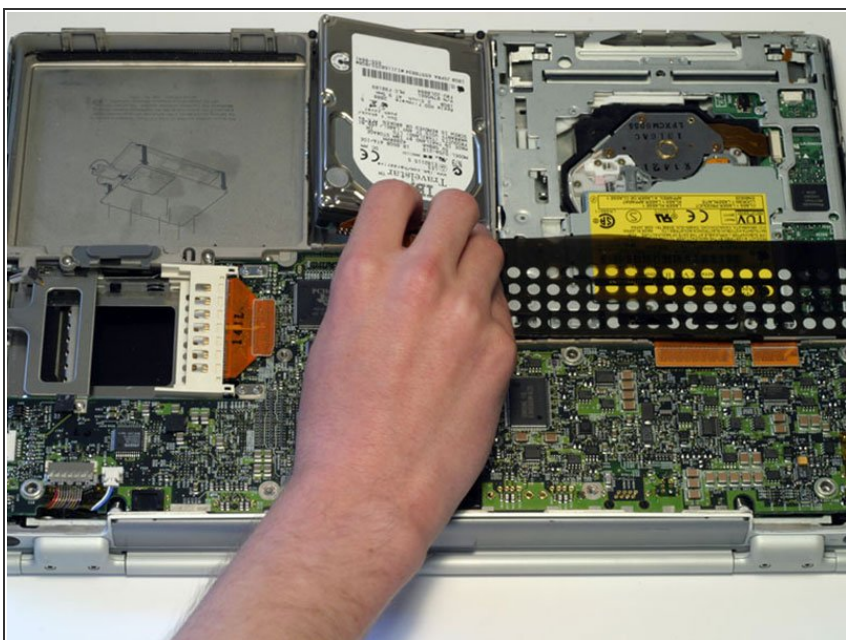
- Disconnect the hard drive ribbon from the logic board using a spudger or the tip of your finger.

Step 9



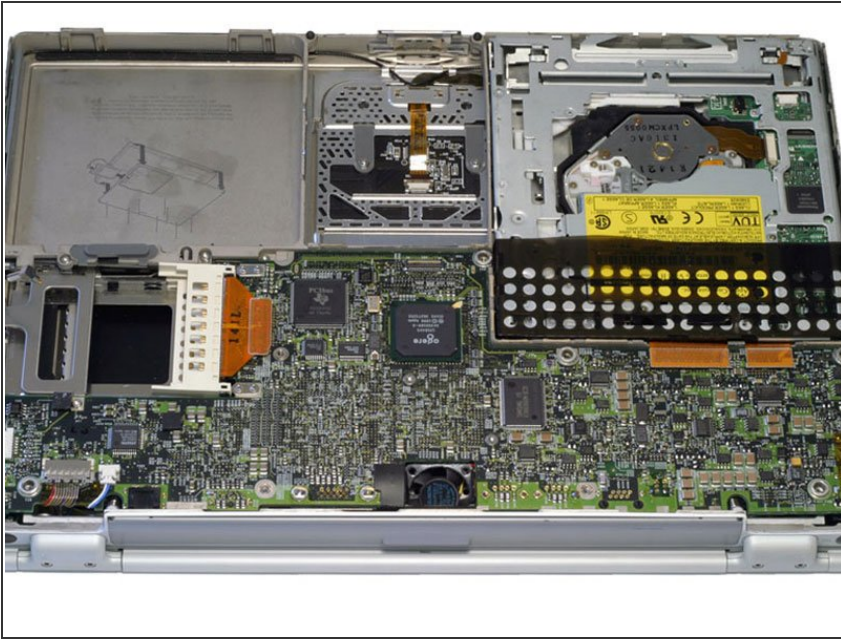
- To free the hard drive, remove the two T8 Torx screws from the right wall of the battery housing.

