



Dell Inspiron 15R 5537 Palm Rest Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

If the palm rest is cracked and broken or the touchpad is malfunctioning on your Dell Inspiron 15R 5537, this guide will show you how to properly remove the palm rest so you can replace it with a new one.

The palm rest, connected by two ribbon cables, is the inside cover of the computer that contains the touchpad. A cracked palm rest can cause exposure to the interior hardware of the laptop, and faulty ribbon cables can lead to a malfunctioning touchpad.

It is important to make sure that the touchpad is properly cleaned and the ribbon cables are fully connected before deciding to take apart your laptop.

Before beginning this guide, make sure your laptop is powered off and disconnected from any external power source.

TOOLS:


Phillips #000 Screwdriver (1)

Phillips #0 Screwdriver (1)

iFixit Opening Tool (1)

Step 1 — Battery



 Before working inside your computer, read the safety information that shipped with your computer.

- Close the display and turn over the computer to see the battery locking tabs.

Step 2



- Pull both of the locking tabs outwards until they both click to release the battery.
- Pull the battery out by lifting it from the top and sliding it forward.

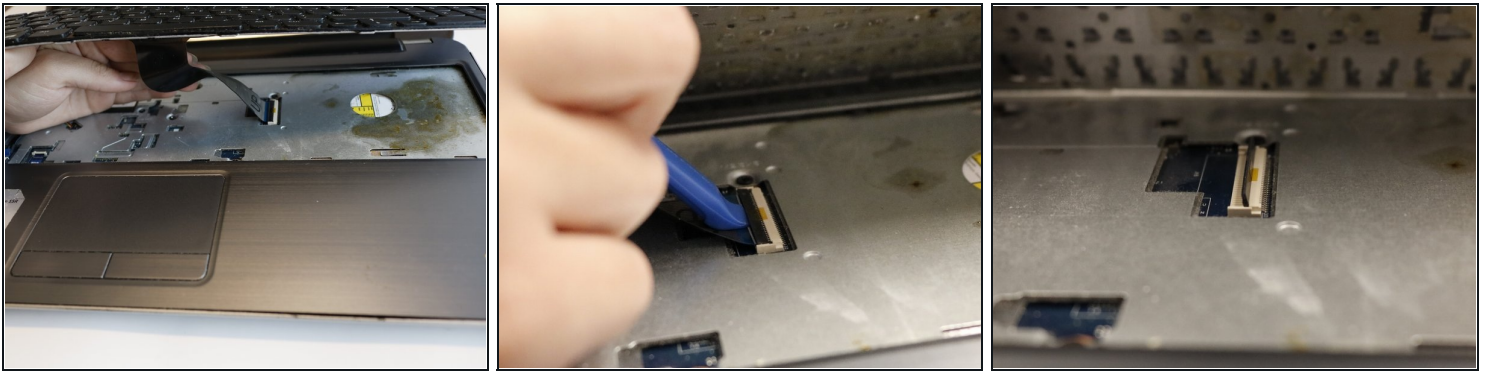
Step 3 — Keyboard



- Turn the laptop over so that the keyboard is facing up.
- Use an opening tool to pry the keyboard from the base of the laptop.
- Once the top of the keyboard is released, slide the keyboard upwards.

⚠ Be sure not to pull the keyboard straight up; this could damage the keyboard ribbon cable.

Step 4



- Use an opening tool to remove the keyboard ribbon from the latch by lifting the tab on top.
- Once lifted, disconnect the ribbon and replace with a new keyboard.

Step 5 — Wi-Fi Module



- Once the keyboard is removed, the Wi-Fi module will be accessible.

Step 6



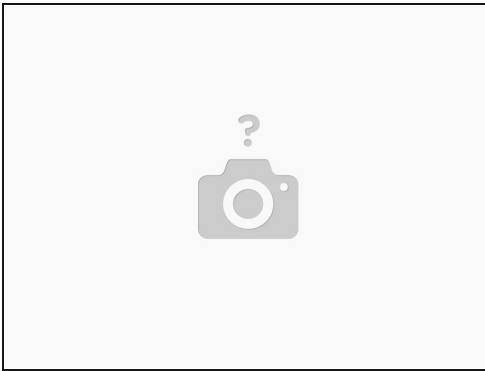
- Use the opening tool to lift both antenna cables upward from the Wi-Fi module.

