



# HP Pavilion 17-f004dx Front Panel Replacement

This guide will show you how to remove your device's front panel.

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## INTRODUCTION

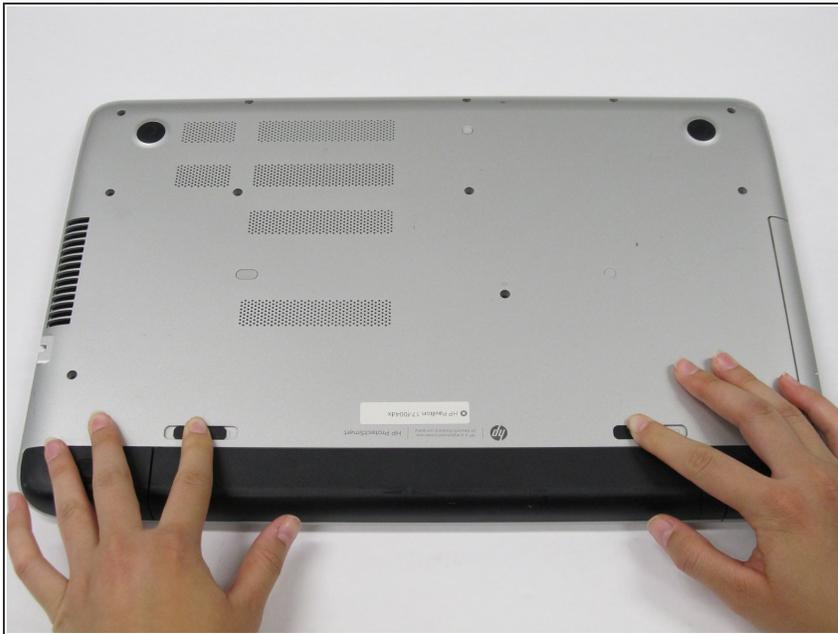
The front panel is removed to access the inner components and is a precursor to RAM, hard drive, keyboard, and screen repair. It is difficult to do because the front panel is very firmly secured and will require a lot of time, strength, and patience to remove.

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### TOOLS:

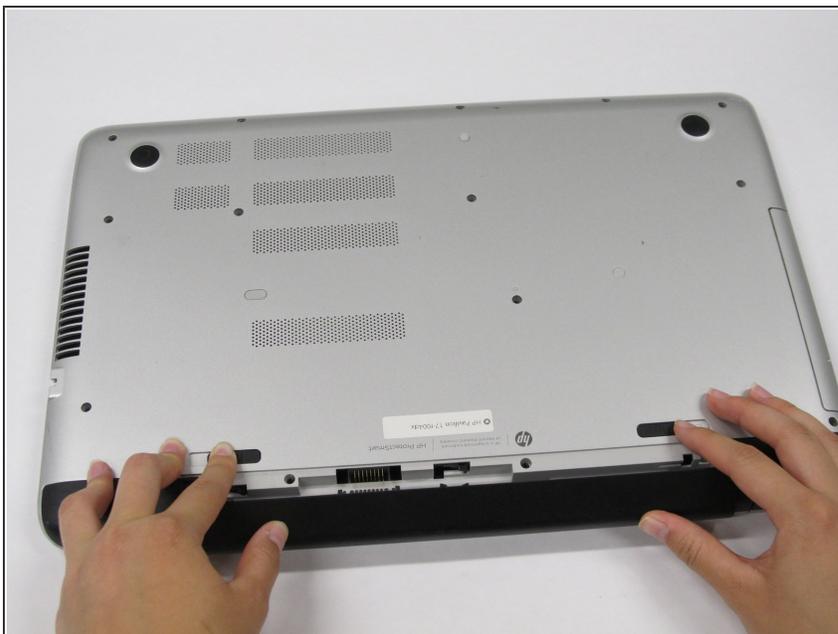
- [Phillips #0 Screwdriver](#) (1)
  - [Phillips #1 Screwdriver](#) (1)
  - [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)
  - [Metal Spudger](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — Battery



- ⚠ Before you remove the battery, make sure the laptop is powered off.
- Slide the black battery latches inward to remove the battery.

