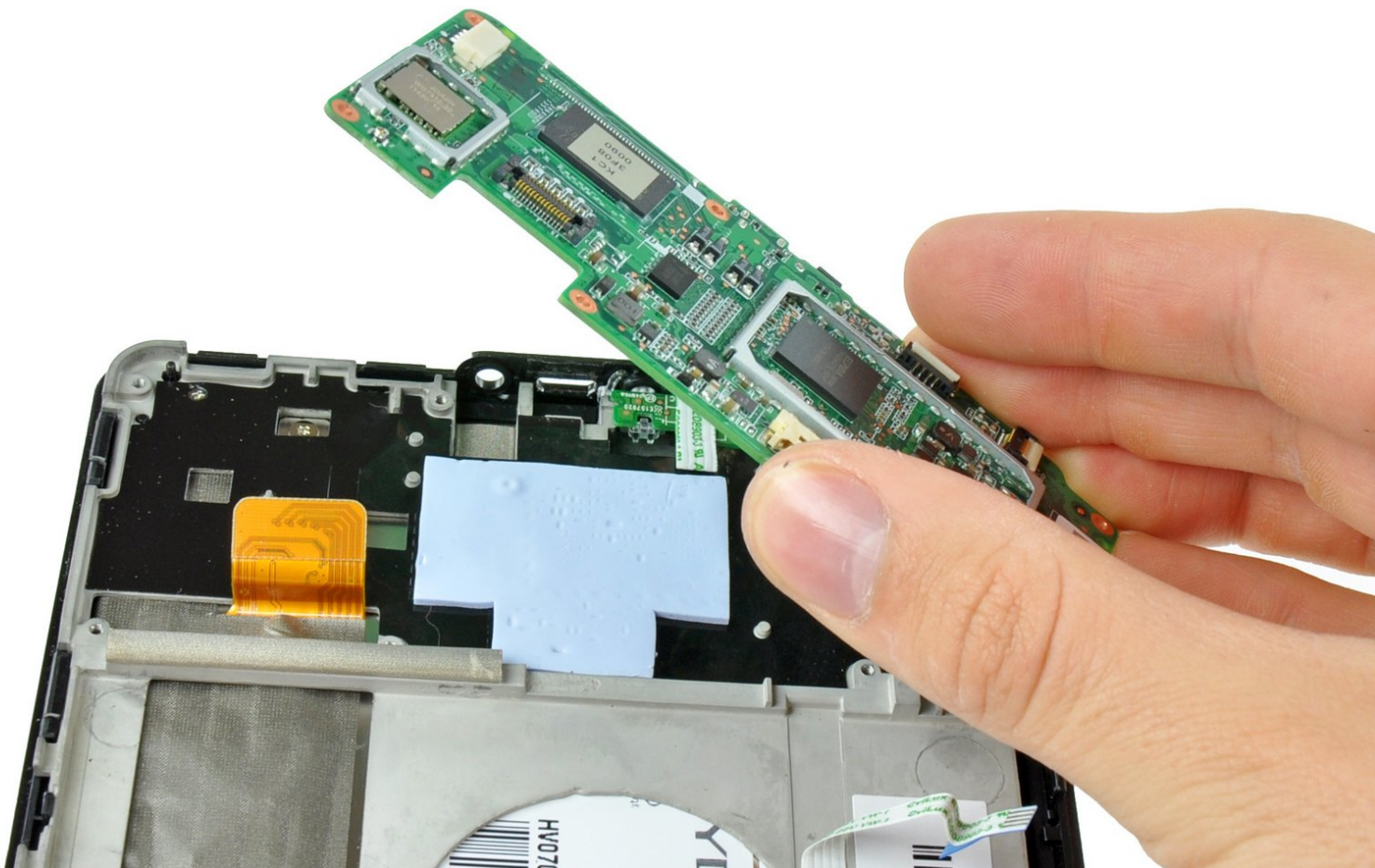




# Kindle Fire Motherboard Replacement

Use this guide to install a new motherboard

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# INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to help you replace a damaged motherboard in an Amazon Kindle Fire.



