



# PowerBook G4 Aluminum 17" 1.67 GHz (High-Res) Speakers Replacement

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## INTRODUCTION

Is your PowerBook mute? Replace your speakers.

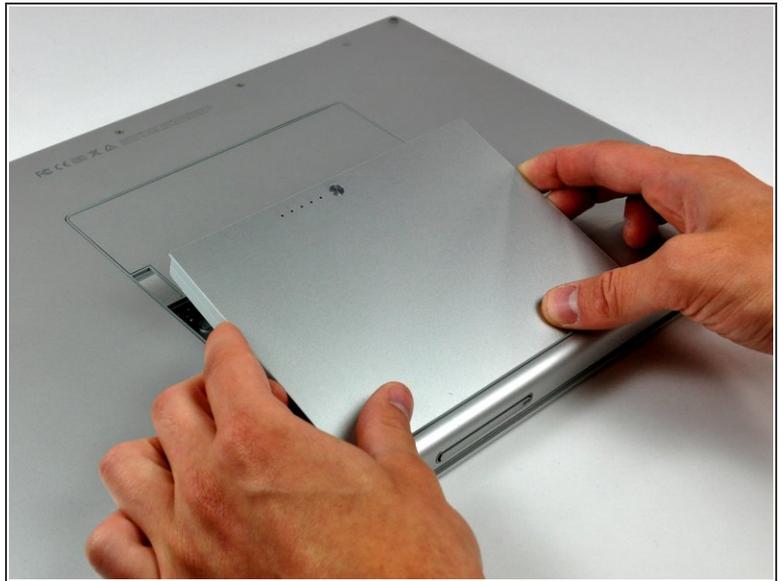
### TOOLS:

- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Spudger](#) (1)
- [T8 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)

### PARTS:

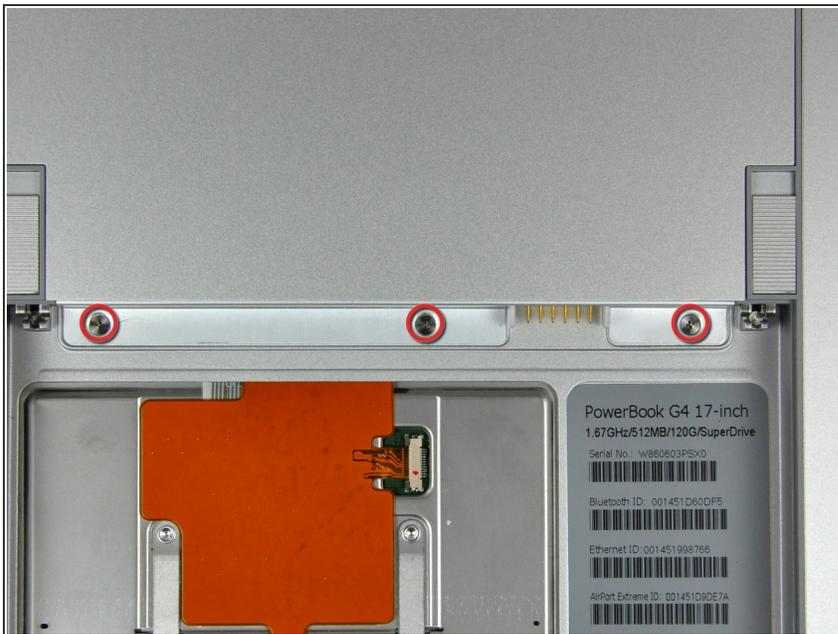
- [G4 Aluminum 17" 1.67 GHz \(HR\) Speakers](#) (1)