Step 7



- Remove the 3mm Phillips #000 screw securing the Wi-Fi module.
- Lift the Wi-Fi module up and out of the laptop.

Step 8 — CAUTION

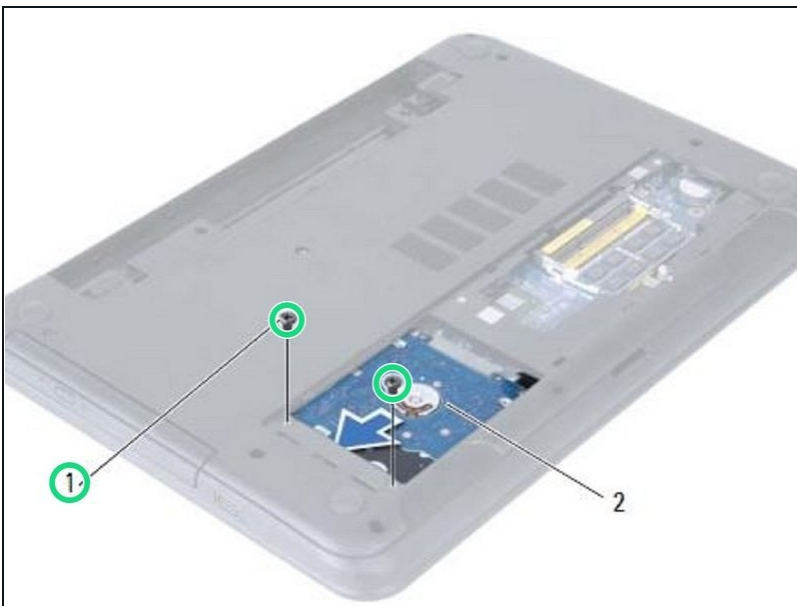


⚠ WARNING: Before working inside your computer, read the safety information that shipped with your computer and follow the steps in ["Before You Begin"](#). After working inside your computer, follow the instructions in ["After Working Inside Your Computer"](#).

⚠ CAUTION: To avoid data loss, do not remove the hard drive while the computer is in Sleep or On state.

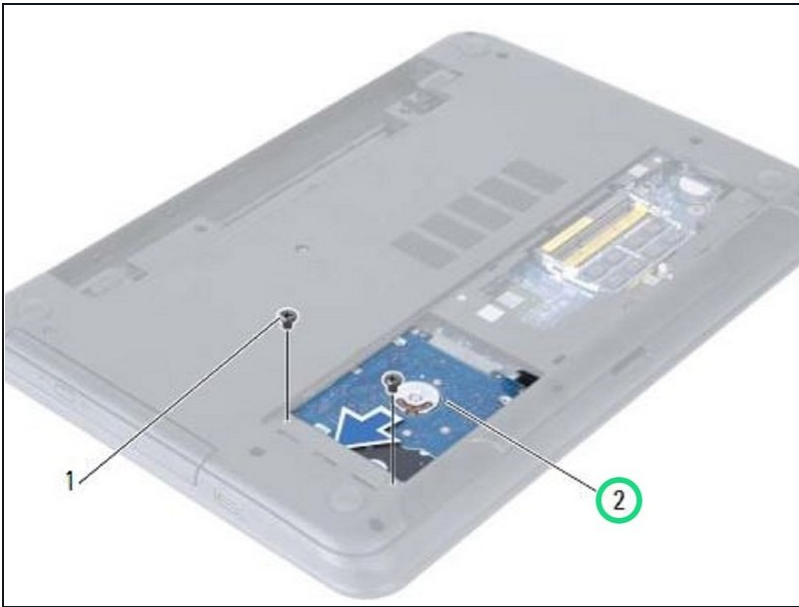
⚠ CAUTION: Hard drives are extremely fragile. Exercise care when handling the hard drive.