## TOOLS:

- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)
- [Spudger](#) (1)
- [Tweezers](#) (1)



## PARTS:

- [Kindle Fire \(2011, 1st Gen\) Motherboard](#) (1)

## Step 1 — Back Case



- Wedge a plastic opening tool into the lower right corner of the Kindle Fire.
  - Pry the case apart and run the plastic opening tool along the perimeter of the Kindle Fire to release the clips securing the case halves to each other.
- ⚠ If you are having extreme difficulty inserting the plastic opening tool, carefully use a metal spudger to undo the first clip, then switch back to the opening tool to avoid scratching your case.
- It is helpful to pry the bottom of the Kindle Fire away (and out from the side) from the top part. Exerting too much force attempting to split the two without pulling away can cause the tabs on the inside to crack.

## Step 2



- Once you have freed all the plastic clips, pull the back case off the Kindle Fire.

## Step 3 — Battery



- Fit the tip of the plastic opening tool between the right battery cell and the Kindle Fire's frame.
- Lever the battery up and work the plastic opening tool down along its edge to release the glue securing it to the frame.

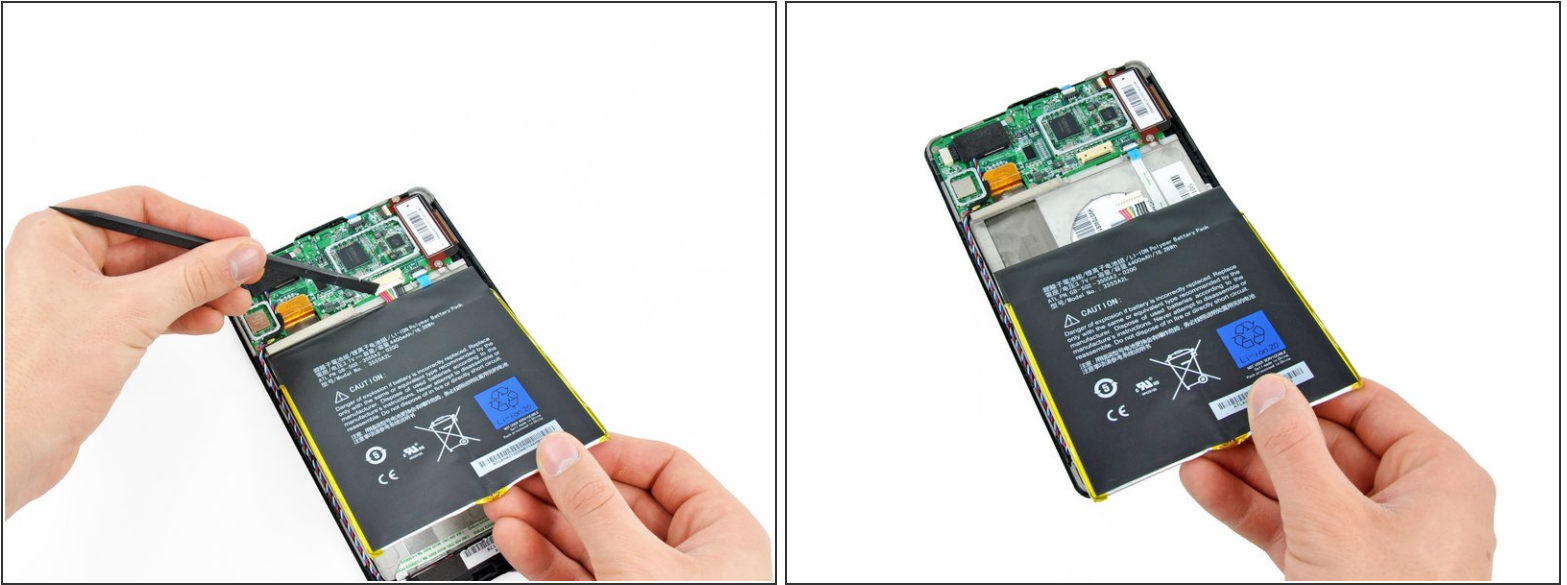
## Step 4



- Repeat the process from the previous step to free the left battery cell.