## Step 1 — Battery



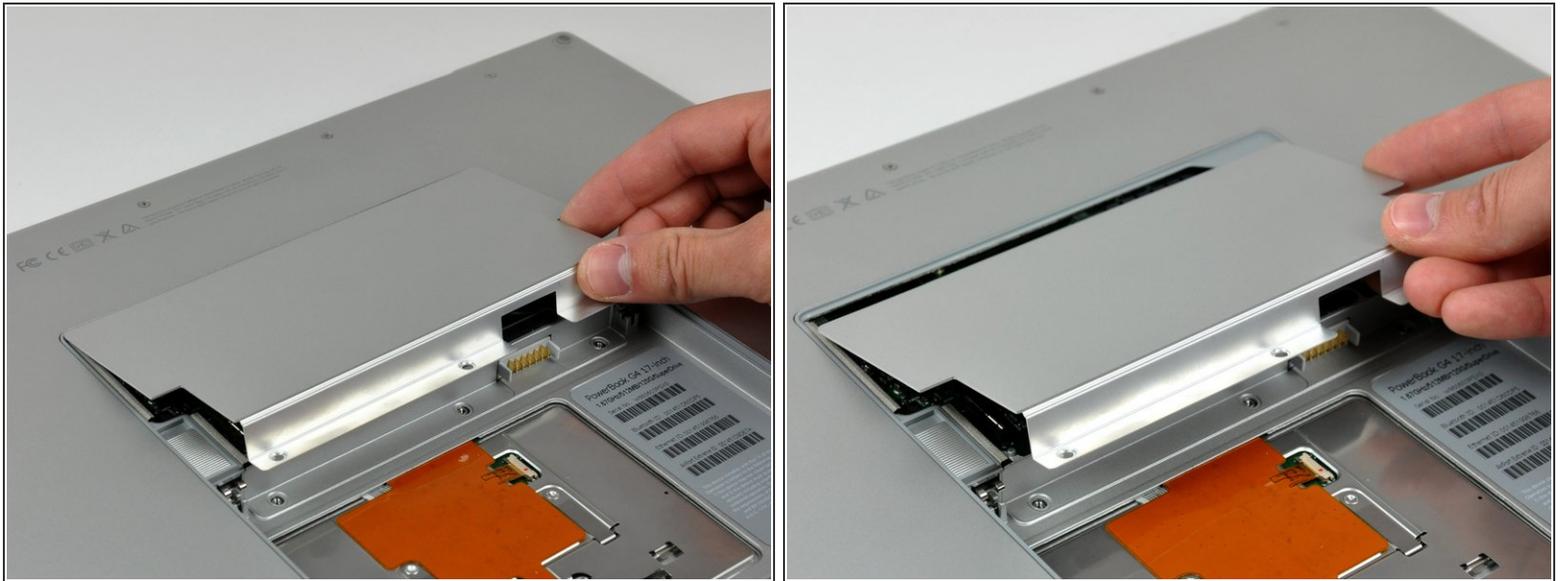
- Use your thumbs to push the two battery retaining tabs away from the battery.
- The battery should pop up enough to rotate it toward yourself and lift it out of the lower case.

## Step 2 — Memory Door



- Remove the three 2.3 mm Phillips screws securing the memory cover to the lower case.

## Step 3



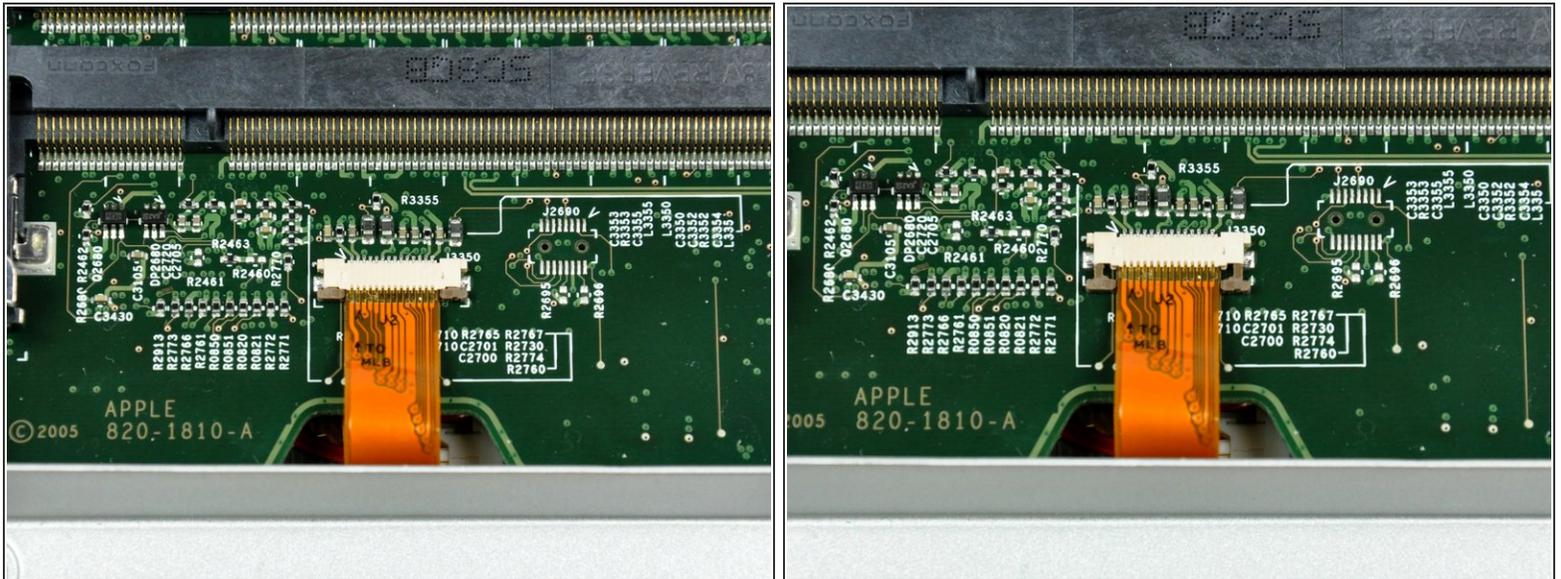
- Lift the memory cover slightly and pull it toward yourself to remove it from the lower case.

