

Eton FRX3 Motherboard Replacement

Replace the motherboard of the Eton FRX3.

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INTRODUCTION

The motherboard connects all the different components within the device. It's rare that this will malfunction, but if it does it may cause a wide range of problems from not turning on at all to erratic behavior. The LCD display is also soldered directly to the motherboard, if you would ever need to replace that.



TOOLS:

- Soldering Iron (1)
- iFixit Opening Tools (1)

Step 1 — Rechargeable Battery Pack



 Pull the plastic tab on the battery compartment cover panel to loosen it, then pull the panel off.

Step 2



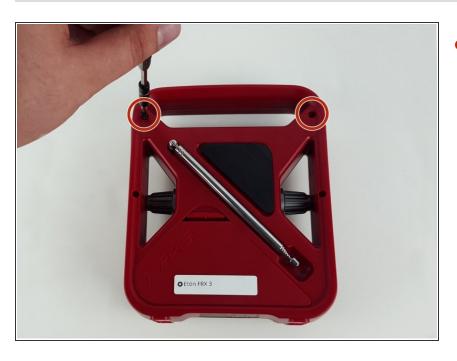
 Disconnect the battery pack wires from the device and remove the battery pack.

Step 3 — Case Assembly



 On the bottom of the device case's face are two T10 screws. Use a T10 Torx screwdriver to remove the two screws.

Step 4



 While using the T10 screwdriver, remove the two T10 screws on the back of the device's case.



- Remove the two Phillips #00 screws located in the center of the back of the device.
- You will need to use a thin shafted screwdriver or a female hexagonal bit that is found in the iFixit 54 bit toolkit to extend the reach of the Phillips #00 bit.

Step 6



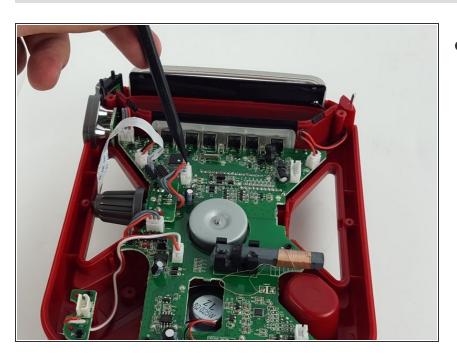
- On the bottom of the device's case there are two rubber feet. Pry the rubber feet off of the case.
- Try to keep the adhesive on the rubber feet as clean as possible to insure that they can be reattached during reassembly.



- Pull the two halves of the device's case apart.
- Take care when pulling the two halves apart. There are three cables that connect components of the device to the motherboard.

 Disconnect these cables in order to separate the two halves of the device's case.

Step 8 — Tuning Dial

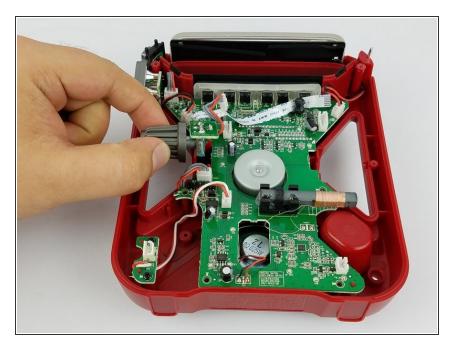


 Unplug the socket connection from the motherboard as shown in the image.



 Remove the two 1 cm Phillips #0 screws that secure the tuning dial panel to the motherboard.

Step 10



 Gently lift the dial upwards to remove it.

Step 11 — Motherboard

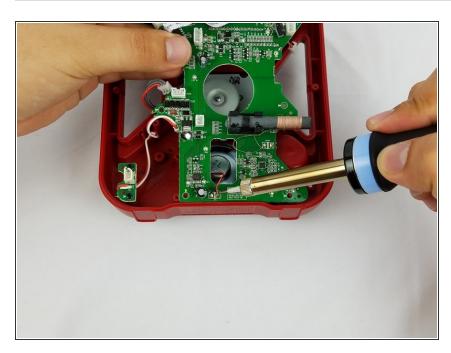


 Remove the six Phillips #0, 1 cm screws that secure the motherboard to the case.

Step 12



 Unplug all the component socket connections from the motherboard.



 Desolder the two wires that connect the speaker to the motherboard.

Step 14



 Gently lift the motherboard upwards to remove it from the device.

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