

Google Pixel Buds 2 Teardown

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INTRODUCTION

A look inside the Google Pixel Buds 2



• Technician's Razor Set (1)

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Step 1 — Google Pixel Buds 2 Teardown

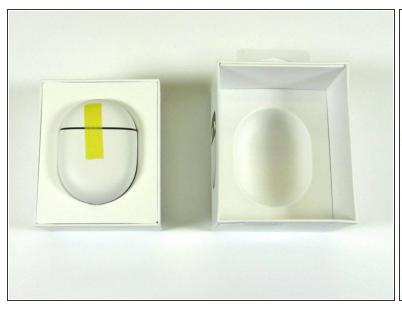






Features:

- Sweat and Water Resistant
- Bluetooth® 5.0
- Spatial vent for in-ear pressure reduction and spatial awareness
- Dual beamforming microphones / Voice detecting accelerometer
- Up to 5 hours of listening time and up to 2.5 hours of talk time
- Capacitive touch sensors / Dual IR proximity sensors





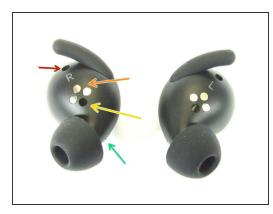
- What is in the box:
 - Buds Carrying / Charging Case
 - USB 'C' Cable
 - Ear bud rubber tips for different sizes of ears
 - User's Manual







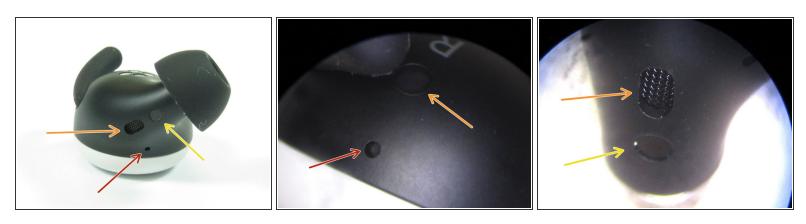
- Open the Google Pixel Buds Charging / Carrier case to locate the Buds
- Once the Google Pixel Buds have been removed, and we can get a closer look at the Buds.





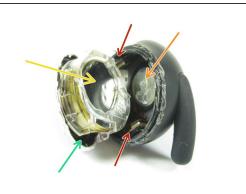


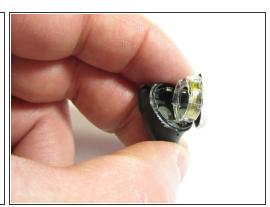
- Back View of the Buds
 - Spatial Vent
 - Connectors for Charging the Battery when in the carrier / charging case
 - IR Detector for detecting when the buds are in the charging case or in the ear
 - IR Detector for detecting when the bud is in the ear
 - Grounded Metal Grid sound chamber cover
- Closeup view of the Grounded Metal Grid



- Microphone port. One on each side, and opposite one another.
- Spatial vent / grounded mesh
- IR Detector for in ear detection

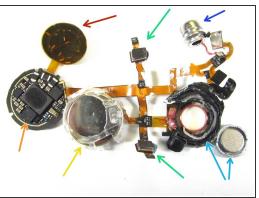






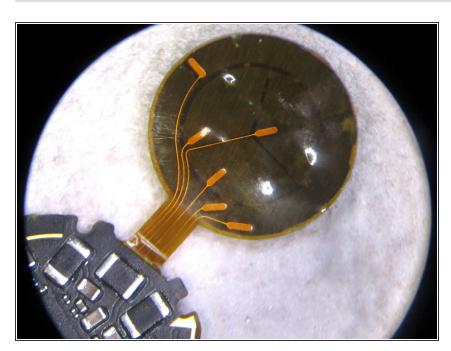
- Since the Google Pixel Buds are made of plastic and are glued together, the only way in was to cut into the Google Pixel Bud. This is a destructive teardown
- Once in, we are able to get our first look at the Google Pixel Bud's electronics. The stack up the Google Pixel Bud is as follows:
 - Touch Sensor
 - Main Circuit board
 - Battery
 - Speaker
 - Microphones
 - Charging and in Ear IR Detectors (not shown)



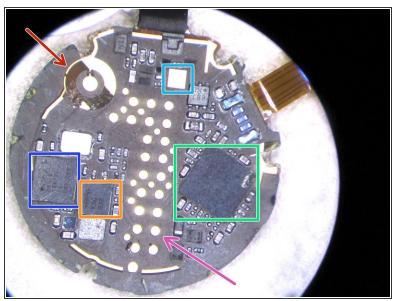


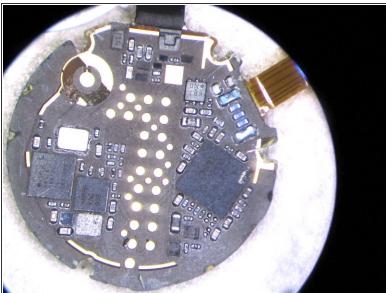


- View of the electronics when removed from the Google Pixel Bud Enclosure
 - Flex PCB based Touch Sensor
 - Main PCB. Contains MCU, Bluetooth Radio, Audio Processing, Power Management, and Sensors
 - Battery
 - MEMS Microphones
 - Speaker Coil, Speaker Magnet, and Speak Diaphragm.
 - Grounded metal grid sound channel cover
 - IR Detector for in ear detections

