

# **Game Boy Micro LCD Screen Replacement**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

In this guide, we'll show you how to change the LCD Screen.



# **TOOLS:**

- Phillips #00 Screwdriver (1)
- Spudger (1)
- Tweezers (1)
- Tri-point Y0 Screwdriver (1)

## Step 1 — Remove the Cover





- Remove the Phillips #00 screw on the side of the Game Boy closest to the directional pad.
- Once the screw has been loosened, lift the cover off the back of the device.

## Step 2 — Faceplate





Locate the two circular holes on the side of the Game Boy nearest to the directional pad.







- Straighten the end of a paper clip and push it into each of the circular holes.
- You may hear a faint click afterwards.
- Use the paper clip to lever the faceplate off from the unit.

#### **Step 4** — **Unscrew the Outer Cover**





 Remove the two tri-wing screws on the top of the Game Boy and the two screws next to the volume/contrast switch.

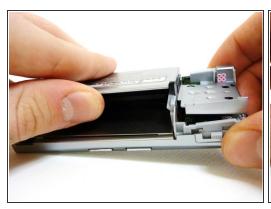






- Remove the three Phillips #00 screws.
- Remove the two tri-wing screws.

# Step 6



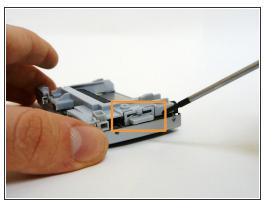




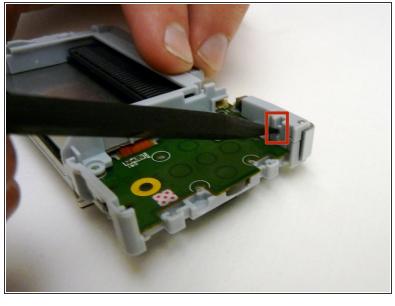
Lift the back cover off of the Game Boy.

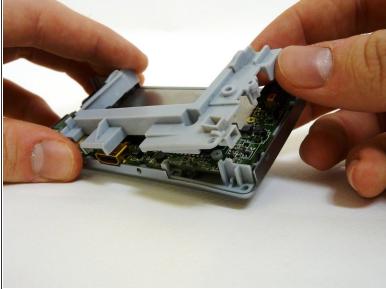




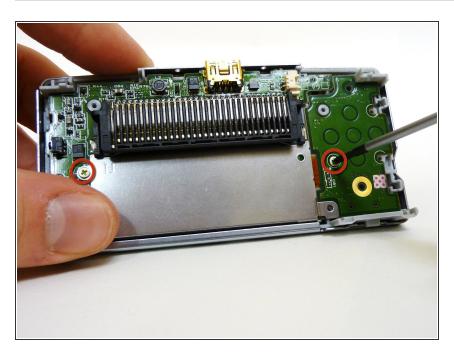


- Remove the two Phillips #00 screws from the plastic frame.
- As you are pulling off the plastic frame, the shoulder buttons and the volume switch may fall out of the device.
- (i) Underneath each shoulder button is a small spring. Do not lose them.



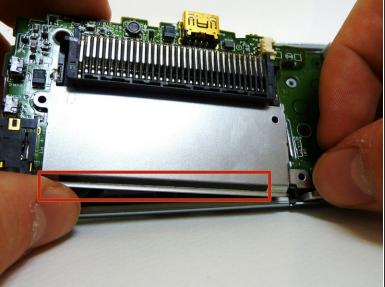


- With a spudger, depress the small clip on the lower right corner of the plastic guard.
- Grab the edges of the plastic frame and lift the frame off the motherboard.



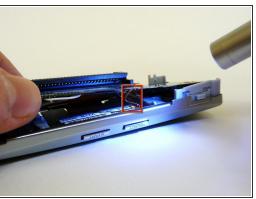
 Remove the two gold Phillips #00 screws from the motherboard.

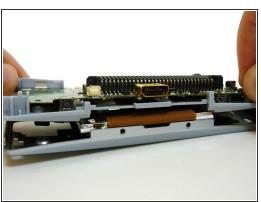




- With one hand, gently slide the top left end of the motherboard up and out of the front case.
- With your other hand, pull out the EMI shield until the tab comes out of the front case.
- Once the tab is pulled out from the bottom, slide the EMI shield down and out of the device.



