



IBM ThinkPad T41 Screen Replacement

This is a step by step guide for replacing/repairing the screen of an IBM ThinkPad T41 laptop. It will aid you in taking apart your laptop to reach the screen.

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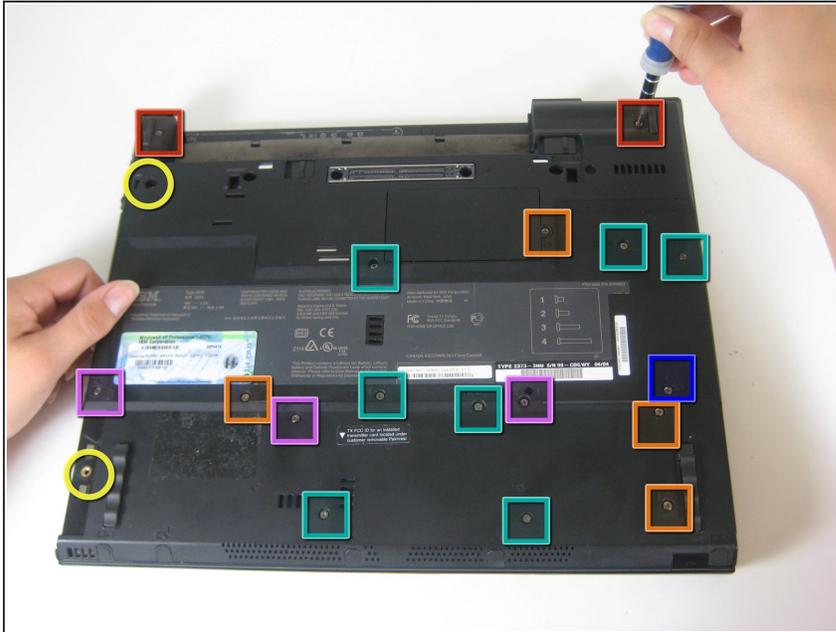
INTRODUCTION

This repair guide will aid you in taking apart your IBM ThinkPad T41 laptop to reach and replace its screen.

TOOLS:

- [Phillips #1 Screwdriver](#) (1)
 - [Spudger](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Keyboard



- Close the screen and turn the closed laptop over.
- Remove all 17 screws on the bottom of the computer.
- ⓘ The multiple colors (turquoise, red, blue, orange, yellow, and purple) are for organizational purposes, indicating different screws.
- The yellow marker at the rear denotes the UltraBay device retaining screw. This screw is optional as the UltraBay mechanism will hold the drive or battery in place anyway. The yellow marker at the front denotes the hard disk caddy retaining screw.

Step 2



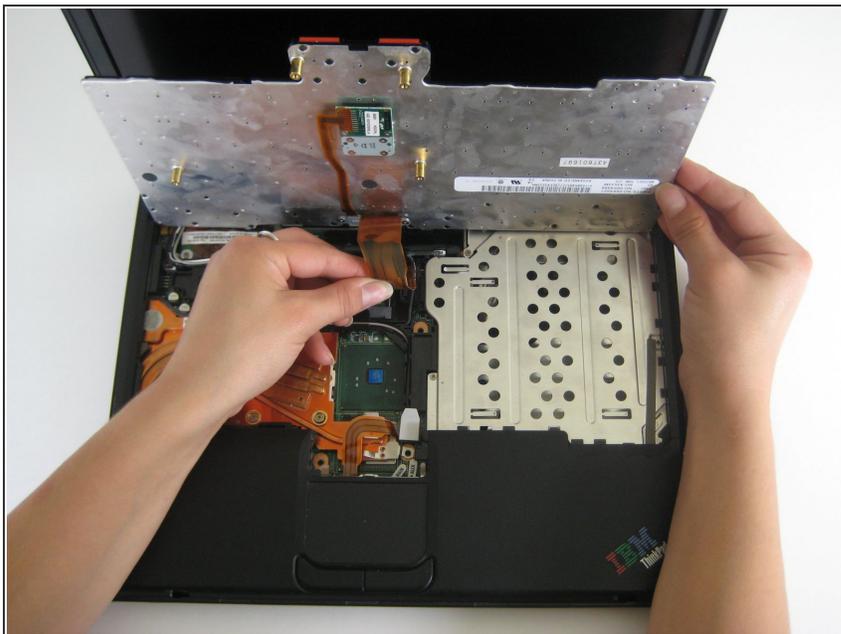
- Remove the extra RAM cover, by lifting where the screw was and pulling out.