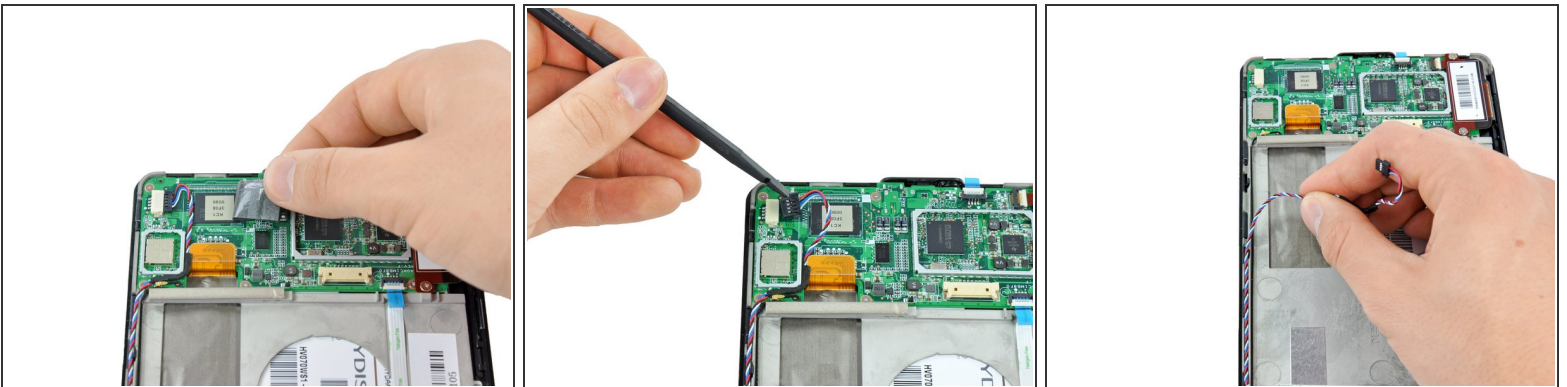


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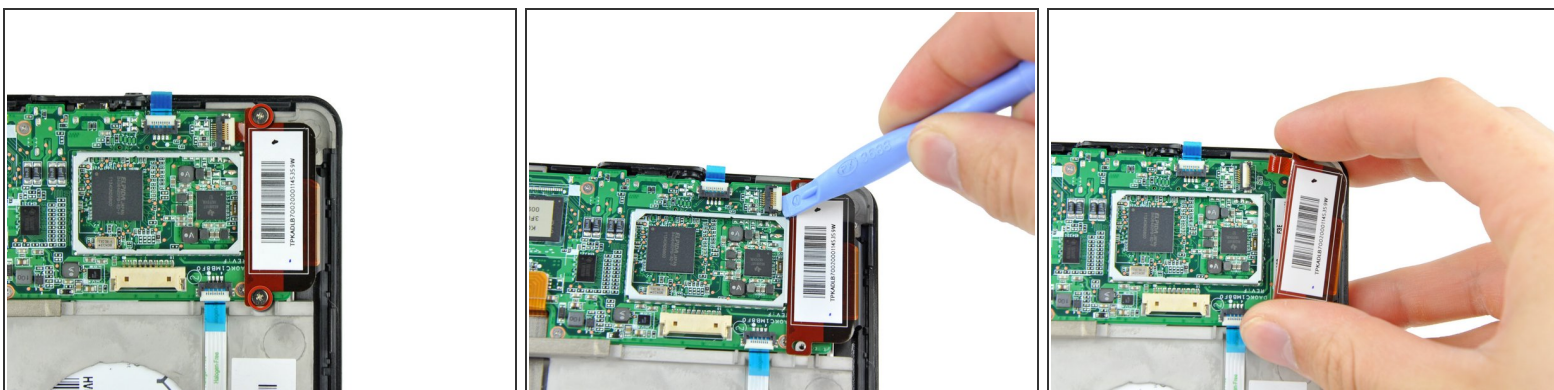
- Lift the back of the battery up to relieve any tension in the battery connector and simultaneously use a spudger to push the battery connector out of its socket.
- Pull the battery out of the Kindle Fire.

