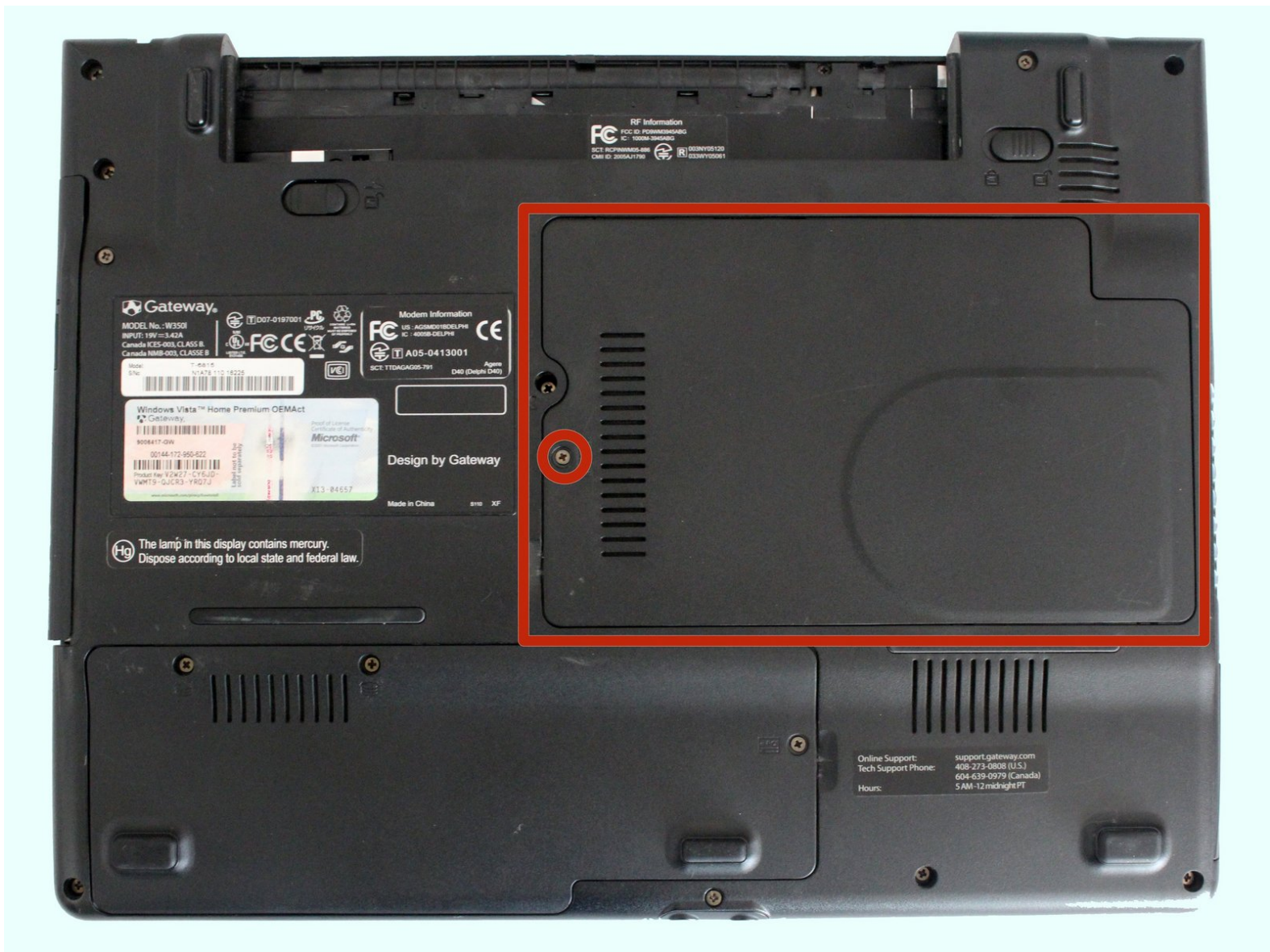




Gateway W350I Heatsink Fan Replacement

If you have a broken heatsink fan, use this step-by-step guide to explain how to replace the heatsink fan in your Gateway W350I laptop.