## Step 4 — Upper Case



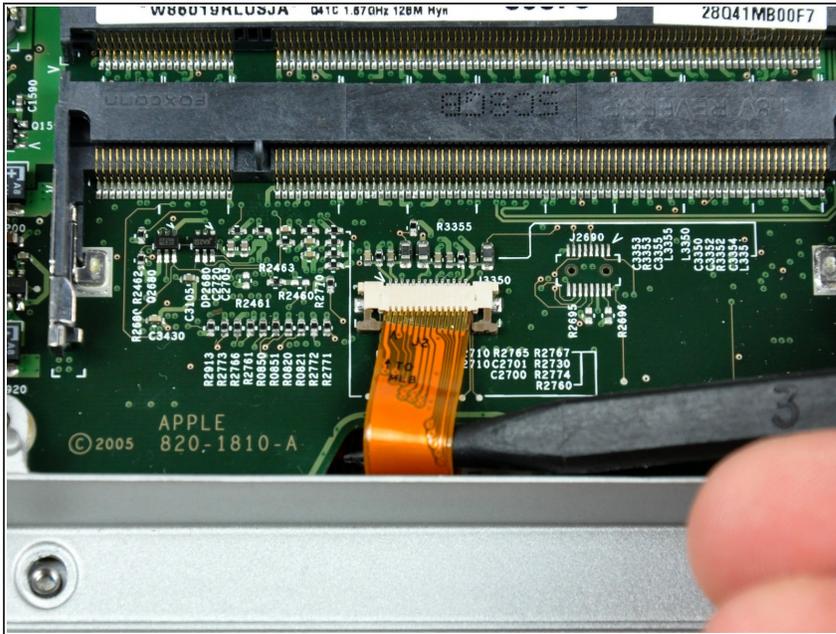
- Remove the following ten screws:
  - Two 14.7 mm shouldered Phillips.
  - Three 12.3 mm Phillips.
  - One 3.8 mm T8 Torx.
  - One 6.8 mm T8 Torx.
  - Three 1.3 mm Phillips.

## Step 5



- ⓘ The ZIF cable is located underneath the bottom RAM slot. If your PowerBook has both RAM slots occupied, make sure to [remove](#) the RAM chip.
- Use your fingernails to separate the ZIF cable lock away from its socket. (Move the two brown bits down 1mm)
- ⚠ The ZIF cable lock will move about a millimeter away from the socket before it stops (see picture 2). **Do not** try to remove the ZIF cable lock.

## Step 6



- Use the tip of a spudger to slide the trackpad ribbon cable out of its socket.

## Step 7



- Remove the four 3.4 mm Phillips screws from the PC card side of the PowerBook.
- ✦ When replacing these screws, you must reinstall each screw in the correct order. Begin by installing the screw closest to the display hinge, and go out from there.

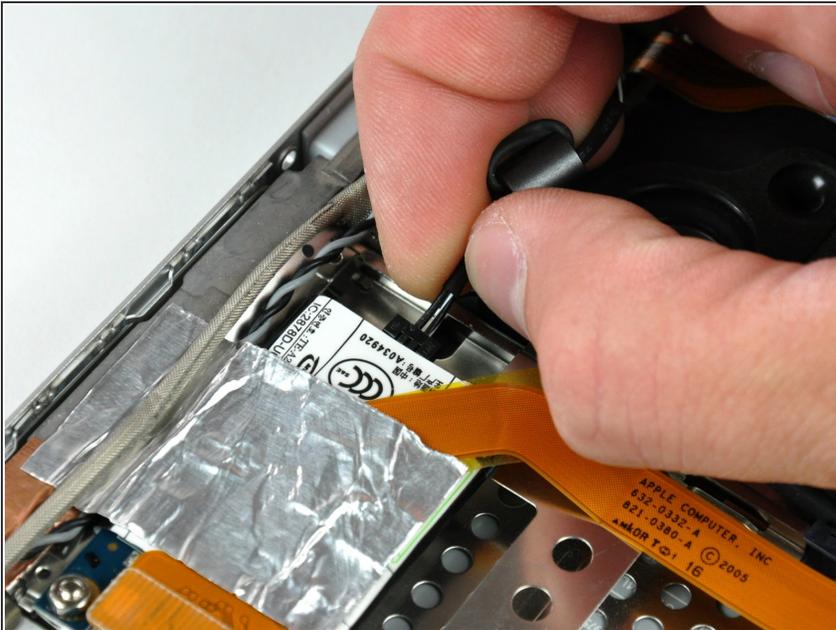


## Step 10



- Starting near the display, lift the upper case straight up off the lower case, minding any cables that may get caught.

