# HP Pavilion 15-ab165us Hard Drive Replacement

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# INTRODUCTION

In this guide, you will learn how to remove the hard drive in the HP Pavilion 15-ab165us laptop.

## TOOLS:

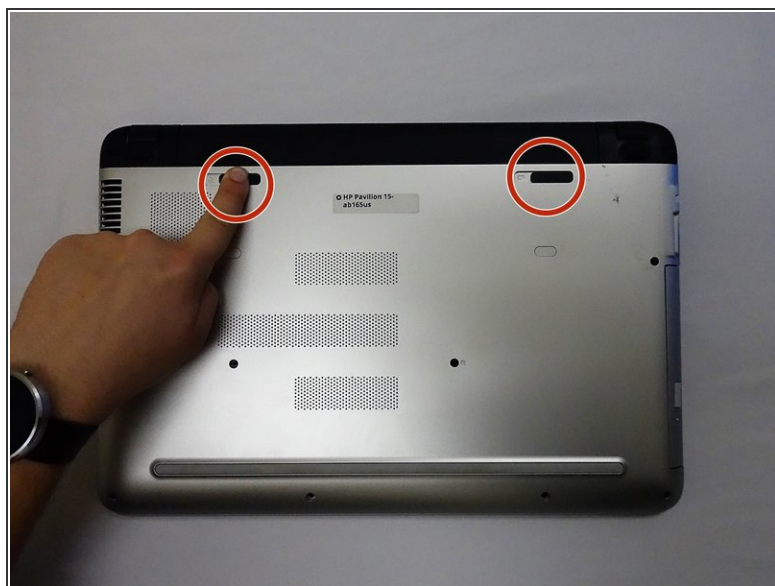- Phillips #1 Screwdriver (1)
- Phillips #00 Screwdriver (1)
- iFixit Opening Tool (1)
- Metal Spudger (1)
- Spudger (1)

## PARTS:

- 1 TB SSD (1)
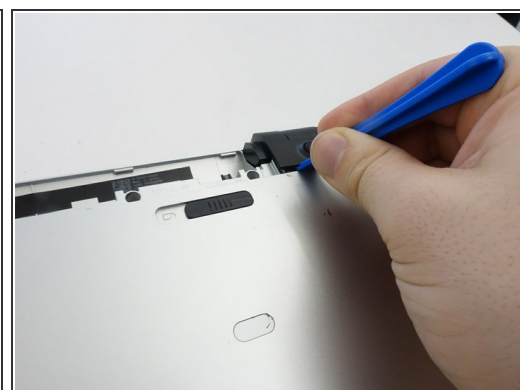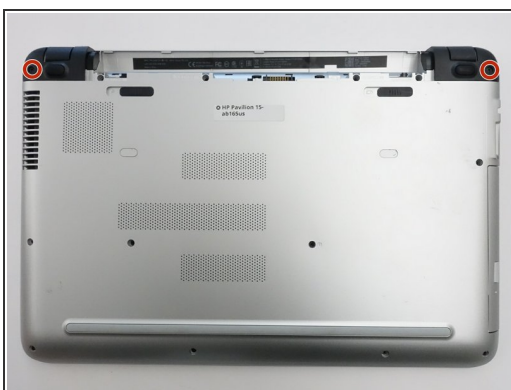- 250 GB SSD (1)
- Crucial MX500 500 GB SSD (1)
- 2 TB SSD (1)

