



Installing Motorola Droid Motherboard

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Tools used in this guide

- [Spudger](#) (1)
- [T5 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)

Follow this guide to replace your Droid's broken or malfunctioning motherboard.



Step 1 — Battery

- Slide the battery cover downwards while applying pressure to the center of the battery cover with your thumb.
- Lift and remove the battery cover out from the phone.



Step 2

- Grasp the upper left corner of the battery and lift it out of its housing.



Step 3 — Rear Case

- Use a spudger to lift and remove the black plastic screw cover at the top of the phone near the camera.
- The cover is attached by adhesive, so some force may be required.



Step 4

- Using the tip of a spudger, peel up one corner of the gold ribbon beneath the battery compartment.
- Peel the ribbon up off the phone.



Step 5

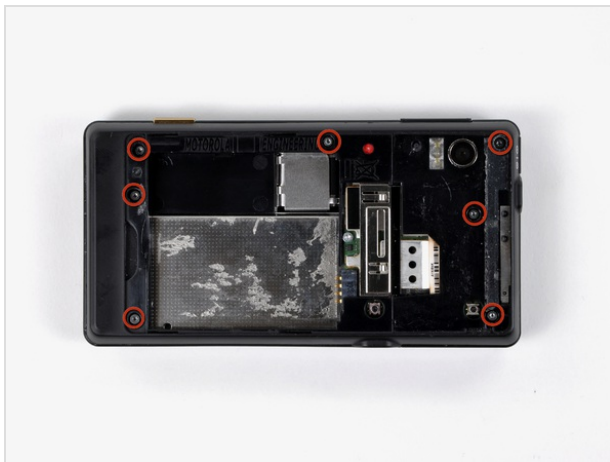
- Carefully peel the device information label that covers the motherboard EMI shields.
- This label contains important information specific to the phone. Remove it with care and keep it in a safe place.





Step 6

- Insert the flat end of a spudger and pry the plastic camera cover up off the phone.
- The thin plastic cover is attached to the phone with an adhesive. Work slowly and carefully.



Step 7

- Remove the seven 5.5 mm T5 Torx screws securing the rear case to the inner case.



Step 8

- Insert the flat end of a spudger and pry downwards to release the plastic tab holding the rear case to the motherboard screw.



Step 9

- Gently insert a spudger between the rear case and front case at the top of the phone, near the audio jack.
- Carefully pry the top edge of the rear case up from the rest of the phone.



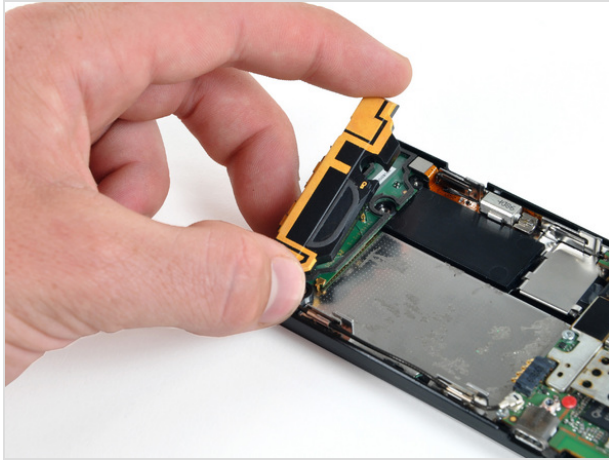
Step 10

- With the spudger still inserted between the rear case and front case, slide the spudger along the right edge of the device, moving toward the bottom, prying as you go.
- Continue prying along the bottom edge of the device from right to left, freeing it from the front panel.



Step 11

- Continue prying the rear case from the front case along the left side, moving from bottom to top.
- Lift the rear case up out of the phone.



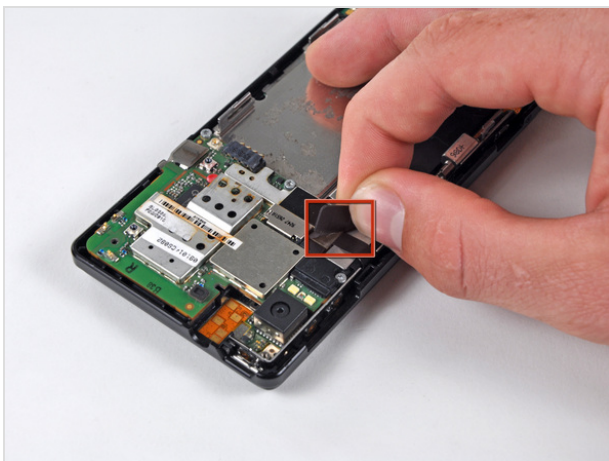
Step 12 — Speaker

- Carefully lift and remove the speaker assembly up out of the phone.



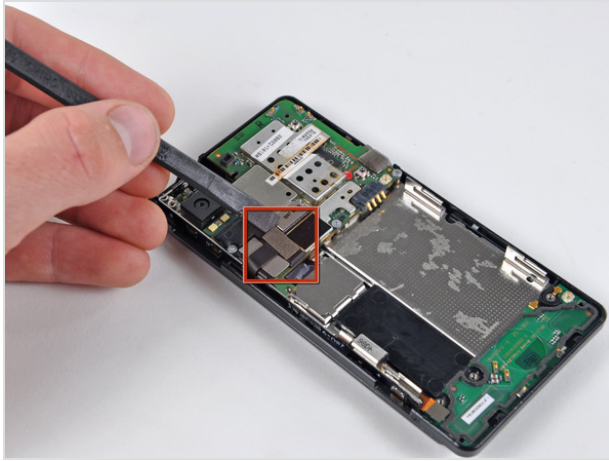
Step 13 — Motherboard

- Use a spudger to pry the antenna cable connectors from their respective sockets on the motherboard and the speaker/antenna board.
- De-route the antenna cable by pulling it out of the metal clips along the side of the front case.



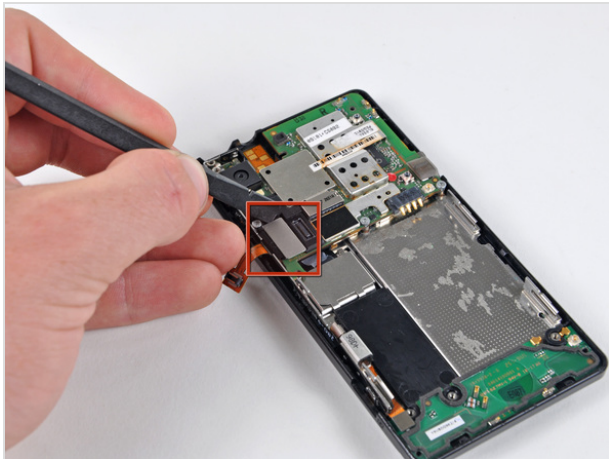
Step 14

- Peel the black tape covering the side button and display ribbon connectors on the motherboard.



Step 15

- Disconnect the power button/volume button connector from its socket on the motherboard using the flat end of a spudger.



Step 16

- Disconnect the display ribbon connector from its socket on the motherboard using the flat end of a spudger.



Step 17

- Remove three 3.8 mm T5 Torx screws securing the motherboard to the front case.
- Don't attempt to remove the motherboard yet, it is still attached by the keypad ribbon connector.





Step 18

- Carefully lift the motherboard from the front case and lay it next to the Droid, minding the keypad connector that is still attached.
- Disconnect the keypad connector by prying it straight up off its socket on the motherboard.
- Remove the motherboard from the phone.



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

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