



IBM ThinkPad A31 Keyboard Replacement

This guide will show how to remove and replace the keyboard

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TOOLS:

- [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)
- [Phillips #1 Screwdriver](#) (1)


Step 1 — Battery



- Flip the ThinkPad over so that it is upside down.
- Push latch switch to the left.
- Gently lift the battery out and away from the ThinkPad
- ⓘ You have to hold the latch to the left while you remove the battery. Simply pushing once will not unlock the battery

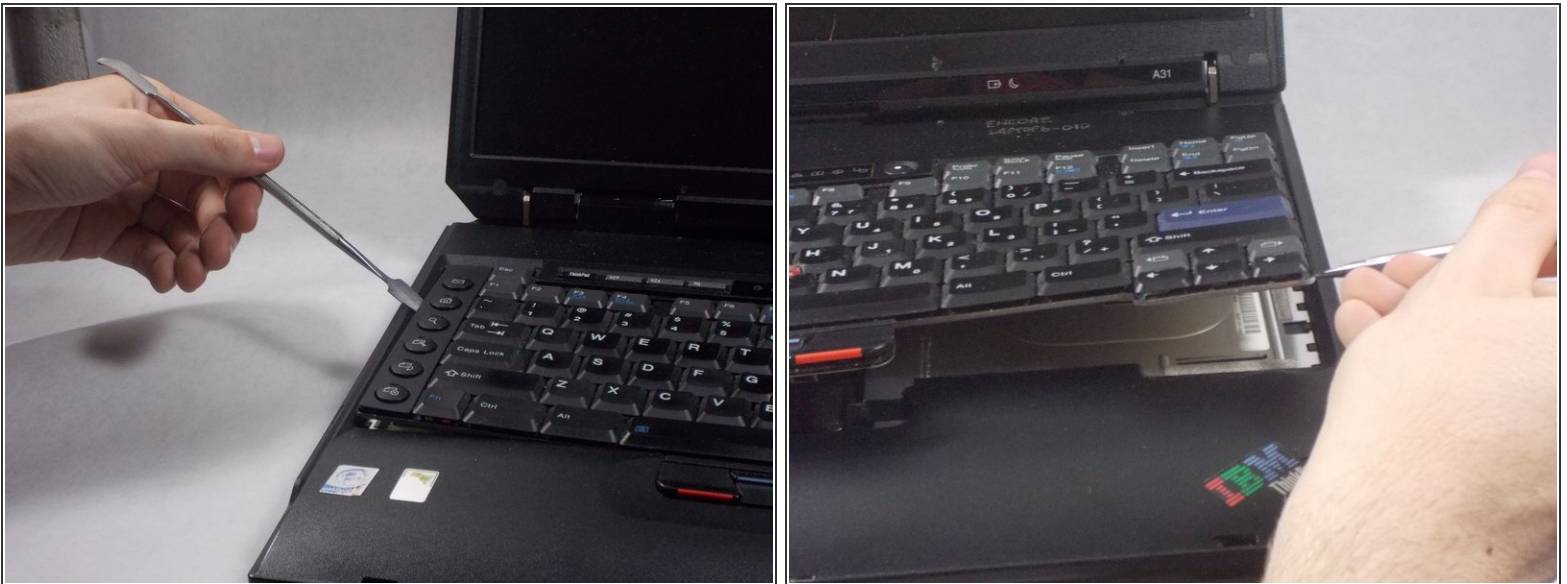
Step 2 — Keyboard



 The sticker is to keep the warranty on the laptop so once removed the warranty is void

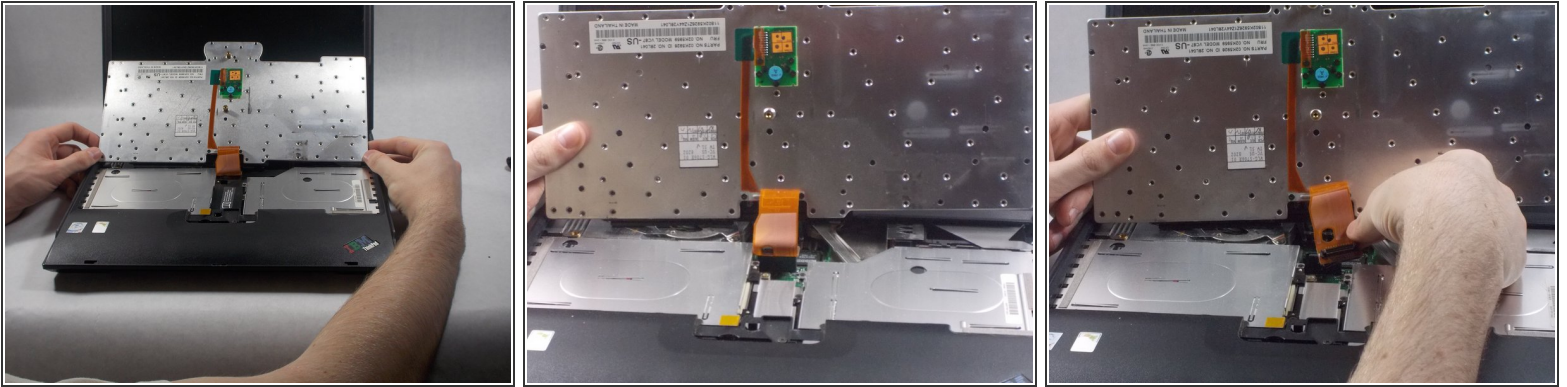
- Peel the sticker and remove the 15mm screw
- Remove all 6 of the 16mm screws

Step 3



- use a prying tool and insert it on the cracks on the sides of the keyboard and lift gently until you here a click
- repeat this step on all sides of the keyboard until the keyboard is completely detached from the laptop

Step 4



- Lift the keyboard and remove the keyboard ribbon cable from the laptop

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