## Step 11 — Speakers



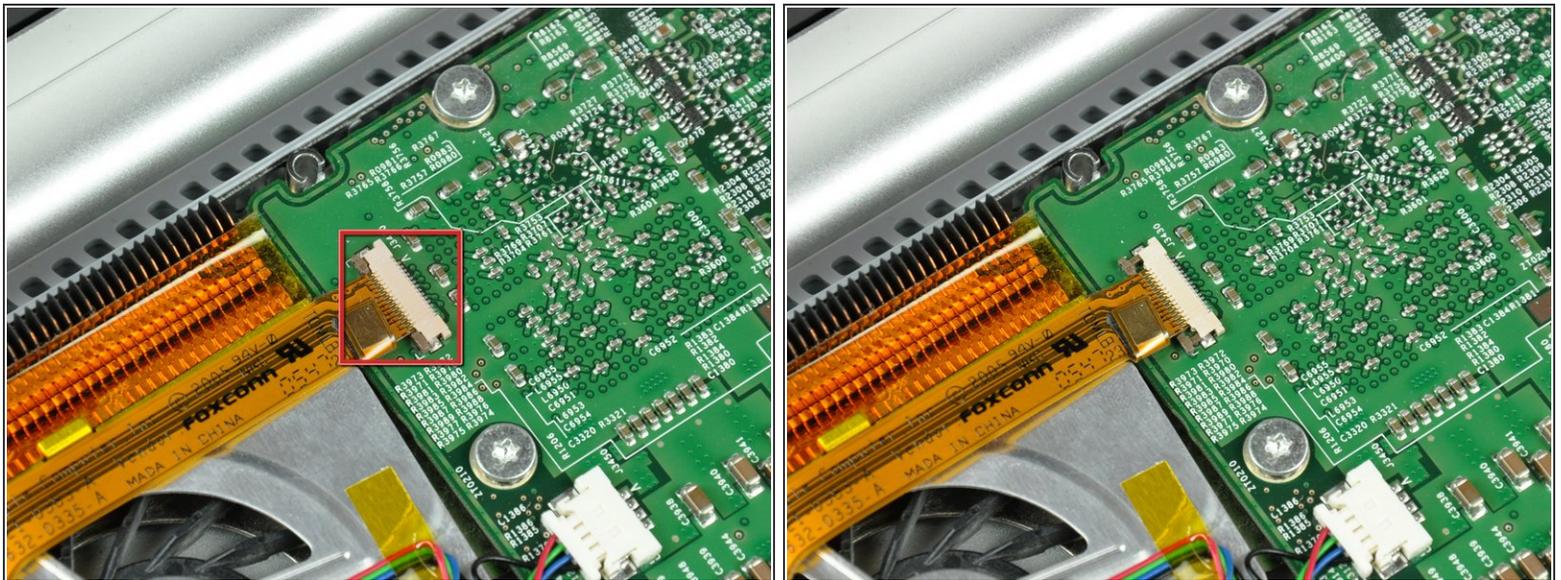
- Disconnect the RJ-11 cable from the modem.

## Step 12



- If necessary, remove the strip of tape covering the speaker cables.

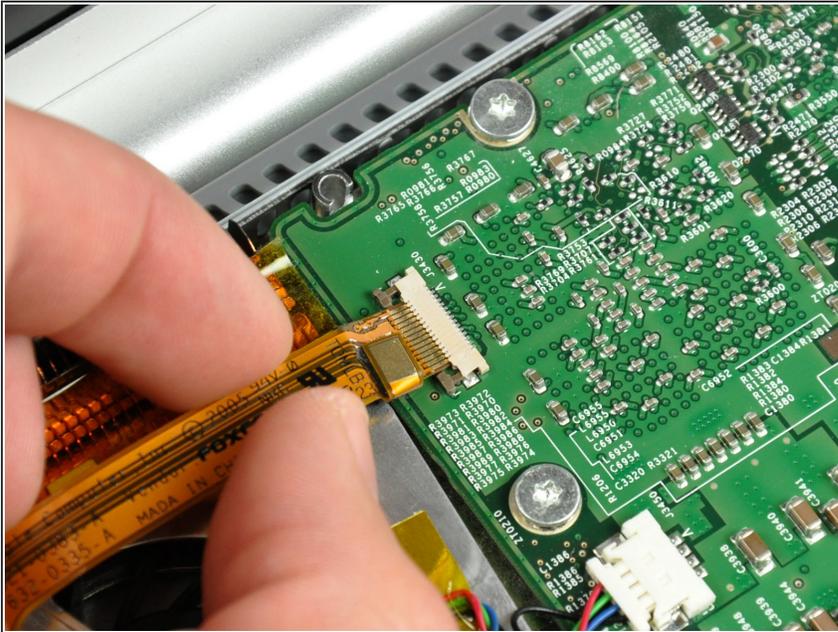
## Step 13



- Use your fingernails or the tip of a spudger to separate the ZIF cable lock from its socket.

 The ZIF cable lock will move about 1 mm and stop. **Do not** attempt to completely remove the ZIF cable lock.

## Step 14



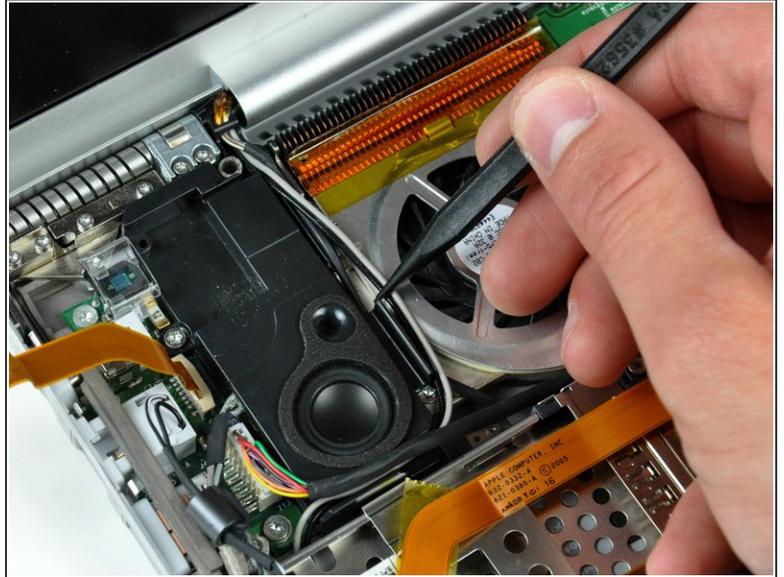
- Pull the DC-in ribbon cable straight away from its socket.