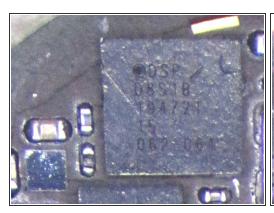


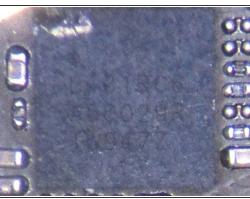
 Closeup view of the Touch Sensor Flex PCB

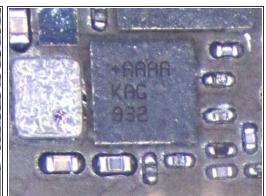




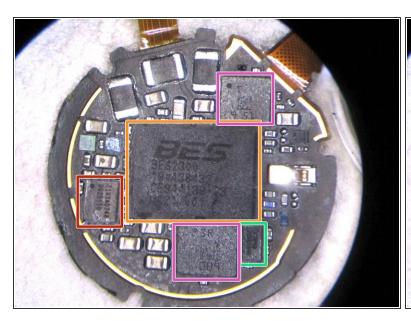
- Closeup view of the bottom side of the Main PCB
 - DSP Group DS18B Audio DSP
 - Maxim Audio Amplifier most likely MAX98502
 - ST Micro STM32L431RC6 MCU
 - Unknown component. Labelled "ix6". Please leave a comment if you happen to know this component
 - Programming Interface and test points. Looks to be the standard ARM 20 Pin connector layout.
 - Bluetooth Antenna. Runs around the outside of the Main PCB Top and Bottom

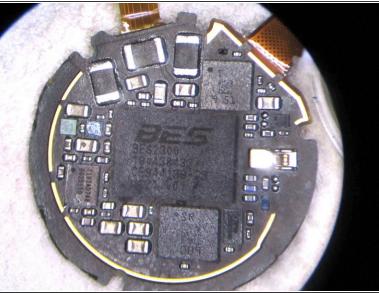




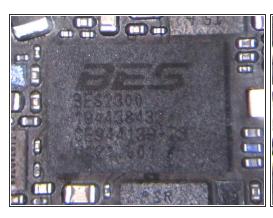


- Closeup view of some of the components on the bottom side of the Main PCB
 - DSP Group DS18B Audio DSP
 - ST Micro STM32L431RC6 MCU
 - Maxim Audio Amplifier most likely MAX98502





- Closeup view of the top side of the Main PCB
 - TI BQ25150 Battery Charge and Power Management
 - BES Technic BES 2300 Bluetooth Radio
 - Unknown Device +7048/A5A59AB May be the Accelerometer and Gyroscope used for voice detection. Please leave a comment if you know this device
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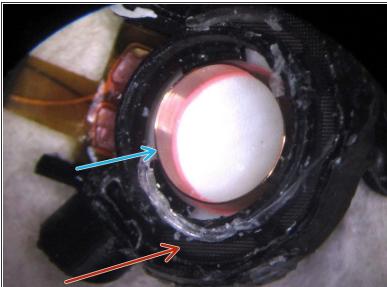






- Closeup view some the components on the top side of the Main PCB
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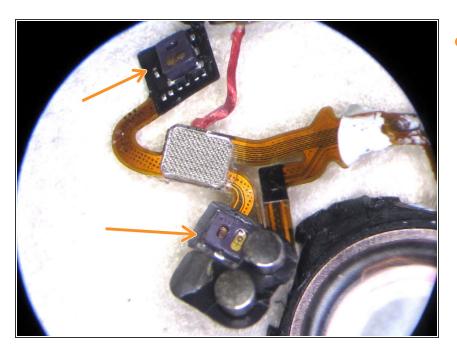




- Closeup view of the speaker Diaphragm
- Speaker Coil with Speaker magnet removed
- Speaker is ported to increase bass. Port area wraps around the outside of the speaker



- MEMS Microphone
 - Could not cross reference the Microphone Part Number, but it appears to be a Goertek Part.
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- Closeup view of the IR Detectors.
 Could not cross reference part numbers to a manufacture. Please leave a comment if you happen to know this component
 - IR Detectors are used to detect when the Bud is in the ear or in the charger



- Closeup view of the Battery
 - Varta, CP1240 A3, Li-Ion 3.7V,
 0.2Wh



 Closeup view of the magnet that to holds the Bud in the charger. The magnet located is below the speaker in the sound chamber area



- Teardown Exploded View of the Google Pixel Buds 2
 - Before and After