## Step 6 — Speaker Cable



- Peel the tape on the upper-left IC that is securing the speaker cable.
- Use the flat end of a spudger to push the speaker connector out of its socket.
- Deroute the speaker cable so that it will not interfere with the motherboard.

## Step 7 — Motherboard



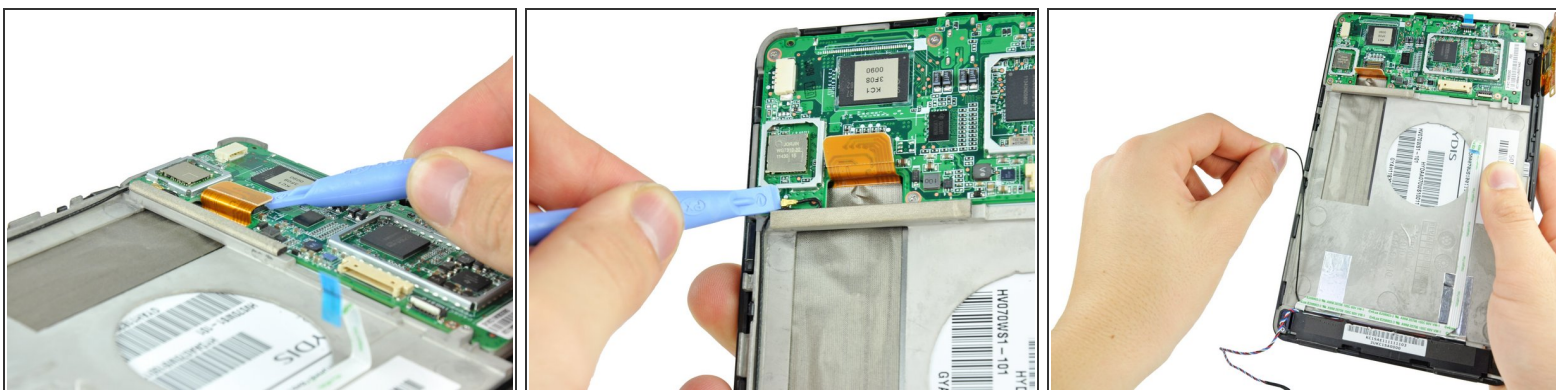
- Remove the two 2.3 mm Phillips #00 screws from the touchscreen controller.
  - Use a plastic opening tool to release the touchscreen controller connector.
  - Gently remove the touchscreen controller by lifting it up and to the right.
- ⚠ Be careful not to rip the ribbon cable in doing so.