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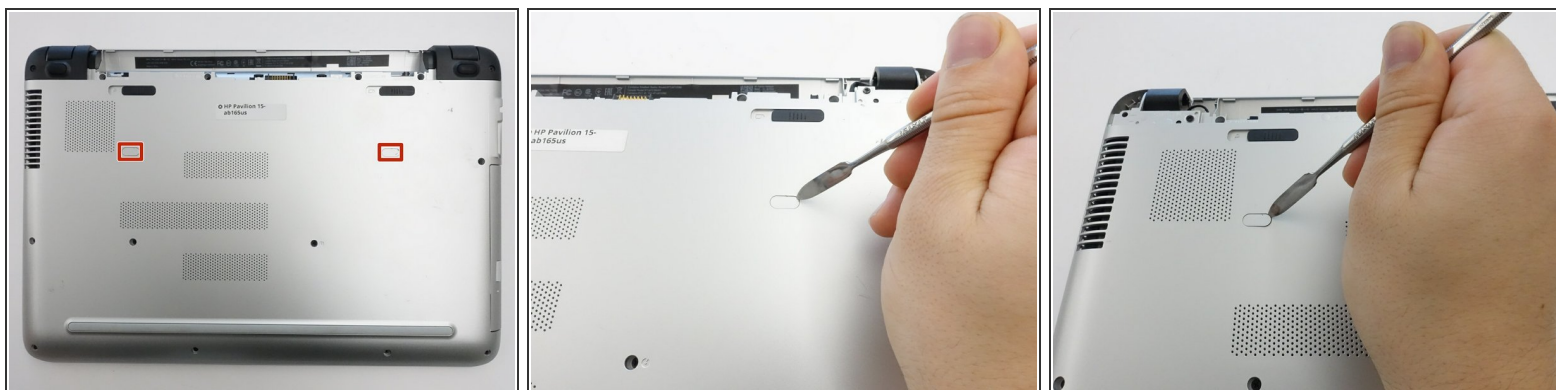www.iFixit.com

## Step 1 — Battery and Back Cover



- Flip the computer over so that the bottom cover is facing you.

- Slide the two locks to the "unlock" position and remove the battery.
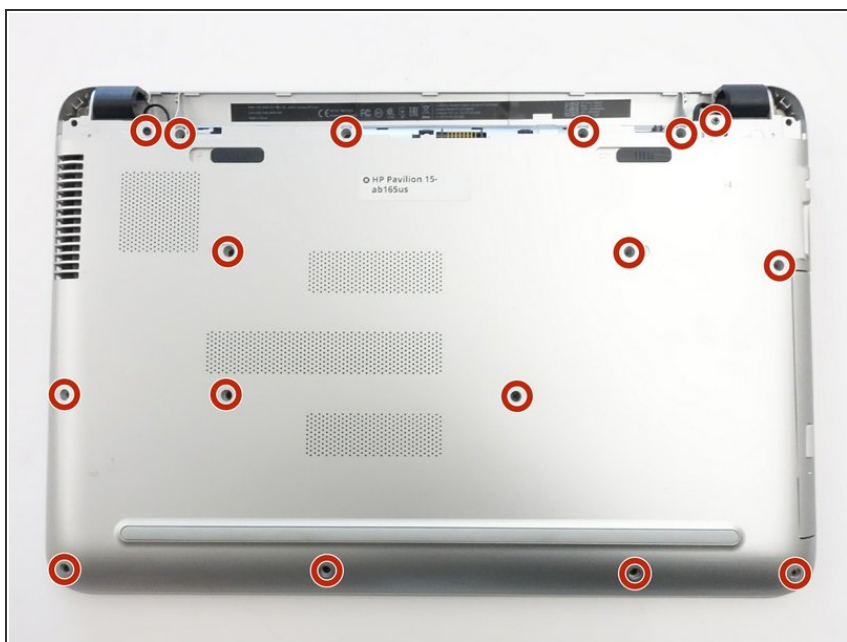
## Step 2



- Remove the two 8mm screws underneath with a Phillips #1 screwdriver.

- Use a plastic opening tool to remove the plastic feet.