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INTRODUCTION

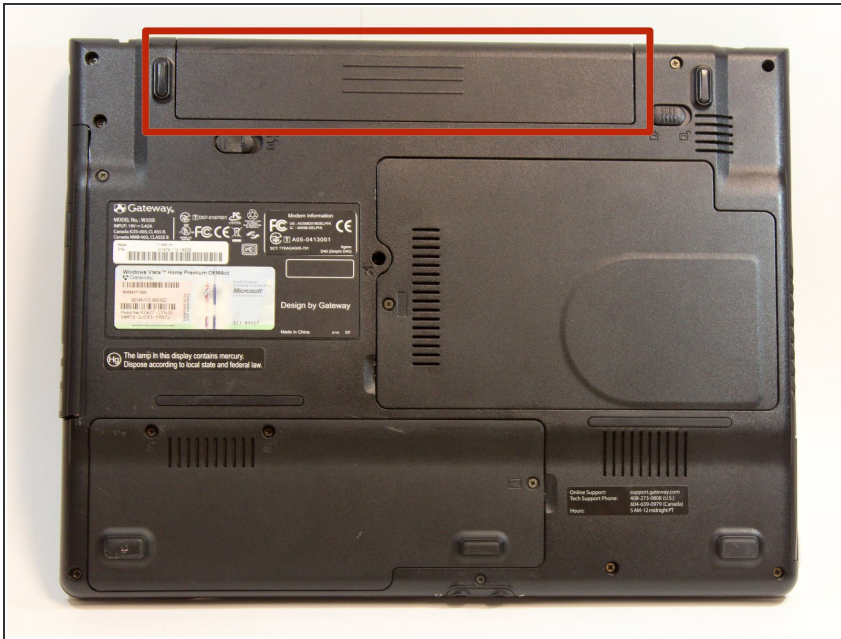
This repair will be needed in circumstances where the heatsink fan is not turning on and causing the computer to power itself down. Replacing the heatsink fan with a new one should correct the overheating power downs.



TOOLS:

- [Small Phillips Head Screwdriver](#) (1)
 - [Tweezers](#) (1)
 - [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Battery Access



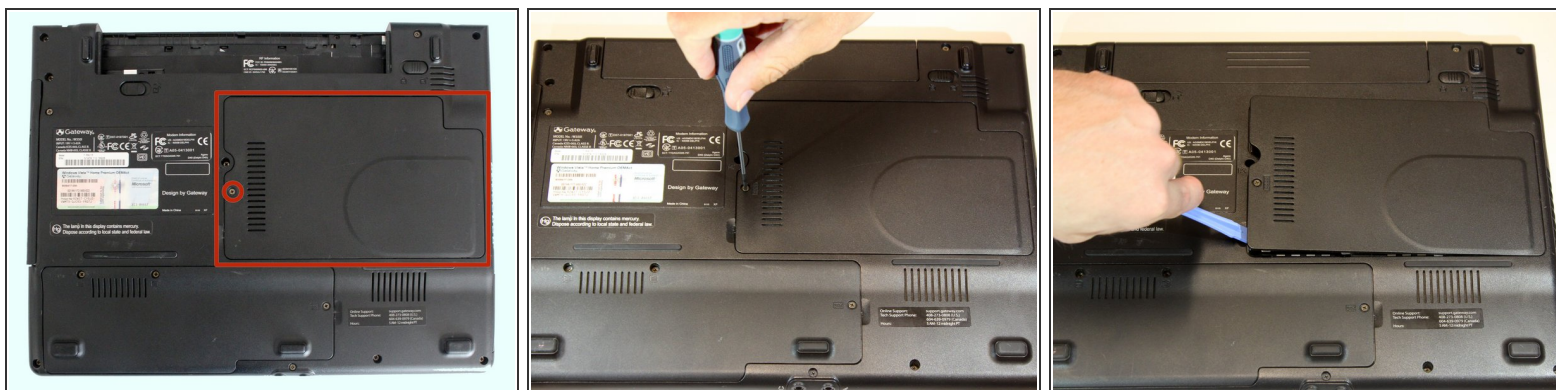
- Turn the laptop upside down and position it as shown in the image.

