



# Xbox 360 Preventative Maintenance

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# INTRODUCTION

The Xbox 360 is getting old, and with that more problems will start to happen to these aging systems. This guide outlines preventative maintenance you can do to extend the life of your Xbox 360, from least difficult to most.



## PARTS:

- [Xbox 360 Drive Belt](#) (1)
  - [Isopropyl Alcohol \(90% or Greater\)](#) (1)
  - [Paper Towels](#) (1)
  - [Compressed Air](#) (1)
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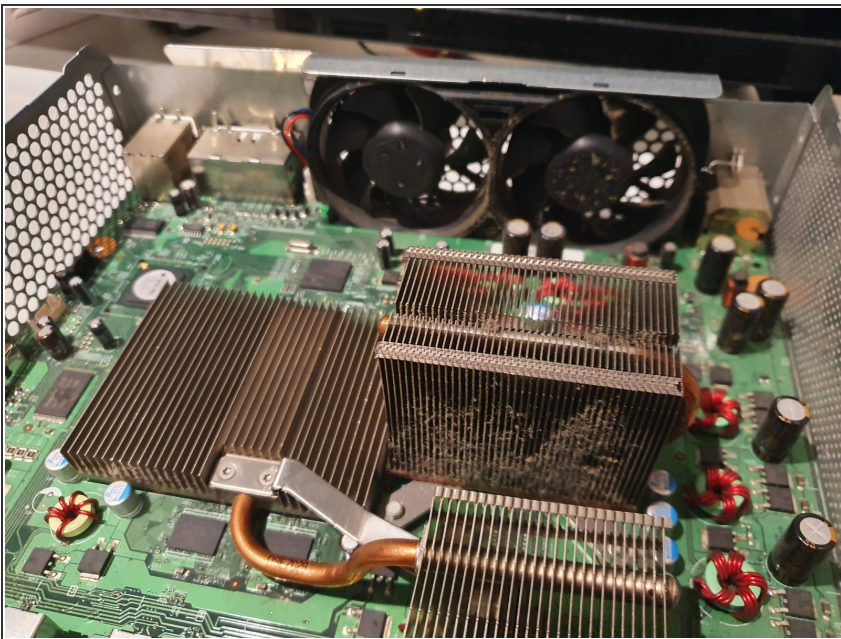


## Step 1 — Replace the DVD drive belt



- The DVD drive belt, which allows the DVD drive to open when the motor spins, stretches and becomes misshapen over time, eventually stopping the drive from opening.
- With how old the Xbox 360 is now, it may not be long before your drive belt stretches and becomes misshapen.
- Follow [this guide](#) to replace it.

## Step 2 — Clean your Xbox 360



- All electronics with a fan (or even without one) collect dust over time.
- This dust can eventually clog the heatsinks and/or fans, causing your Xbox 360 to be noisy or overheat.
- Follow [this guide](#) up to (and including) step 35. Clean the fans, motherboard, and all of the casing with high purity (90+%) isopropyl alcohol, and blow out the dust from the heat sinks with compressed air. Then reassemble your Xbox 360.