## Step 15



- Peel the DC-in cable off the adhesive securing it to the lower case.

## Step 16



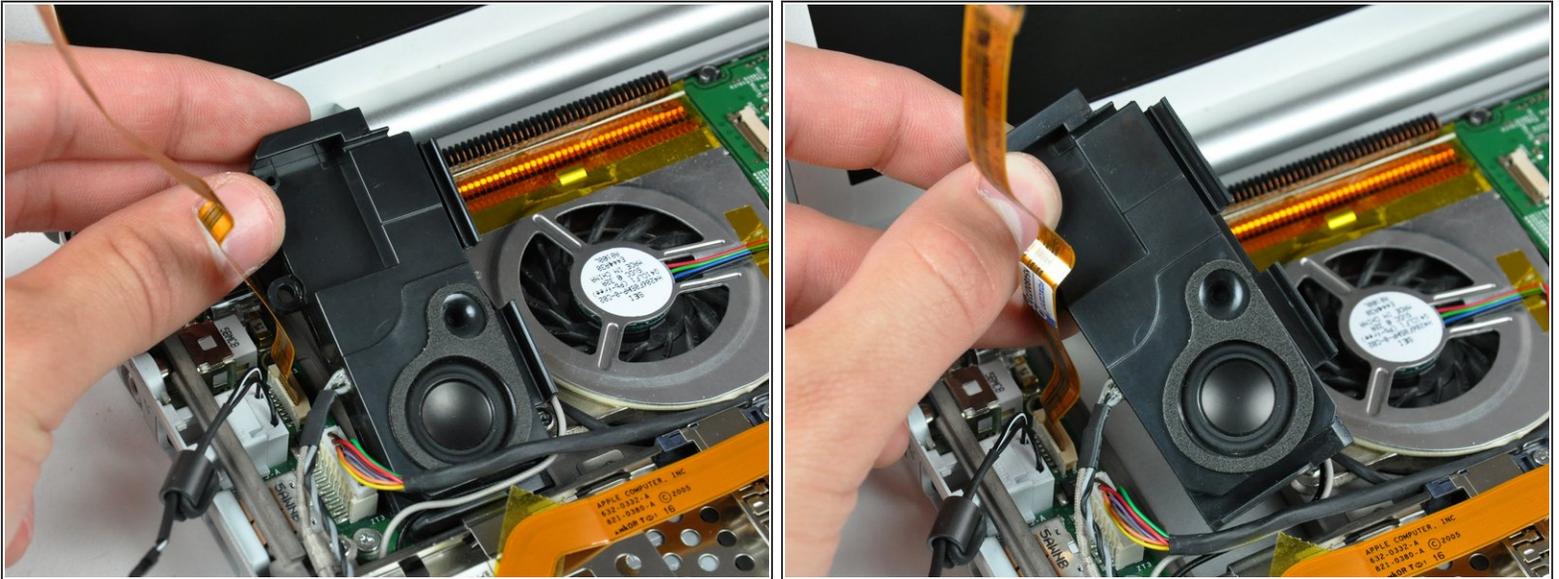
- If necessary, use the tip of a spudger to remove the small piece of foam tape from the side of the left speaker.
- De-route the AirPort antenna cables from the channel in the left speaker.

## Step 17



- Remove the single 6.9 mm T8 Torx screw securing the left speaker to the lower case.

## Step 18



- Lift the left speaker from its rear edge and maneuver it out of the lower case, minding the cables sitting in the channel near the front edge of the left speaker.

## Step 19



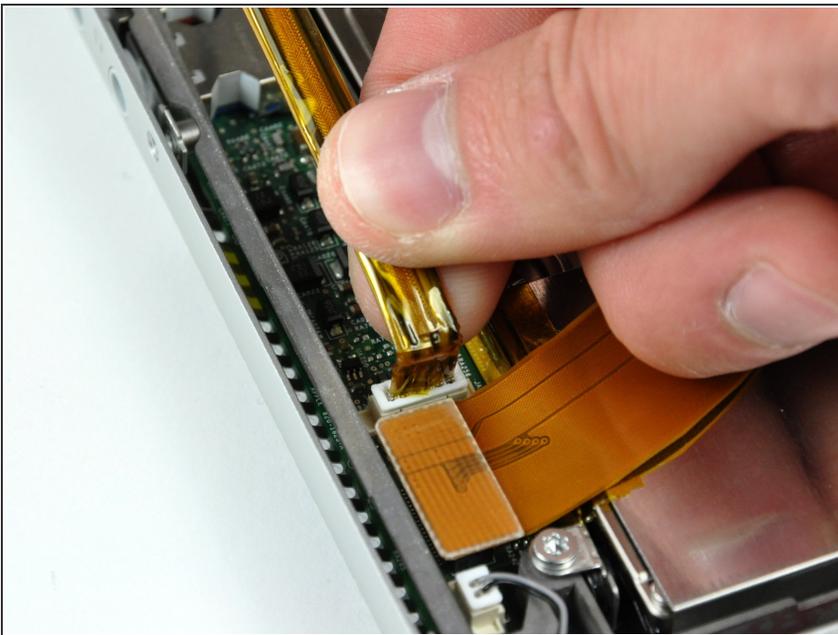
- Remove the single 6.9 mm T8 Torx screw securing the speaker cable ground loop to the lower case.