Step 3



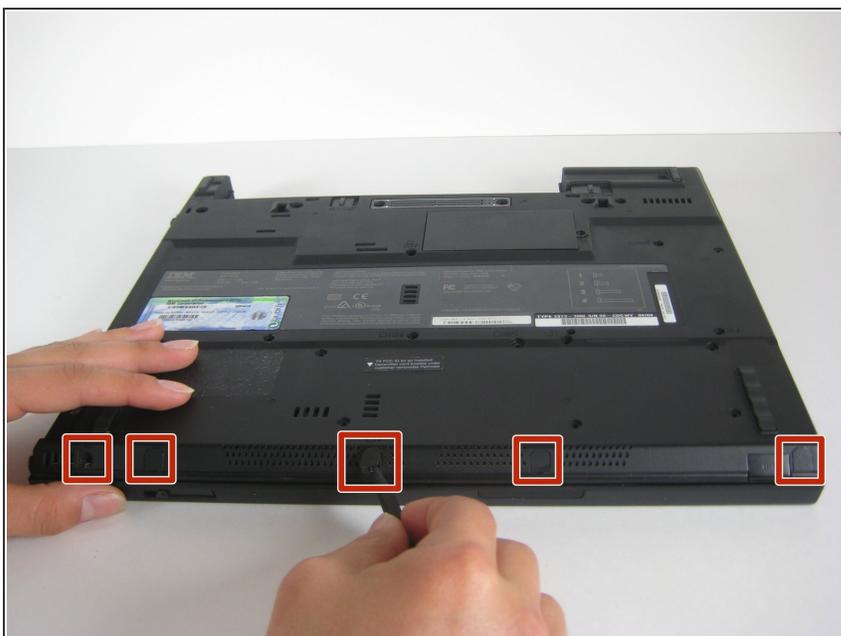
- Turn the laptop right side up and open the screen.
 - Lift the keyboard, using a spudger at the seam between the keyboard and trackpad.
- ⚠ Careful of the ribbon cable underneath, which may tear if the keyboard is lifted too vigorously.

Step 4



- Unplug the keyboard's ribbon cable, by lifting up the edges of the plug.
- Remove the keyboard.

Step 5 — Trackpad



- Close the laptop and turn it over.
 - Remove the five plastic stickers covering the screws on the front edge of the case.
- ⚠ In order to reuse the stickers, remove them carefully.

Step 6



- Unscrew the five screws that were hidden by the stickers.

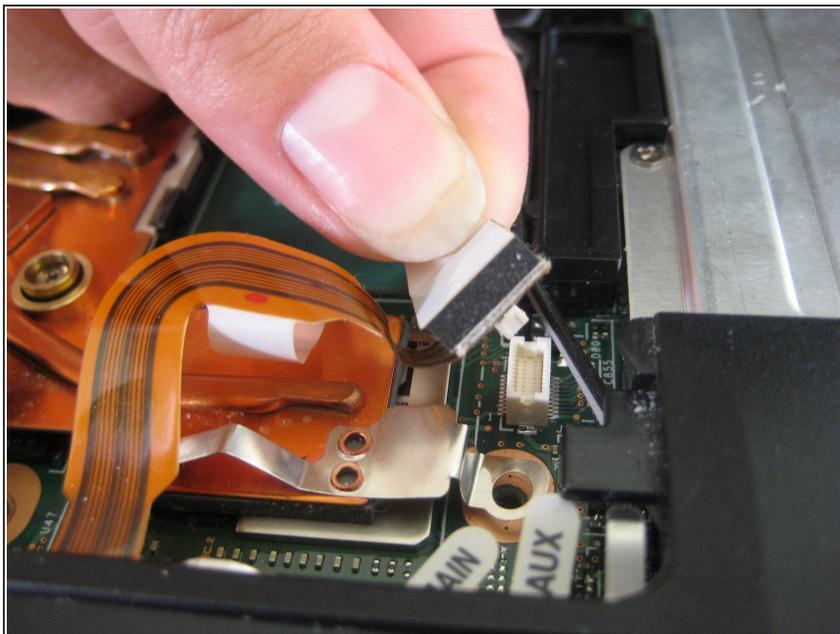
Step 7



- Turn the computer right side up and open the screen.
- Lift the trackpad assembly by placing hands on both edges and then pull towards you till it is free of the case.

