How to Fix Jammed Nintendo Switch ZR and ZL buttons

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INTRODUCTION

When playing a Nintendo Switch every button serves a specific purpose. If any of those buttons are jammed, it renders your gameplay incomplete. This can become very irritating and inconvenient, but can be quickly fixed. With a screwdriver and a pair of tweezers, your jammed button problems can be fixed. This fix will provide step by step instructions on how to quickly fix your jammed ZR and ZL buttons on your Nintendo Switch controller. These buttons are located one the right and left sides of your console on the controllers. Because they are used so often, they tend to jam and wear down over time. Excessive force when using them can cause them to jam and not come back up, thus creating our problem. In order to fix these jammed ZR and ZL buttons we're going to following 7 simple steps.

🔧 TOOLS:

Tri-point Y00 Screwdriver (1)
Tweezers (1)

⚙ PARTS:

Nintendo Switch Joy-Con L/R/ZL/ZR Button Covers (1)

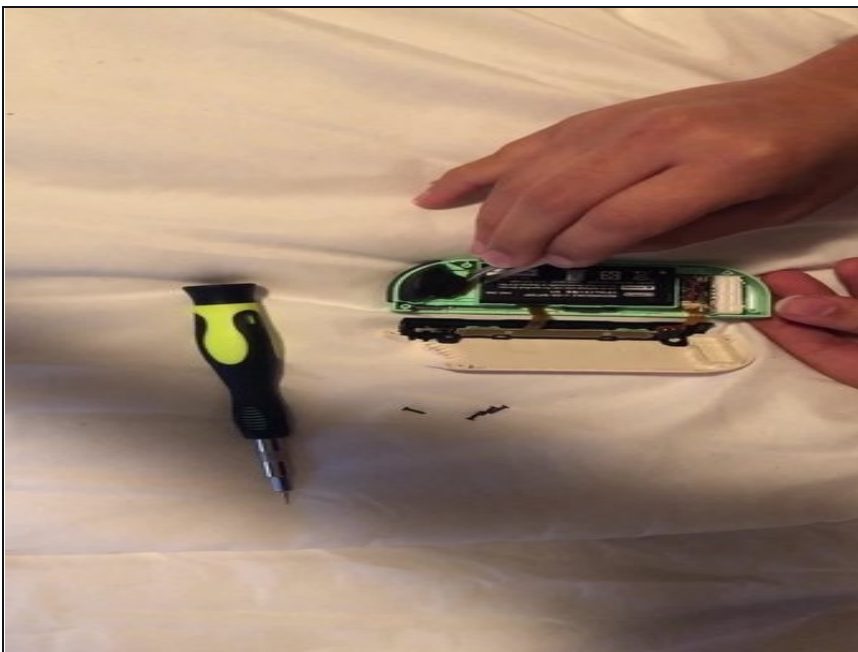## Step 1 — Unscrew the back cover

- Using the Y00 Tri-Point screwdriver, remove four M1.4 x 5mm screws to loosen the hard plastic back of the Joy-Con.

Step 2 — Remove the back cover

- After the screws are removed, lift the cover to reveal the inside of the Joy-Con and locate the ZL button.

- ⓘ The button exposed could either be the ZL or the ZR depending on which Joy-Con needs to be fixed.

Step 3 — Lift the button

- Use tweezers to lift the ZL button a little then pull upwards to get it back into place.

- Once the button is back in place, place the hard cover back on the Joy-Con and screw it back on.

Step 4 — Test the button

- Click the button a couple times to ensure that it's back in place and working.

- ⓘ This may either be the ZL or ZR button depending on the Joy-Con being fixed.

Step 5

- Resume gameplay!

After following those 7 steps, your gameplay should return to its original state. If the other Joy-Con also has a jammed ZL or ZR button simply repeat the 7 steps above.