Step 2 — Unlocking the Battery



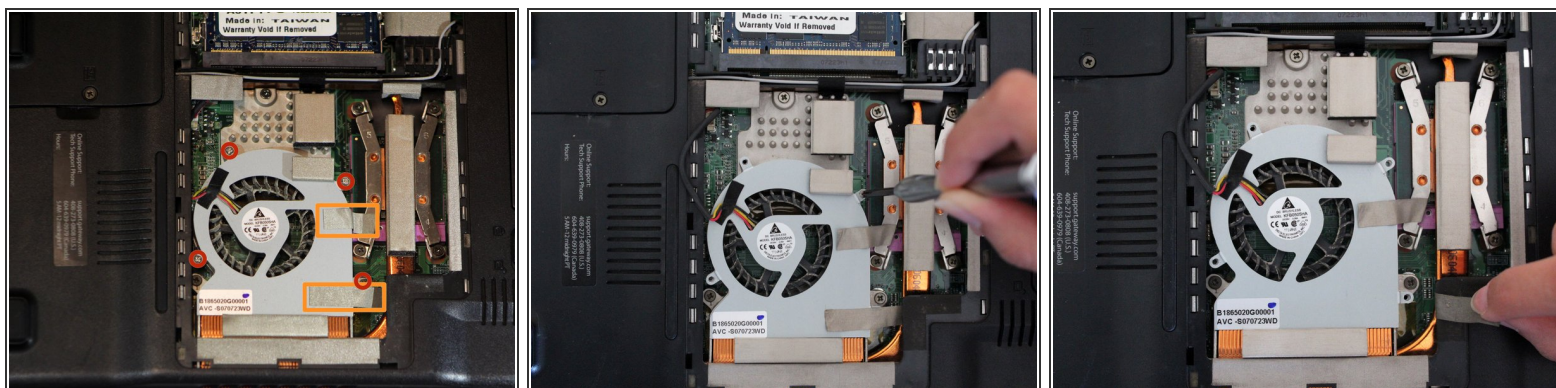
- Slide the locking switch towards the open lock picture.
- Hold the release switch in the unlocked position while simultaneously pushing the battery away from the laptop.
- Once the laptop is disengaged, completely remove the battery from the laptop.

Step 3 — Remove Bottom Cover



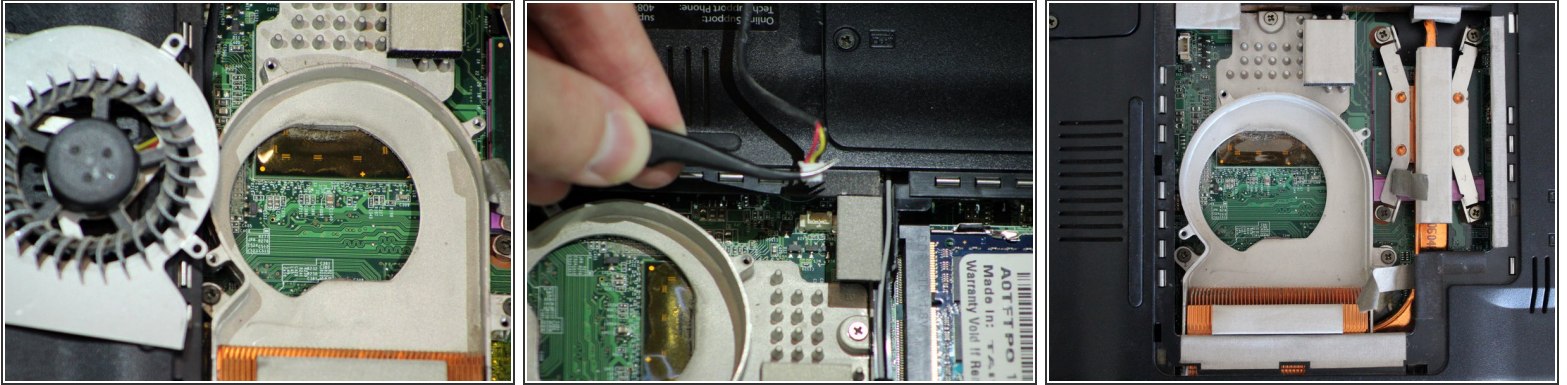
- Remove the single 3mm Phillips #0 screw holding on the plastic cover.
- Use a plastic opening tool to gently pry off the plastic cover.

Step 4 — Remove Screws & Tape



- Remove all four 3mm Phillips #0 screws holding in the fan.
- Remove the tape from the top of the fan

Step 5 — Removing Heat-Sink Fan



- Gently remove the fan from the metal housing.
- Disconnect the cable with tweezers.

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