Step 9 — Remove the Screws



- Remove the screws that secure the hard-drive assembly to the computer base.

Step 10 — Sliding the Hard Drive Assembly



- Slide the hard-drive assembly forward to disconnect the hard-drive assembly from the system board.

Step 11 — Lifting the Hard Drive Assembly



- Using the pull-tab, lift the hard-drive assembly out of the computer base.

Step 12 — Remove the Screws



- Remove the screws that secure the hard-drive bracket to the hard drive.

Step 13 — Lifting the Hard-Drive Bracket



- Lift the hard-drive bracket off the hard drive.

Step 14 — Align the Screw Holes



- Align the screw holes on the hard-drive bracket with the screw holes on the **NEW** hard drive.

Step 15 — Replace the Screws



- Replace the screws that secure the hard-drive bracket to the hard drive.

Step 16 — Placing the Hard Drive Assembly



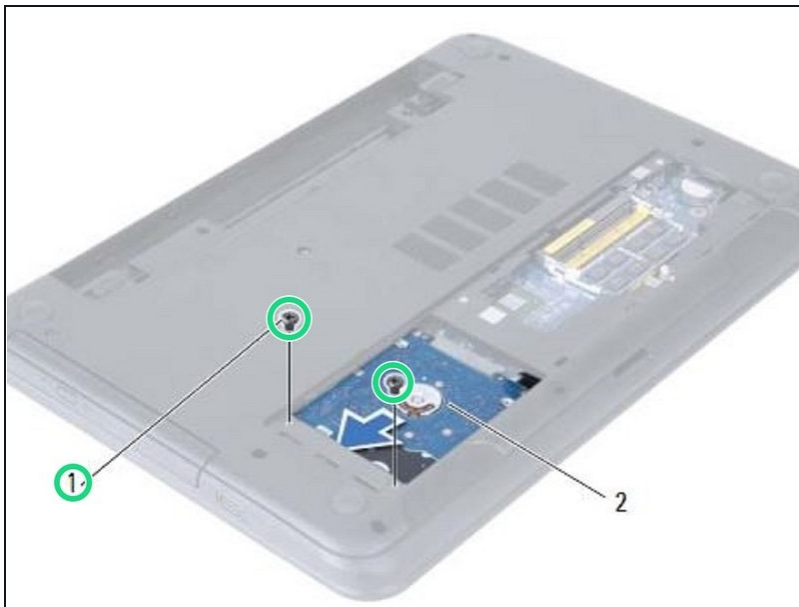
- Slide and place the hard-drive assembly in the hard-drive bay.

Step 17 — Sliding the Hard-Drive Assembly



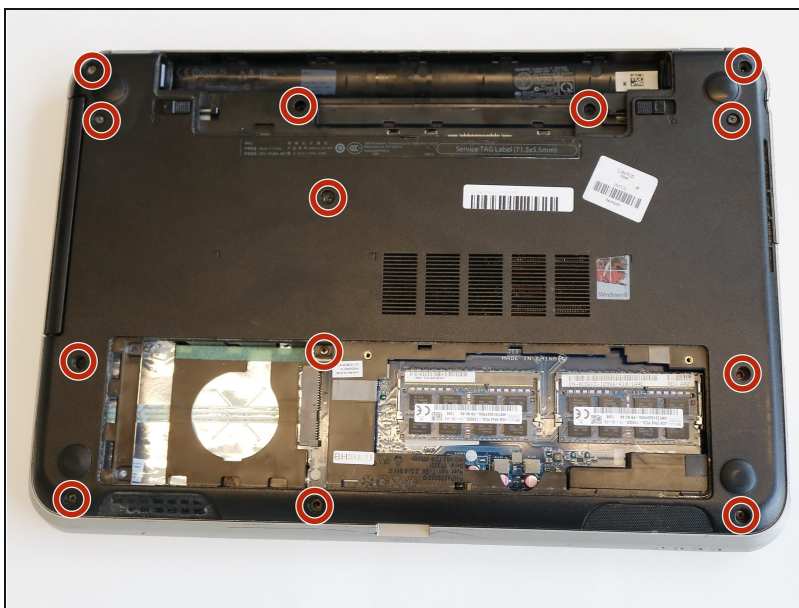
- Slide the hard-drive assembly backward to connect the hard-drive assembly to the system board.

