



Installing MacBook Pro 17" Models A1151 A1212 A1229 and A1261 AirPort Extreme

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Tools used in this guide

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

Parts relevant to this guide

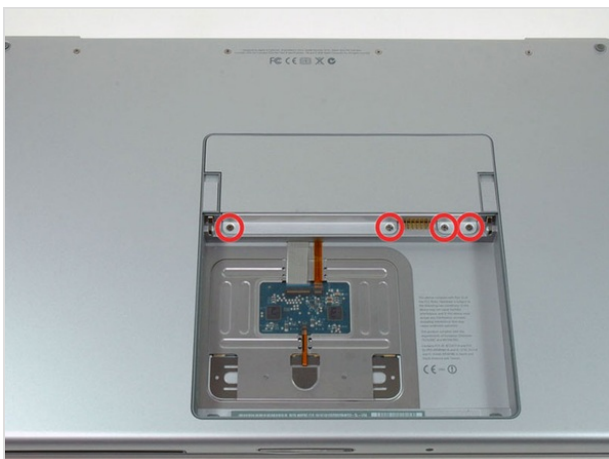
- [MacBook 802.11g Airport Extreme Card](#) (1)
- [MacBook 802.11n Airport Extreme Card](#) (1)

Install an AirPort Extreme 802.11g card internally.



Step 1 — Battery

- Use your fingers to push both battery release tabs away from the battery and lift the battery out of the computer.



Step 2 — RAM Shield

- Remove the four identical Phillips screws from the memory door.



Step 3

- Lift the memory door up enough to get a grip on it, and slide it toward you, pulling it away from the casing.



Step 4 — Upper Case

- Remove the three Phillips screws in the battery compartment near the latch. Apple was nice enough to tilt these screws at a slight angle to make them easier to remove.



Step 5

- Remove the following six screws:
 - Two T6 Torx screws on either side of the RAM slot.
 - Four Phillips screws along the hinge.



Step 6

- Remove the four Phillips screws on the port side of the computer.



Step 7

- Rotate the computer 90 degrees and remove the two Phillips screws from the rear of the computer.




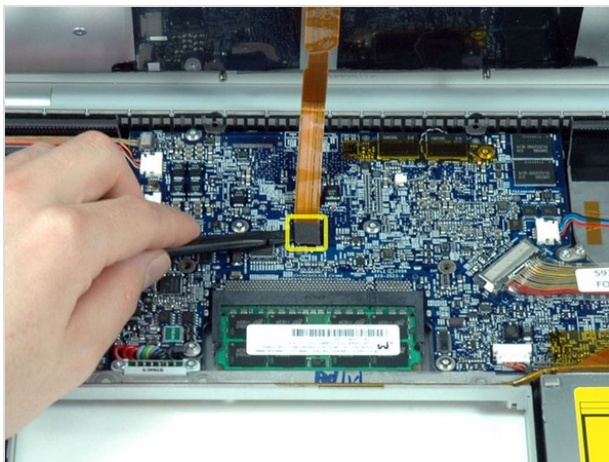
Step 8

- Rotate the computer 90 degrees again and remove the four Phillips screws from the side of the computer.



Step 9

- Do not yank the upper case off quickly. The case is attached to the logic board via a ribbon cable. 
- Lift up the back of the case and work your fingers along the sides, freeing the case as you go. Once you have freed the sides, you may need to rock the case up and down to free the front of the upper case.





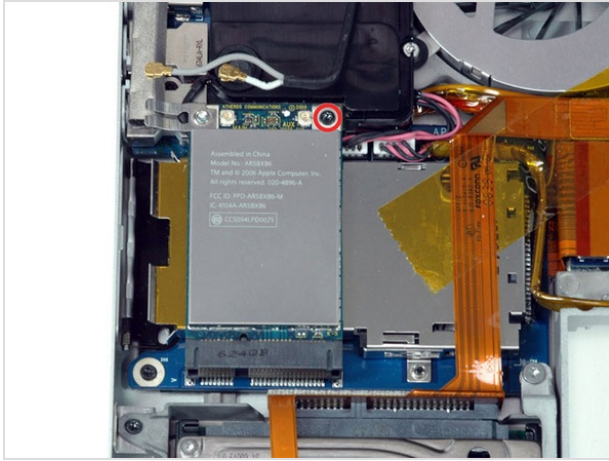
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- Disconnect the trackpad and keyboard ribbon cable from the logic board.
- Remove the upper case.



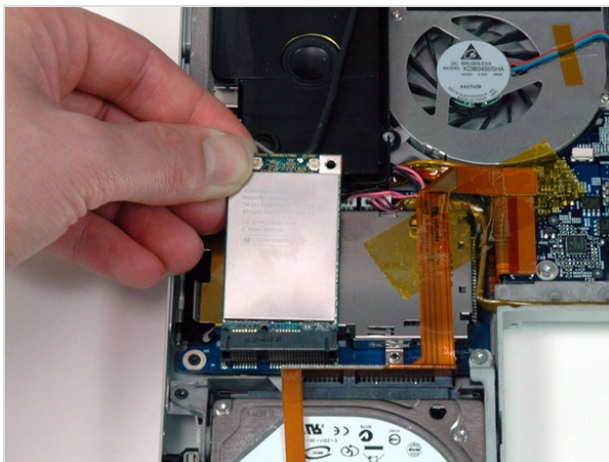
Step 11 — AirPort Extreme

- Disconnect the two antenna cables attached to the AirPort Extreme card.
- The cable with the gray shielding attaches to the left side connector, while the cable with the white shielding attaches to the right side. 
- If you have a MacBook Pro 17" Model A1229 or A1212, there are three antenna cables attached to the AirPort Extreme card instead of two. 



Step 12

- Remove the single black T6 Torx screw from the top right corner of the AirPort Extreme card.



Step 13

- Lift the AirPort Extreme card up and slide it out of its connector.

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

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