



Asus Q525U Hard Drive Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

Does your Asus Q525U laptop frequently make strange grinding or ticking sounds? If it does, here is a detailed guide to help fix the issues by replacing the hard drive.

Before beginning this repair, power off your laptop and disconnect from the power adapter.

TOOLS:

[iFixit Opening Picks \(Set of 6\)](#) (1)
[Phillips Head Screwdriver: Size PH1](#) (1)

PARTS:

[Crucial MX500 250 GB SSD](#) (1)
[Crucial MX500 500 GB SSD](#) (1)
[Crucial MX500 1 TB SSD](#) (1)

Step 1 — Back Cover




 Begin by powering off the device and flipping the device over.

- Carefully remove the two longer 9.5 mm screws on the corners with a Phillips #1 screwdriver.
- Remove the eight 7.5 mm Phillips #1 screws on the back of the device.

Step 2



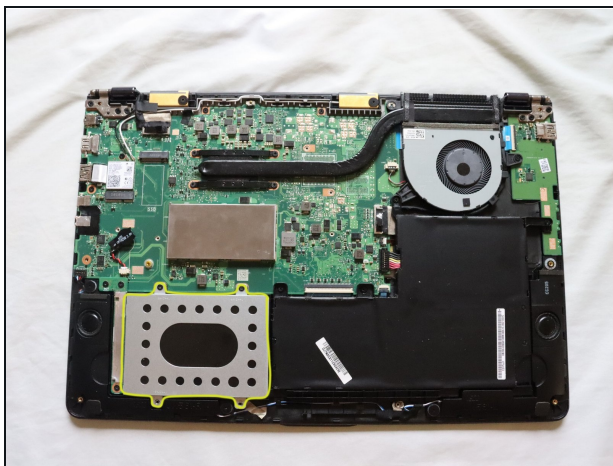
- Use an opening pick to separate the back cover from the device.
-  For easiest removal, begin by prying at one of the front corners and sliding the tool under the cover in a counter-clockwise motion (to the left) toward the laptop hinge.

Step 3



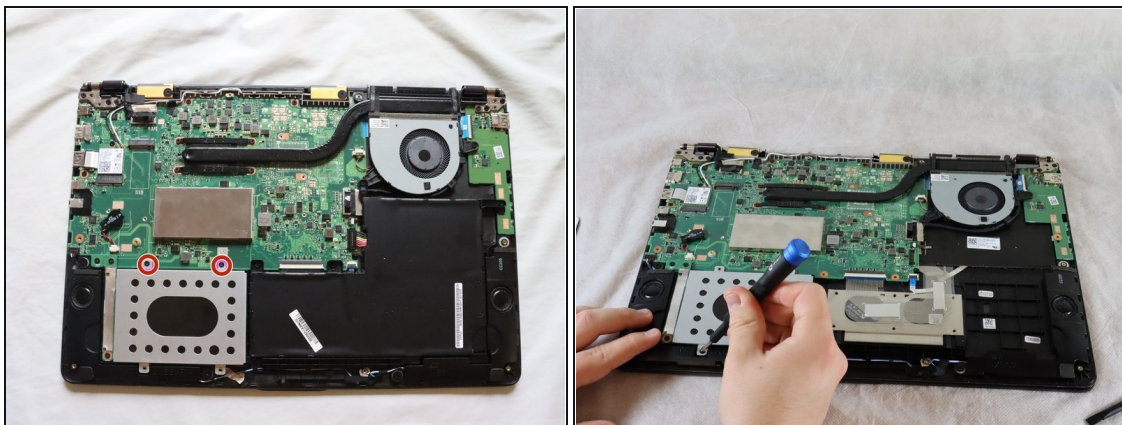
- Once the cover has been separated from the device, carefully lift the back cover off the device (begin by lifting from the front of the cover first).
- ⓘ The back cover should be easily removable, allowing full access to all of the internal components.

Step 4 — Hard Drive



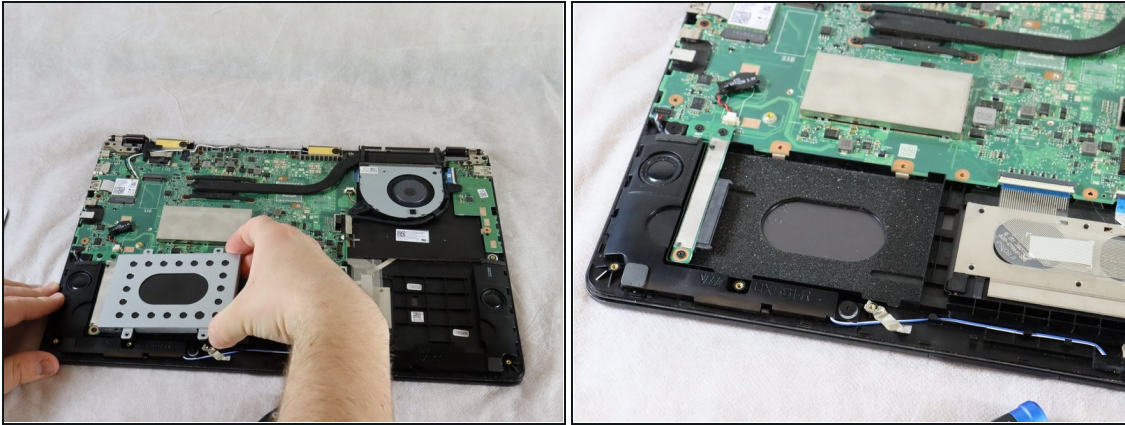
- The hard drive is located to the left of the battery and below the motherboard.

Step 5



- Remove the two 4 mm Phillips #1 screws which are holding the hard drive cover in place.

Step 6



- ① The hard drive cover is now easily accessible.
 - Lift the cover off, exposing the hard drive underneath [this laptop is missing its hard drive].
 - ① If replacing the hard drive, lift it up on the right side slightly and pull it from the connector on the left.
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To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.