Step 18 — Replace the Screws



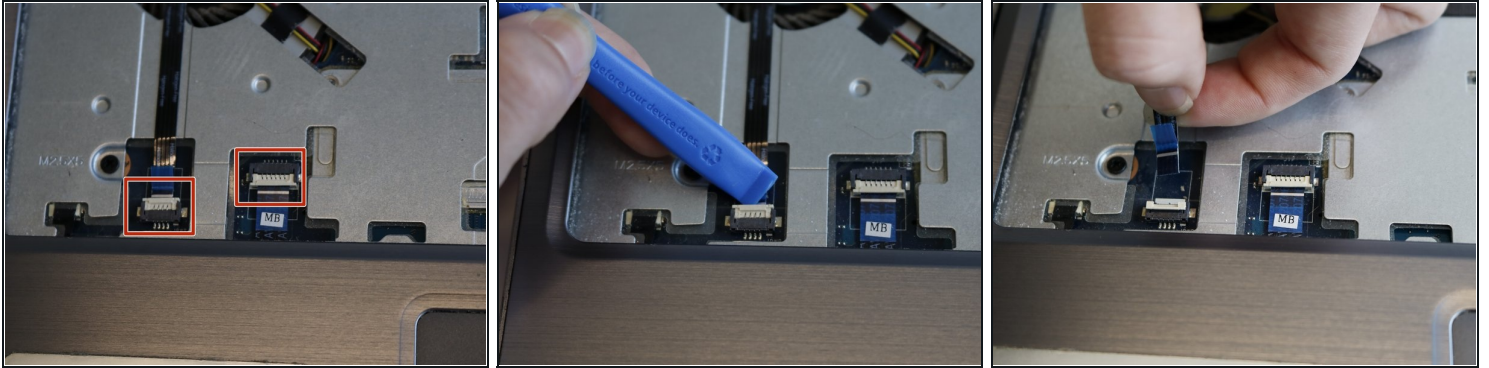
- Replace the screws that secure the hard-drive assembly to the computer base.

Step 19 — Palm Rest



- Remove thirteen 5mm Phillips #000 screws from the back cover of the laptop.

Step 20



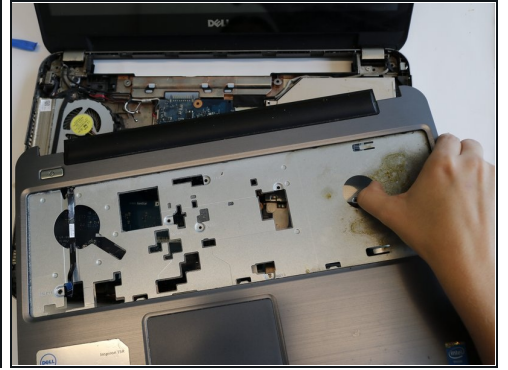
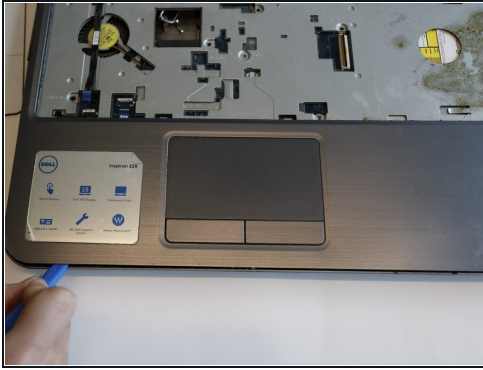
- Use the opening tool to unplug the palm rest cables and slide the cables out.

Step 21



- Remove seven 5mm Phillips #000 screws from the midframe.

Step 22



- Use the opening tool to lift the edges of the palm rest. Once all of the sides are lifted, pull the palm rest off.

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