## Step 2



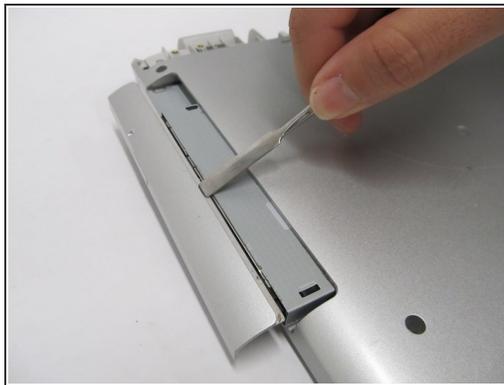
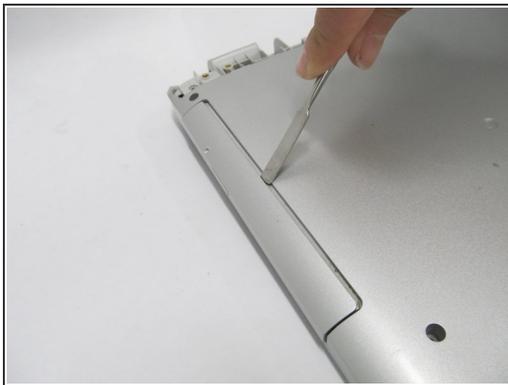
- Pull the battery out towards you while your fingers are still holding the latches in place.

### Step 3 — CD Drive



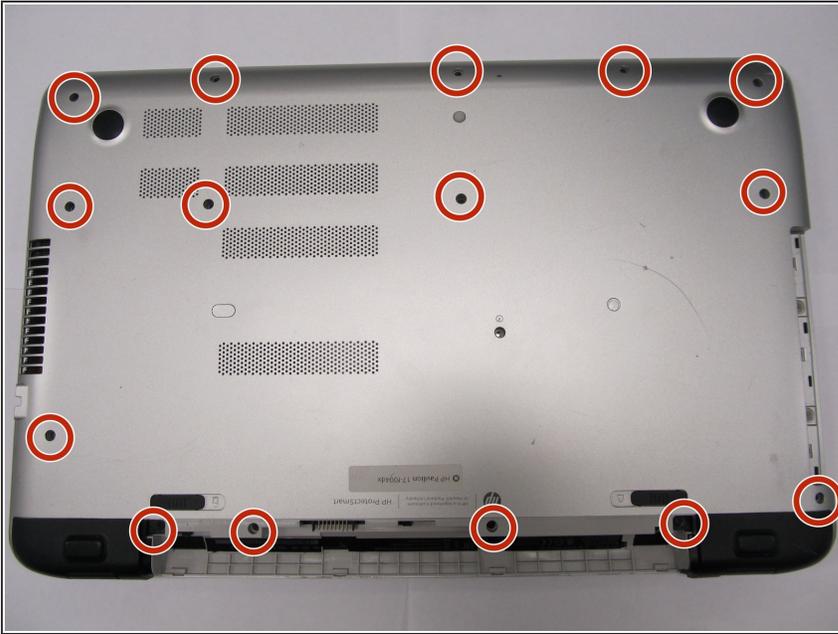
- Remove one 7 mm screw with a Phillips #1 screwdriver.