## Step 20



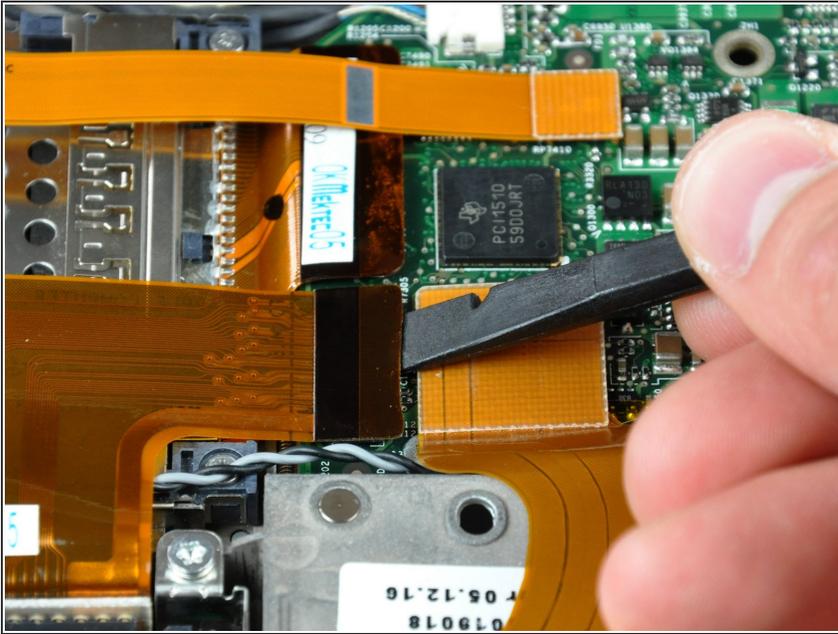
- Peel back the piece of foil tape covering the modem cable to free the speaker cable held underneath.

## Step 21



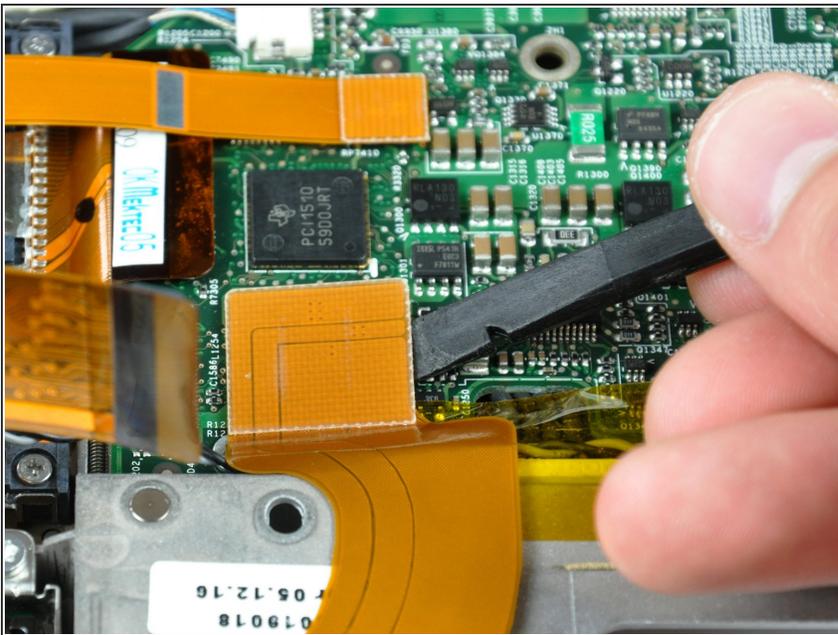
- Pull the speaker cable straight up to disconnect it from the sound card.

