



MacBook Unibody Model A1278 Hard Drive Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

When replacing your hard drive, you must transfer the Torx screws from the old drive to the new one.

TOOLS:

- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Spudger](#) (1)
- [T6 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)

PARTS:

- [MacBook and MacBook Pro \(Non-Retina\) SSD Upgrade Bundle](#) (1)
- [250 GB SSD](#) (1)
- [500 GB SSD](#) (1)
- [1 TB SSD](#) (1)
- [500 GB SSD Hybrid 2.5" Hard Drive](#) (1)
- [500 GB 5400 RPM 2.5" Hard Drive](#) (1)
- [1 TB 5400 RPM 2.5" Hard Drive](#) (1)
- [MacBook Unibody \(Model No. A1278\) Hard Drive Bracket](#) (1)
- [Universal Drive Adapter](#) (1)

Step 1 — Access Door



- With the case closed, place the Unibody top-side down on a flat surface.
- Depress the grooved side of the access door release latch enough to grab the free end. Lift the release latch until it is vertical.

Step 2



- The access door should now be raised enough to lift it up and out of the Unibody.

Step 3 — Battery



- ⓘ Be sure the access door release latch is vertical before proceeding.
- Grab the white plastic tab and pull the battery up and out of the Unibody.

Step 4 — Hard Drive



- Remove the single Phillips screw securing the hard drive bracket to the upper case.
- ★ This screw is captive to the hard drive bracket.

Step 5



- Lift the hard drive by its pull tab enough to grab and remove the retaining bracket.
- Lift the hard drive out of the chassis, minding the cable attaching it to the computer.

Step 6



- Remove the hard drive from its cable by pulling the cable connector straight away from the drive.
- Hard drive remains.

Step 7 — Hard Drive



- Remove the two T6 Torx screws from each side of the hard drive (four screws total).
- ⓘ You'll need to transfer these screws to your new hard drive if you're changing drives.
- ⓘ If you are installing a new hard drive, we have an [OS X install guide](#) to get you up and running.

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