Step 10



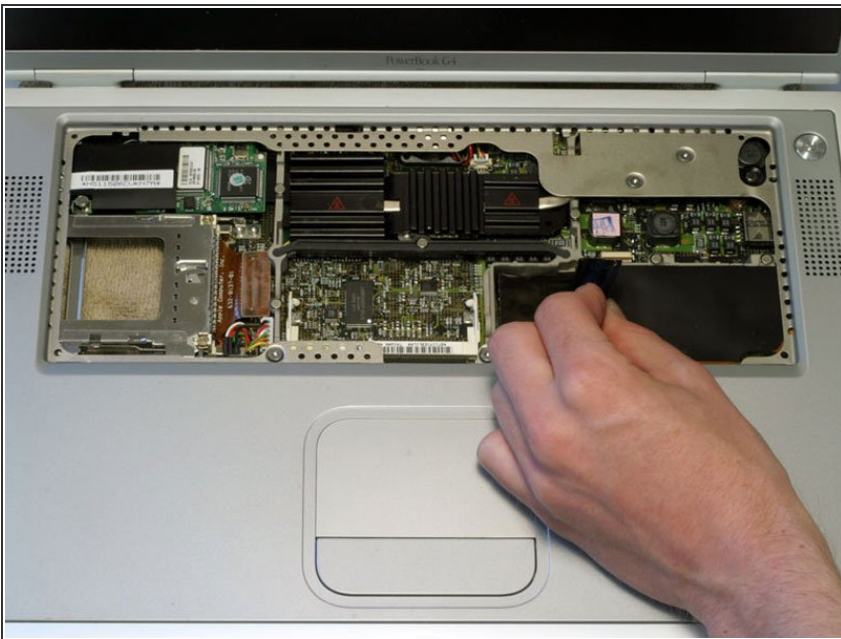
- Remove the hard drive by gently grasping the orange ribbon cable and lifting the left edge up and out of the computer.
- ⓘ There are four rubber bumpers that fit over the hard drive screws. Ensure that these bumpers come out when you remove the hard drive.

Step 11



- Your laptop should look approximately like this.

Step 12 — DVD Drive



- Before continuing, place a soft cloth on your work surface to rest the computer on. Turn the G4 over,

making sure the DVD drive doesn't fall out.

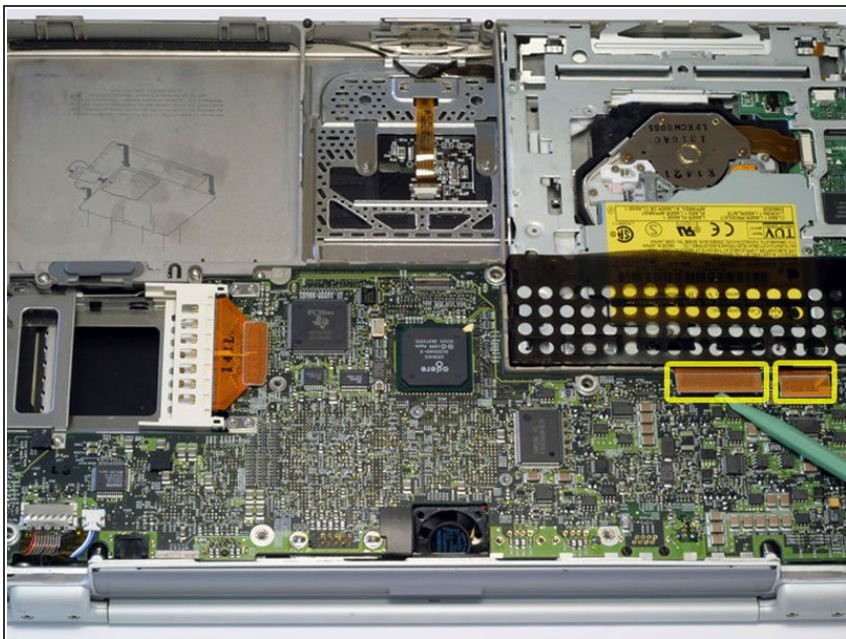
- Carefully peel the adhesive strip away from the DVD drive. The plastic dust shield covering the DVD drive is easily damaged. Try to start at the four corners and work toward the center.