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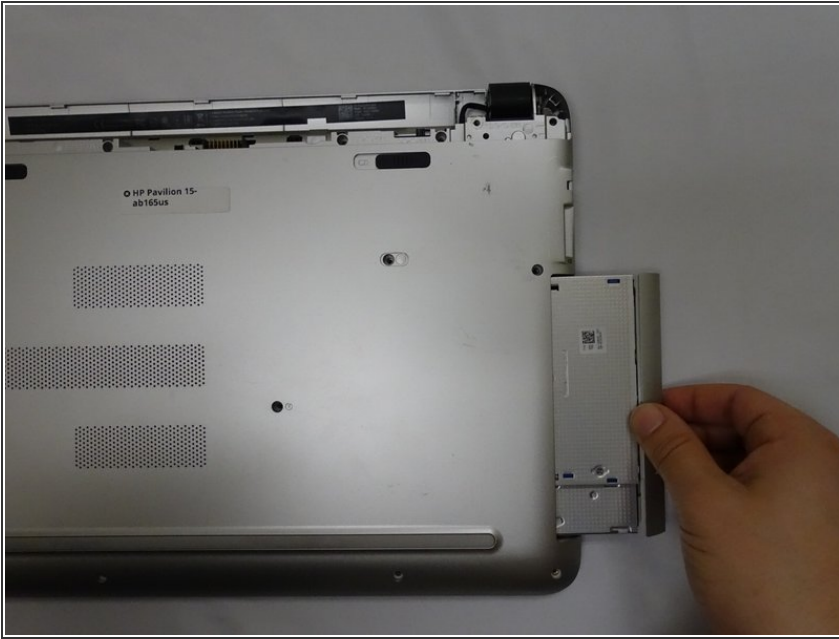
## Step 3



- Remove the two plastic tabs with a metal spudger.

## Step 4



- Remove the sixteen 8mm screws that hold the bottom cover with a Phillips #1 screwdriver.

## Step 5



- Pull the Optical Drive out.

## Step 6



- Remove the 3mm screws that were hidden under the Optical Drive with a Phillips #0 screwdriver.

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## Step 7



- Flip the computer back over.

- Use a plastic opening tool to release the clips holding the keyboard section in place.
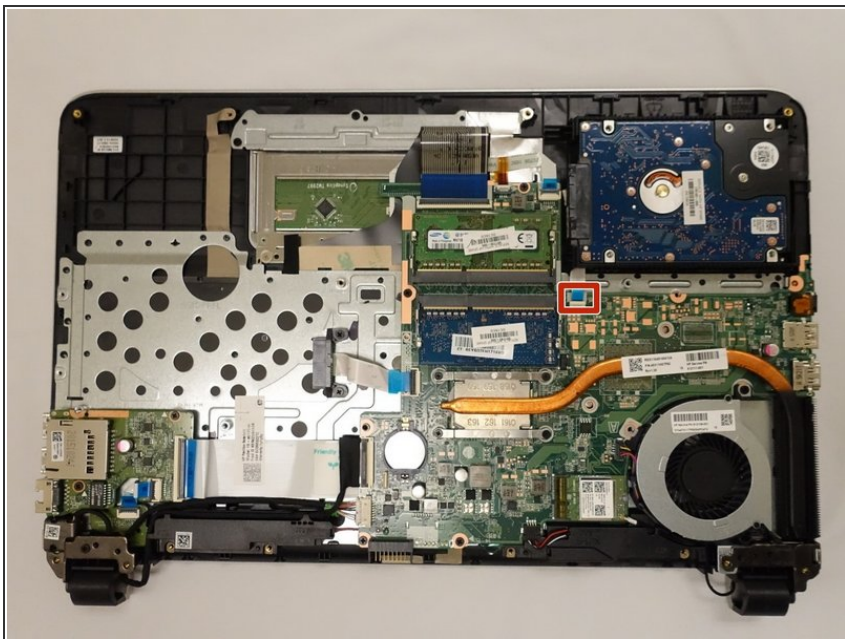
## Step 8