## Step 22



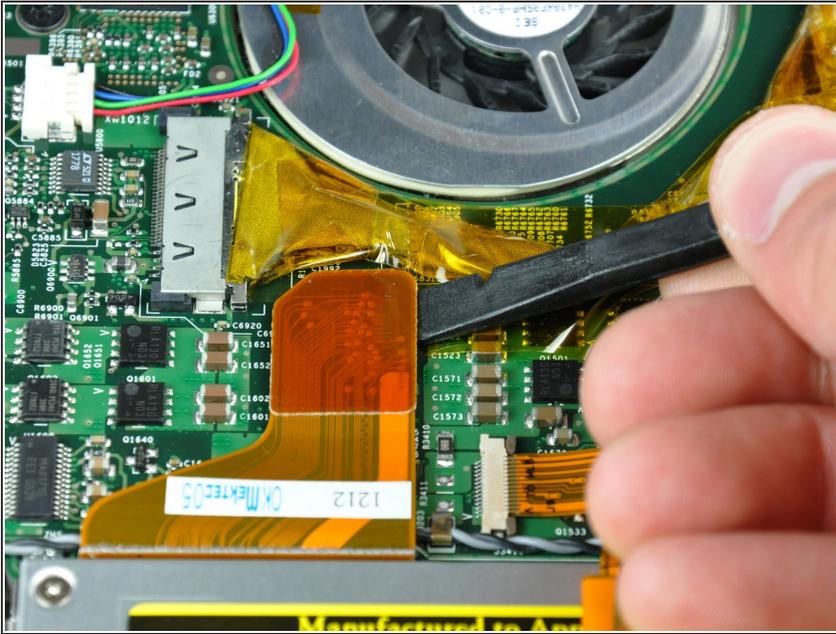
- ⓘ In the next few steps, you will disconnect several ribbon cables that cover the right speaker cable.
- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry the hard drive ribbon cable connector up off the logic board.

## Step 23



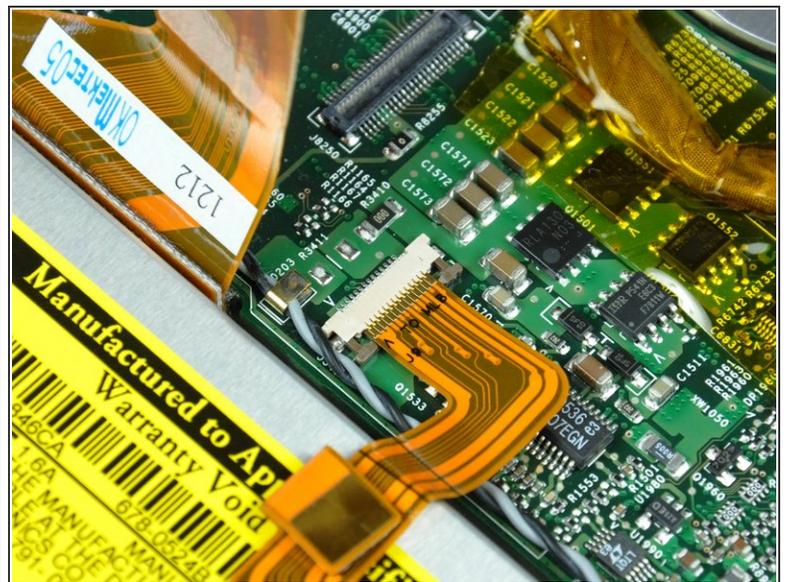
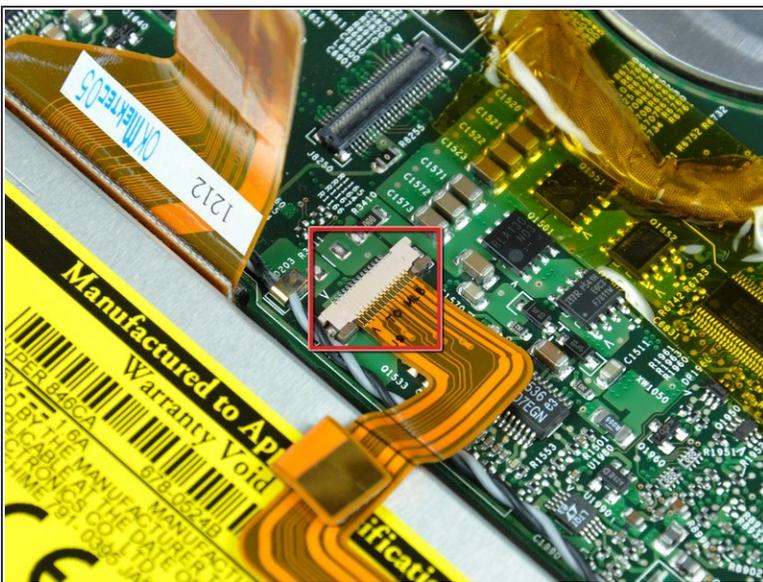
- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry the sound card cable connector up off the logic board.

## Step 24



- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry the optical drive cable connector up off the logic board.