Step 13



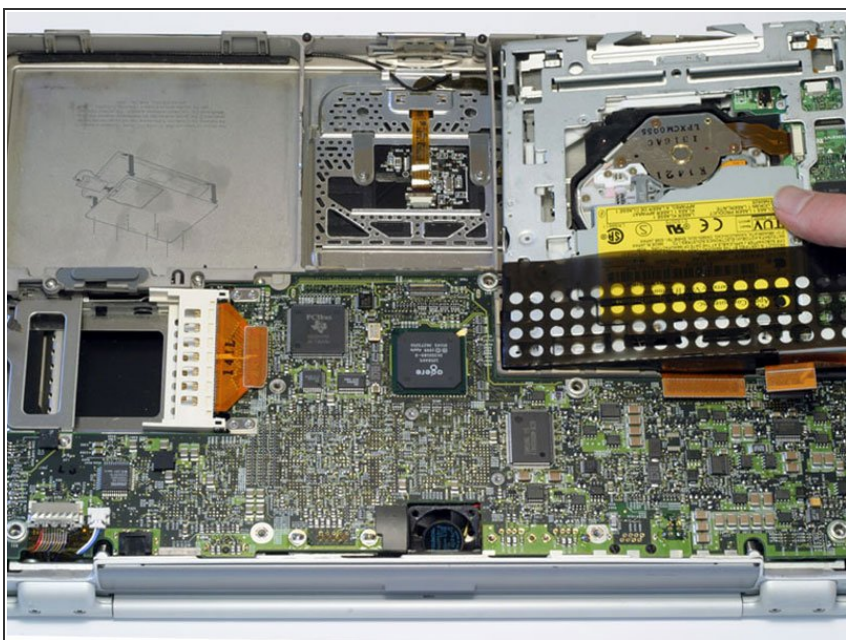
- Bend the silver metal EMI clip so that it is vertical. This part may fall out after removing the DVD drive.
- ★ The EMI clip is not essential for reassembling the computer. If the clip falls out, don't worry about putting it back in.

Step 14



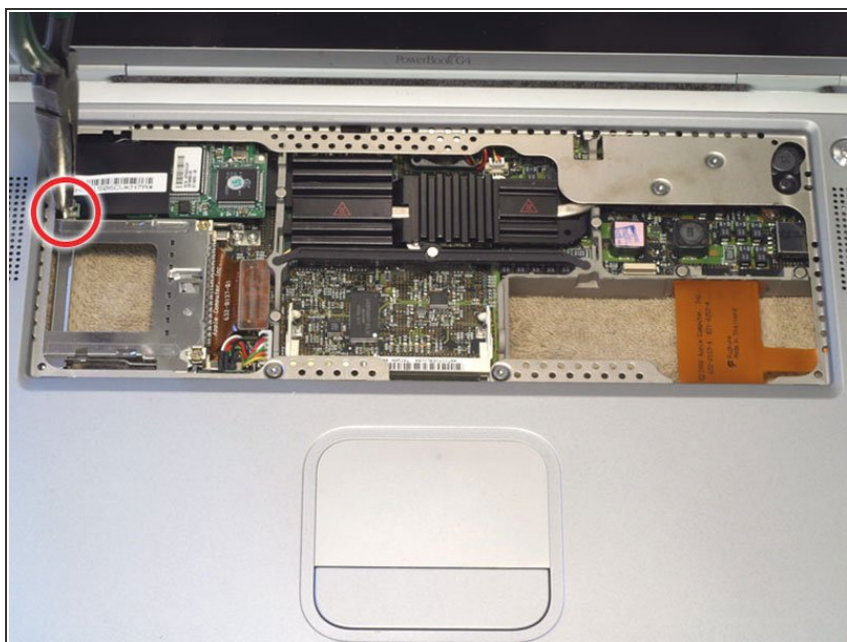
- Turn the G4 over.
- Disconnect both orange ribbon cables from the logic board using a spudger or the tip of your finger.

Step 15



- Remove the DVD drive by lifting the right edge up and out of the computer.
- ❗ If you have a CD or any other object jammed in your optical drive, we have an [optical drive repair guide](#).

Step 16 — Modem



- Turn the G4 over.
- Using a 5 mm nut driver or needle-nose pliers, remove the hex nut from the modem.

Step 17



- Lift the modem out by pulling up and to the right.
- ⓘ The plastic shielding on the modem may catch on the computer's case. Rocking the modem from side to side will help free the modem.

Step 18



- Disconnect the connector cable from the modem.

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