- Close the lid and pull the screen and keyboard section up and away from the disconnected bottom cover.
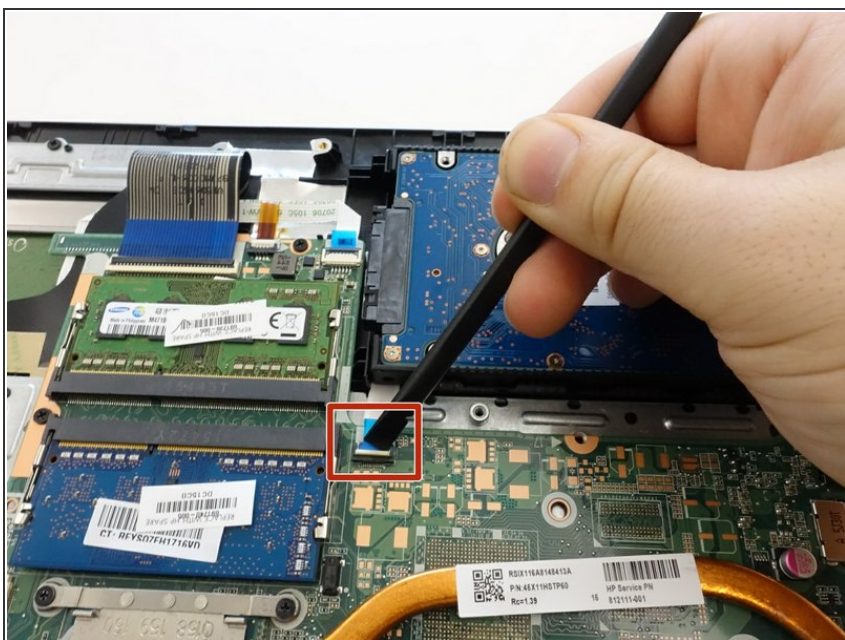
⚠️ The hard drive is NOT screwed into place on the underside of the keyboard section.

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## Step 9 — Hard Drive



- Locate the ribbon cable connecting the hard drive to the motherboard.
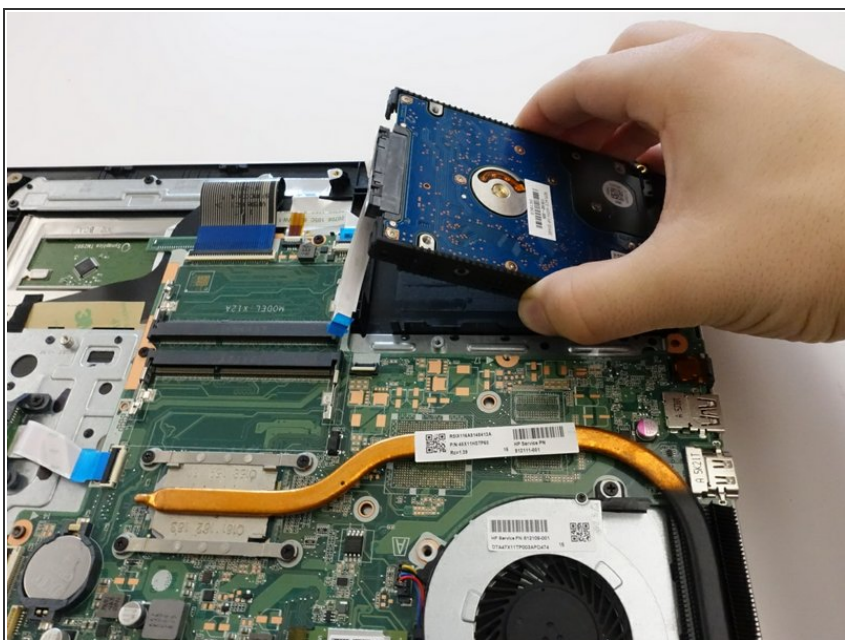
## Step 10



- On the motherboard, lift the white tab up to release the ribbon cable.

## Step 11



- Pull the blue tab up and out from the motherboard to disconnect the ribbon cable.

## Step 12



- Pull the hard drive out of the enclosure.

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

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