

LG Optimus 3D MicroSD/SIM Card Board Replacement

This guide will walk you through the steps to remove and replace the SD/SIM card board.

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INTRODUCTION

The SD/SIM card board houses the SD and SIM cards, and connects them to main circuitry of the phone.

TOOLS:

- Phillips #00 Screwdriver (1)
- Heat Gun (1)
- iFixit Opening Tools (1)
- Spudger (1)

Step 1 — Back Cover Removal



• Pry the back cover off of the phone with your fingernail. There is a notch located at the bottom of the phone for improved leverage.

Step 2 — Battery Removal



- The battery is the large black rectangle towards the bottom half of the phone.
- There is a semi-circular notch at the bottom edge of the battery. Press against and up on the battery to pop it out.

Step 3 — Screw Removal



- Remove 9 screws from the phone. The locations of these screws are circled in the picture.
- 5.5mm length PH00 screws
- 4mm length PH00 screws

Step 4 — Bottom Cover Removal



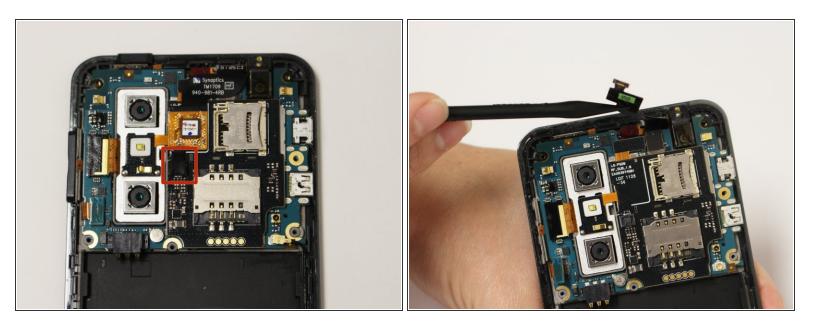
• Gently pull down on the bottom cover to remove it.

Step 5 — Mid-Cover Bezel Removal



- Using a plastic opening tool, gently pry around the perimeter of the device.
- The ribbons behind the buttons and ports are very delicate. Make sure you do not run your plastic opening tool too deep into the bezel, as you could damage them.
- The button covers rest under the Mid-Cover Bezel. Remove them and set aside.

Step 6 — Ribbon Cable Disconnection



 Using a spudger or plastic opening tool, gently disconnect the ribbon cable attached to the black SIM card board.

Step 7 — Adhesive Loosening



- Use a hair-dryer on high, or a heatgun on low to heat the device and loosen the adhesive which holds down the SD/SIM Card Board.
- Evenly heat the device in short intervals for about one minute.
- Do not heat the device for more than 30 seconds at a time to prevent over-heating.

Step 8 — SD/SIM Card Board Removal



- Gently pry the board up to release it from the now soft adhesive. Make sure you pry up the little tab connected to the camera unit as well.
- If the board is too difficult to separate than more heating may be required.

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