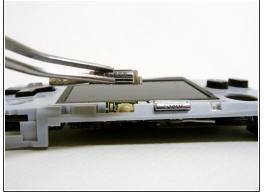




- The entire motherboard is now accessible.
- ↑ Take extreme care when working with the motherboard to avoid damaging the device and its components.
  - A small ribbon cable connects the start and select buttons to the motherboard. It can rip very easily, so do not pull on it.
- Lift the motherboard and the front plastic cover assembly off of the front case.
- (i) Once the front case is removed, the plastic on/off switch will fall out of place.



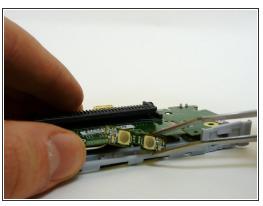




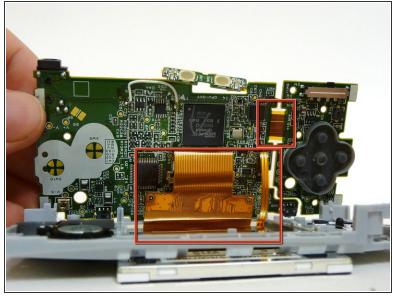
- When you remove the motherboard from the front case, the start and select buttons may fall out.
- If the buttons do not fall out, remove them with a pair of tweezers.







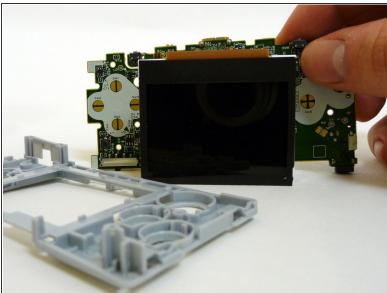
- Without the front case, you will be left with the motherboard and the plastic mount. The LCD screen is attached to the motherboard by a ribbon and can fall off the plastic mount.
- Using metal tweezers, grab the start/select board and slide it out gently.



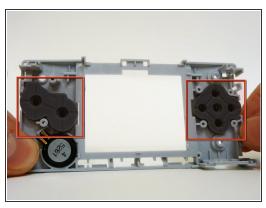


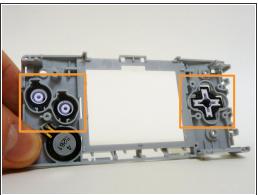
- Lift the entire motherboard assembly off the plastic guard.
- Take caution not to damage any of the gold ribbon cables on the motherboard.
- (i) The LCD screen is the only thing connecting the motherboard and plastic guard.

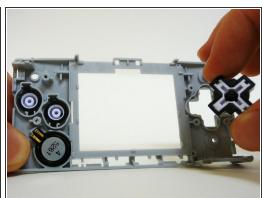




- To remove the LCD screen, carefully angle it until it is diagonal to the square hole in the plastic guard and slide it out.
- It is now possible to remove the entire motherboard assembly from the plastic guard.

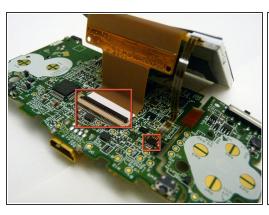


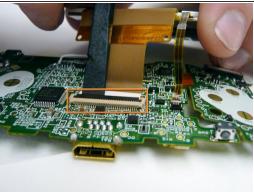




- On the plastic guard, there are two rubber pads that cover the buttons. Remove them.
- These pads rest on the motherboard and sometimes stick to it. If they do, peel them off.
- With the rubber pads off, you may use your fingers to remove the buttons to clean or replace them.
- When returning the buttons to the guard, they have to be put back in exactly the way they were pulled out.

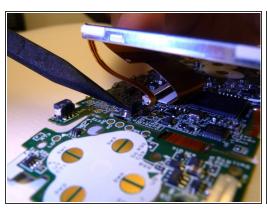
#### Step 17 — Motherboard







- The LCD screen is connected to the motherboard by two ribbon cables.
- Use a plastic spudger to disconnect the LCD's ZIF connector.







- Use the tip of the spudger to lift the small, black tab holding the thin ribbon.
- With both tabs lifted, pull the ribbons off the motherboard and remove the LCD screen.

#### Step 19 — LCD Screen





The LCD can now be cleaned or replaced.

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