## Step 25



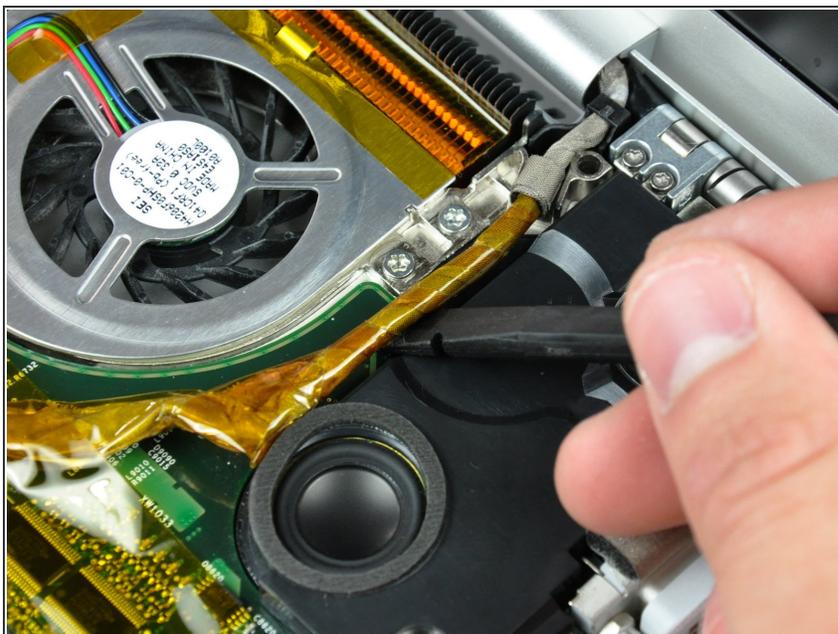
- Use your fingernails or the tip of a spudger to separate the ZIF cable lock from its socket.
- ⚠ The ZIF cable lock will move about 1 mm and stop. **Do not** attempt to completely remove the ZIF cable lock.

## Step 26



- Pull the PRAM battery & USB board cable out of its socket.

## Step 27



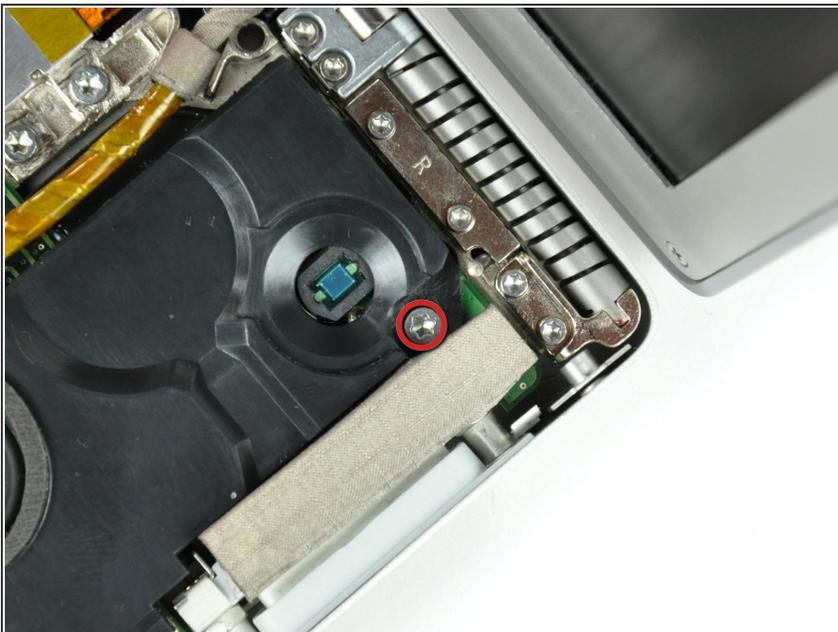
- Use a spudger to de-route the display data cable from the channel in the right speaker.

## Step 28



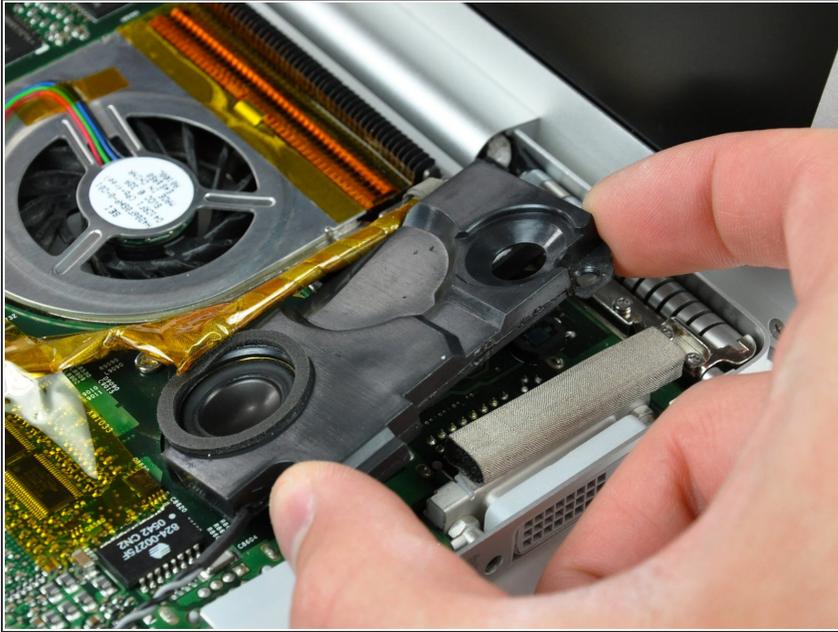
- Use the tip of a spudger to pry the power button LED window off the right speaker.
- ⓘ Try to place the window curved-side down on your work surface to keep the adhesive around its perimeter clean.

## Step 29



- Remove the single T8 6.9 mm Torx screw securing the right speaker to the lower case.

## Step 30



- Lift the right speaker out of the lower case.

## Step 31



- De-route the speaker cable from the clips along the front edge of the logic board.
- ⓘ The clips open in different directions, so be careful to not break any off during removal.

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