Sony Vaio PCG-F360 Optical Drive Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

This guide will show you how to release the optical drive. There are a variation of screws that need to be removed before you can release the optical drive by sliding it out. Please read the instructions while using the pictures for reference.

🔧 TOOLS:

- Phillips #00 Screwdriver (1)
- Spudger (1)

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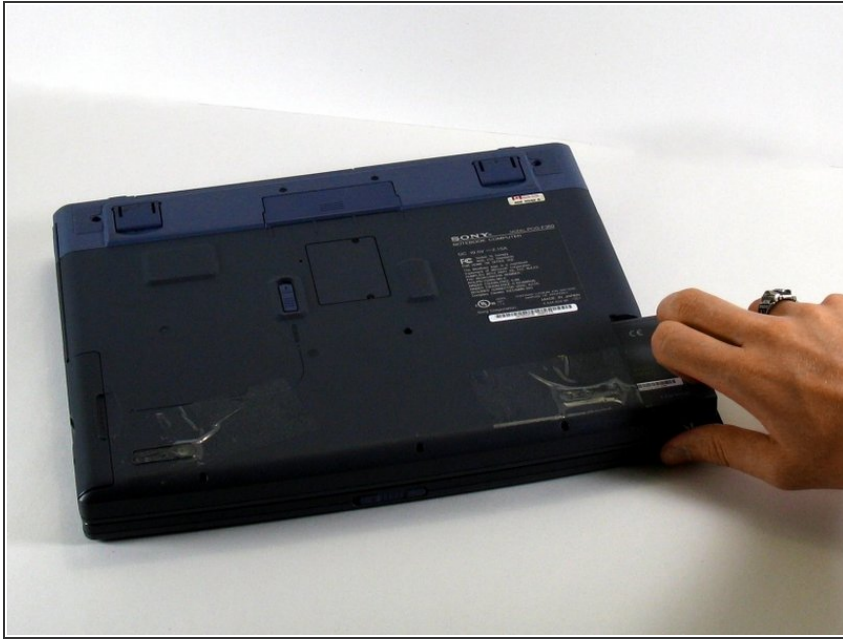
Step 1 — Battery

- Position the laptop screen-side down as shown.

- In this position the battery housing will be located on the right hand side.

Step 2

- Lift the panel up and then out to gain access to the battery.

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Step 3

- Use the indentations to pull the old battery out.

Step 4

- The battery is now removed and it is safe to move on to uninstalling other components.

Step 5 — Keyboard

- There are two screws on the left hand side of the laptop near the IR (Infared remote) receiver (see image). Remove them using a Phillips #00 Screwdriver.

- Slide the speaker panel towards the left, then carefully flip it over onto the keyboard.

⚠ Make sure not to pull the speaker panel away from the computer just yet - it is still connected!

Step 6

- On the inside of the speaker panel, using a spudger, push the beige tab in the direction of the ribbon. It should only move a small amount.

- Remove the ribbon by gently pulling on it, there should be little or no resistance.
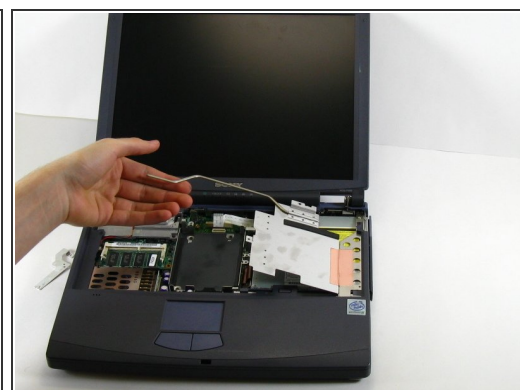
- Now the speaker panel can be set aside.

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Step 7

- Remove the metal screw that will be located at the red circle.

- Pull on the green strip, and the keyboard should come free easily.

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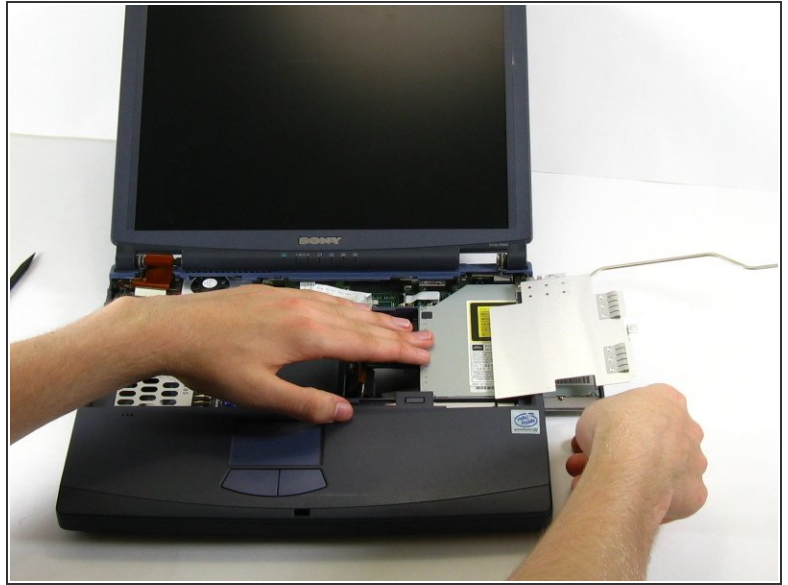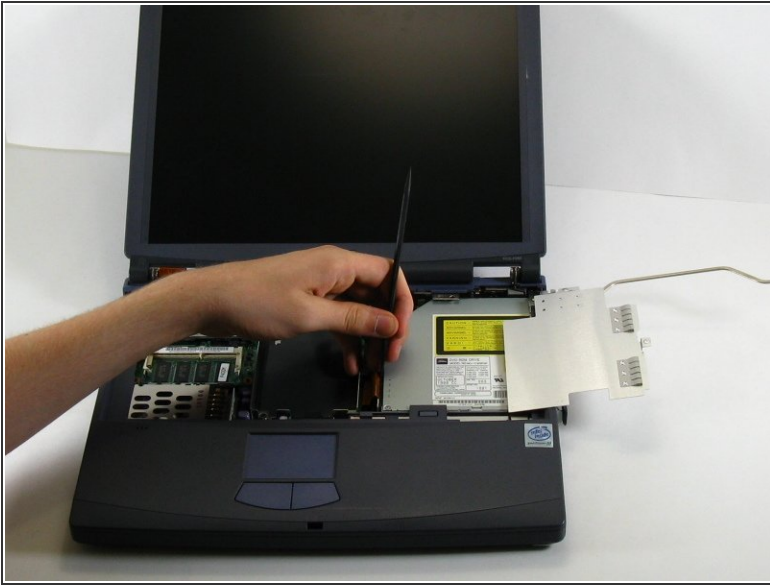
Step 8 — Optical Drive

- Remove the three screws surrounding the fan.

- Take off the guard that you just unscrewed.

- Carefully flip over the heat pipe and the metal sheet connected to it.

Step 9

- Remove the three screws from the heat tube cover.

- Carefully remove the cover.

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Step 10

- Use a spudger to pry the ribbon connected to the optical drive.

- Slide the optical drive free of the enclosure.

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

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