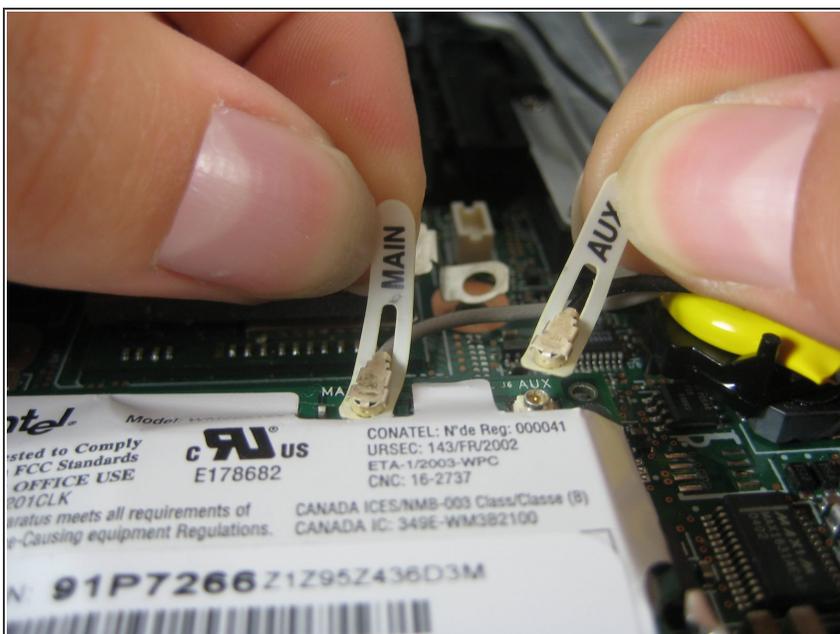
 Be careful of the ribbon cable underneath. It may tear if the trackpad is pulled too vigorously.

Step 8



- Unplug the trackpad's ribbon cable by pulling on the white plastic tab.

Step 9 — Wireless Network Card



- Pull off the one black and one white coaxial cables by lifting the tabs labeled main and aux (for auxiliary).

Step 10



- Push apart the retaining clips.
- ⓘ Note: The card should pop up a little bit.

Step 11



- Pull the wireless network card out.

Step 12 — Screen



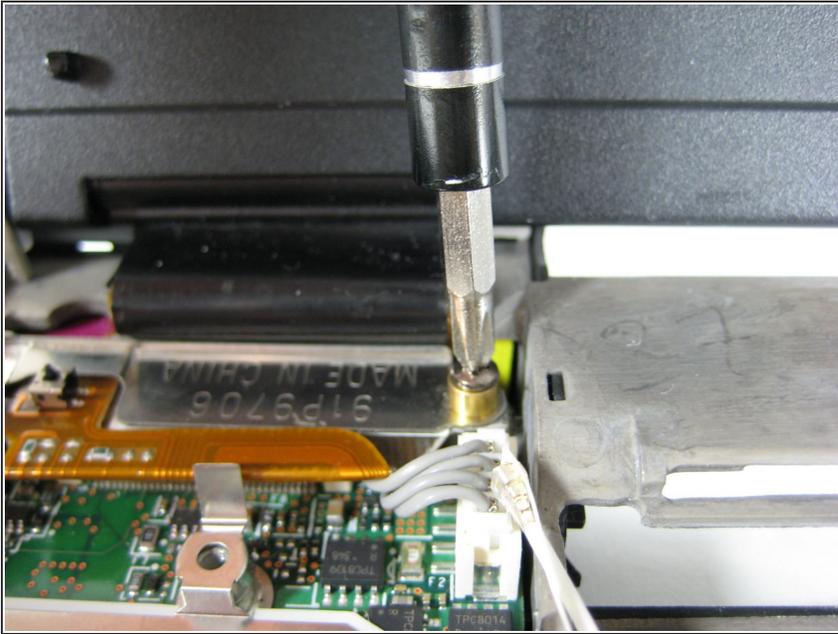
- Close the computer screen.
- Remove the four screws on the back of the laptop, near the right and left hinges.

Step 13



- Open the laptop screen.
- Remove the single screw that secures the left hinge to top of the computer.

Step 14



- Remove a single screw from the metal plate that secures the display cable.

Step 15



- Pull the metal plate away from the display cable.

Step 16



- Disconnect the display cable.

Step 17



- Carefully pull up the long antenna cables that were attached to the wireless network card.

Step 18



- Lift out the screen.

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