## Step 8



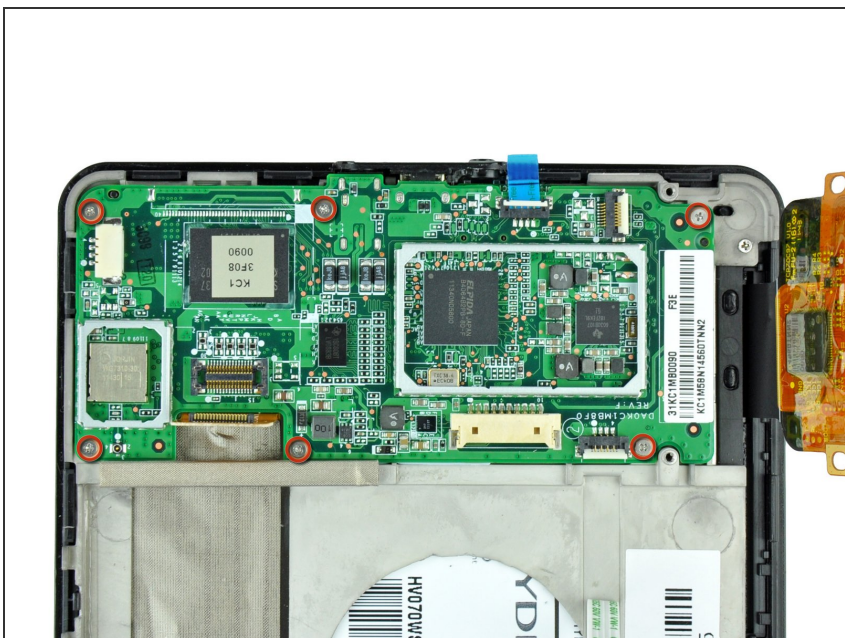
- Use a plastic opening tool to flip open the power button ZIF connector.
- ⓘ This connector will not be removed until the motherboard is free.
- Flip open the ambient light sensor ZIF socket with a plastic opening tool.
- Use a pair of tweezers to pull the blue tab on the ambient light sensor cable to remove it from its socket.

## Step 9



- Use a plastic opening tool to lift up and disconnect the display data cable.
- Lift up on the antenna connector with a plastic opening tool to disconnect it.
- De-route the antenna cable.

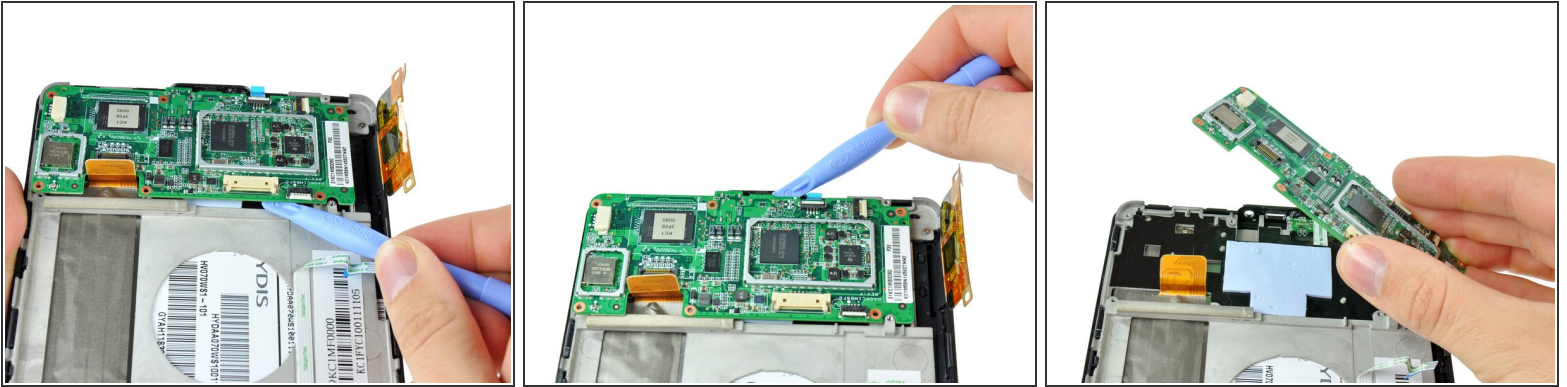
## Step 10



- Remove the six 2.6 mm Phillips #00 screws securing the motherboard to the frame.



## Step 11



- Use a plastic opening tool to gently lever up the bottom side of the motherboard to free from the adhesive on its underside.
- Lever the top side of the motherboard up with a plastic opening tool until it comes free.
- Lift the motherboard out of the Kindle Fire, making sure that the power button cable from step 8 comes free from its connector.

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