Smoke Detector Teardown

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INTRODUCTION

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TOOLS:

- Soldering Workstation (1)
- Desoldering Braid (1)

PARTS:

- 2.5 mm Flathead Screwdriver (1)

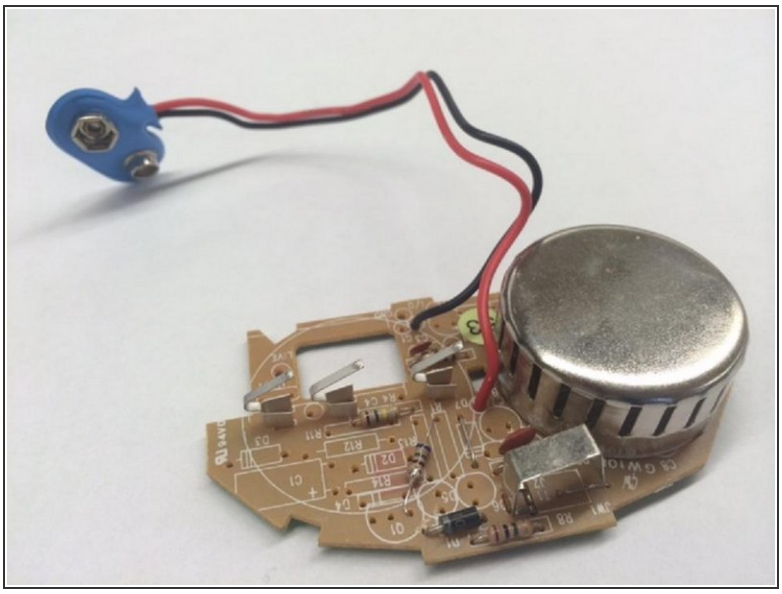
Step 1 — Smoke Detector Teardown

- Use a screwdriver to pry open the plastic enclosure. It might be easier to push the buzzer through the hole, if you need extra leverage.

Step 2

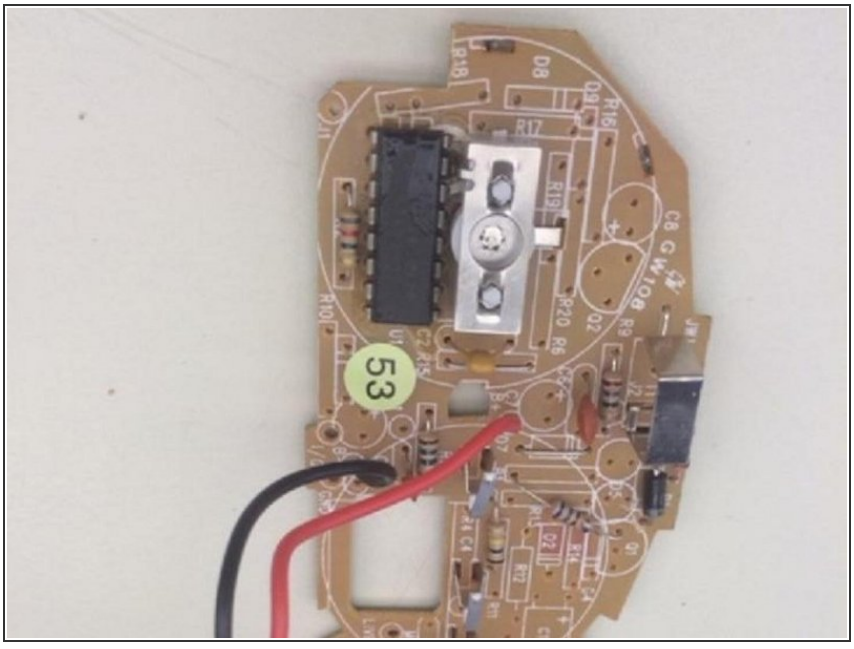
- The buzzer is unhooked from the PCB board, by hands.

Step 3



- This is the circuit for the smoke detector. It is powered by a 9V battery. The 3 metal leafs are contacts for the buzzer and the bigger leaf is for the test button.

Step 4



⚠ The metal cap is removed to reveal a, MC145017, driver chip and americium sensor. Do not remove americium from the sensor!

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