### Step 4



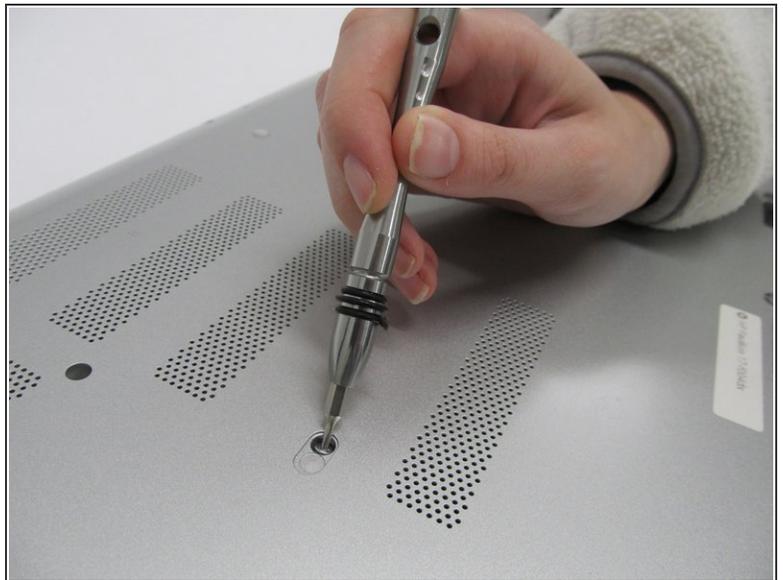
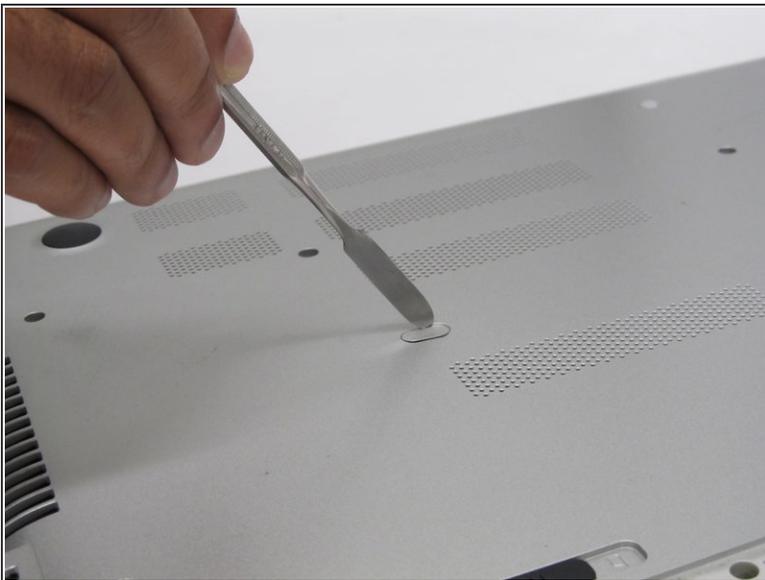
- Use a metal spudger to push the CD drive out of its slot for removal.

## Step 5 — Front Panel



- Remove fifteen 7 mm screws with a Phillips #1 screwdriver.

## Step 6



- Remove the thin plastic cover using the flat metal spudger to expose another screw.
- Remove one 7 mm screw with a Phillips #0 screwdriver.

## Step 7



- Use a metal spudger to remove the rubber "feet" to expose two screws.

## Step 8



- Underneath each rubber foot, there is a screw.
- Use the Phillips #1 screwdriver to remove a 4.8 mm screw on each side.

## Step 9



- Remove the two black end caps to expose more screws.
- ⓘ The end caps will require some force to remove.

## Step 10



- Remove the following six screws with a Phillips #1 screwdriver:
  - Two 7 mm screws.
  - Two 7 mm screws.
  - Two 4.8 mm screws.

## Step 11



- Remove two 2.4 mm broadhead screws from the CD Drive bay with a Phillips #0 screwdriver.

## Step 12



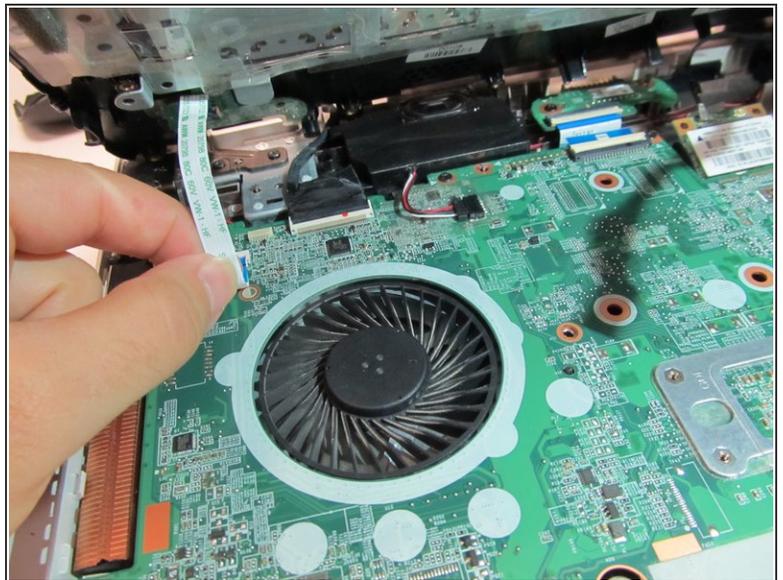
- Flip the laptop back over. Then, with the laptop open, move the plastic prying tool around the top cover to pry it from the enclosure.

## Step 13



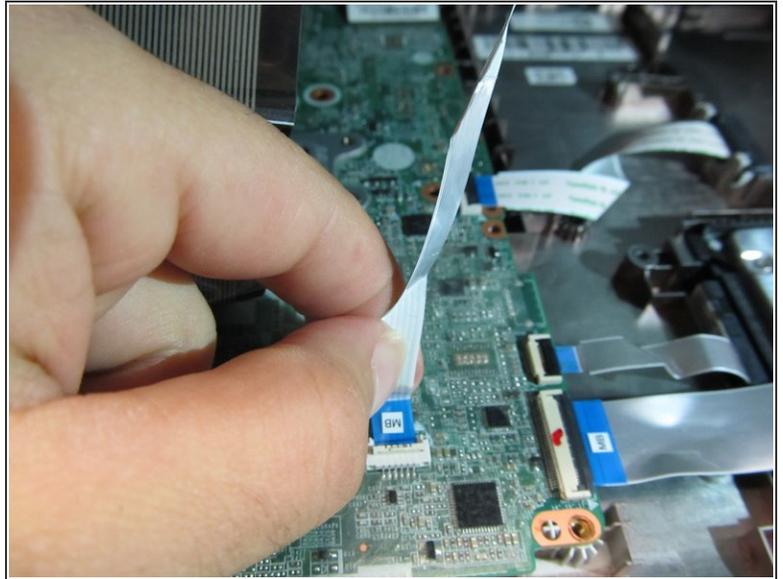
- Partially lift the top cover from the enclosure.

## Step 14



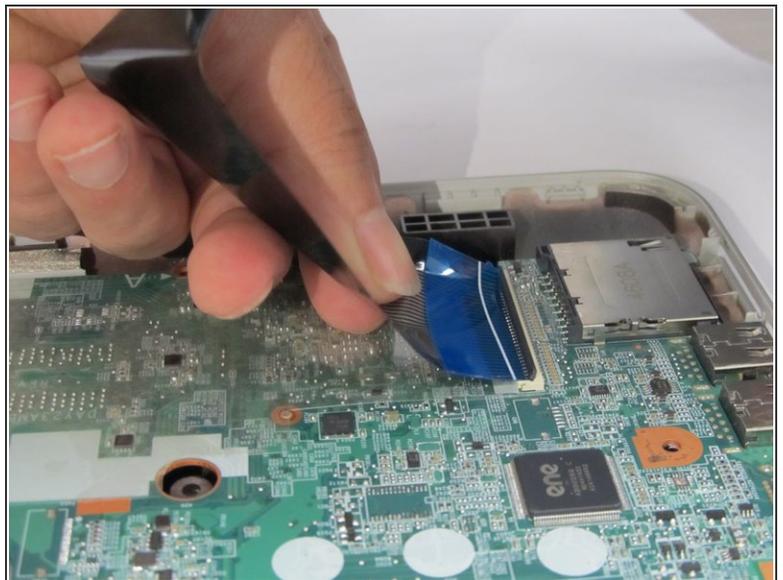
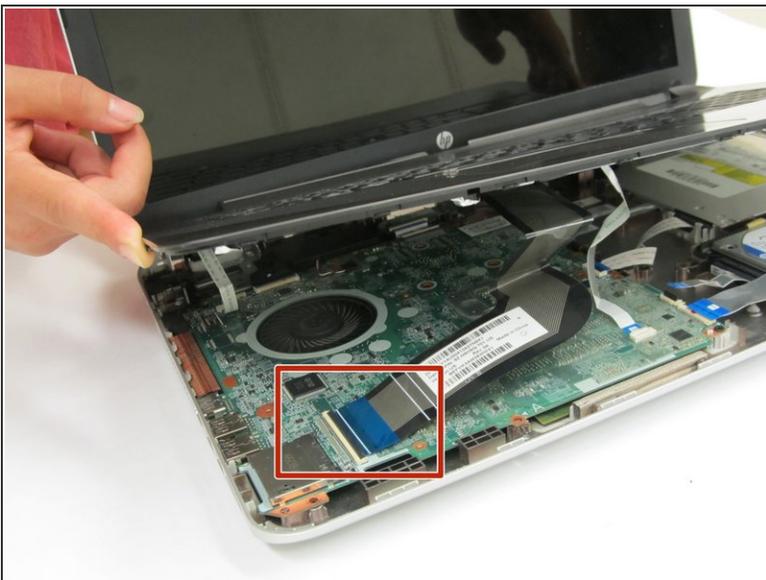
- Remove the ribbon connecting the power button to the motherboard.

## Step 15



- Remove the ribbon connecting the mousepad to the motherboard.

## Step 16



- Remove the ribbon connecting the keyboard to the motherboard.
- You may now fully lift the front panel from the rest of the laptop.

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