



iPad Mini CDMA LCD Assembly Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

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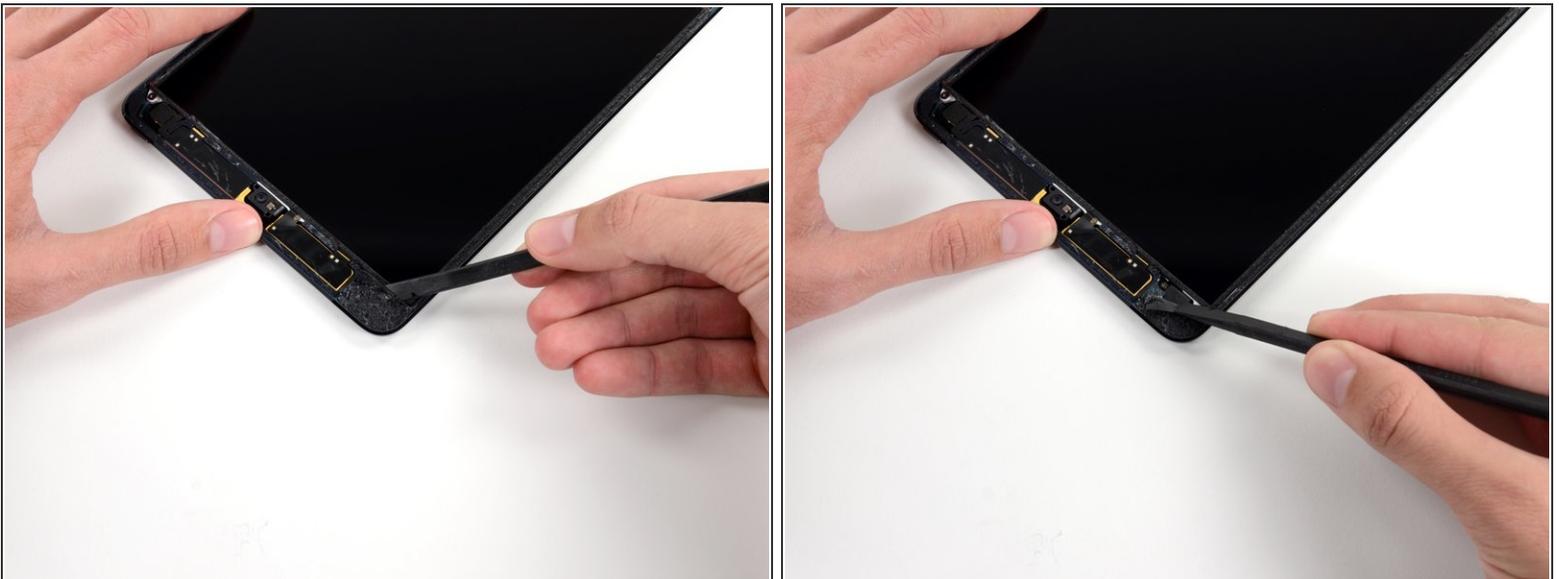
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Step 1 — LCD Assembly



- ⓘ Small pieces of foam tape cover the top and bottom right-hand screws securing the LCD to the rear case.
- Use tweezers to peel up and remove the rectangular piece of foam tape covering the top right LCD screw.
- Remove the triangular tape covering the lower right LCD screw.

Step 2



- ⓘ The top left LCD screw may be covered by adhesive tape from the front panel.
- If the tape is present, use the flat end of a spudger to pry the tape up and away, exposing the LCD screw beneath.

Step 3



- Remove the four 3.9 mm Phillips #000 screws securing the LCD to the rear case.

Step 4



- Use a pair of tweezers to peel up the small piece of tape connecting the LCD frame to the right speaker.

Step 5



i A thin strip of foam tape on the LCD frame is covering a piece of tape connecting the LCD to the panel beneath it. To proceed, you'll have to break and peel up some of the foam tape to expose the tape hidden beneath.

- Use a pair of thin tweezers to pull up the top of the foam tape surrounding the LCD.
 - ⚠** Be careful not to touch the LCD with the tweezers, as you may damage the display.
- Use the tweezers to peel the foam tape up to expose the top of the LCD.

Step 6



- Insert the tip of a spudger between the LCD frame and the tape on the top of the LCD.
- Slide the spudger along the space between the LCD frame and tape, separating the tape from the LCD frame.

Step 7



- i** The LCD is glued to the metal LCD shield plate behind it along the top, left, and right edges. In order to safely loosen this adhesive, you'll be using a guitar pick to shift the LCD a couple of millimeters left and right several times.
- Insert a guitar pick into the gap between the LCD and rear case, near the top of the left side of the LCD.
 - Bend the pick slightly away from the iPad, just enough to spread the gap between the LCD and rear case.

Step 8



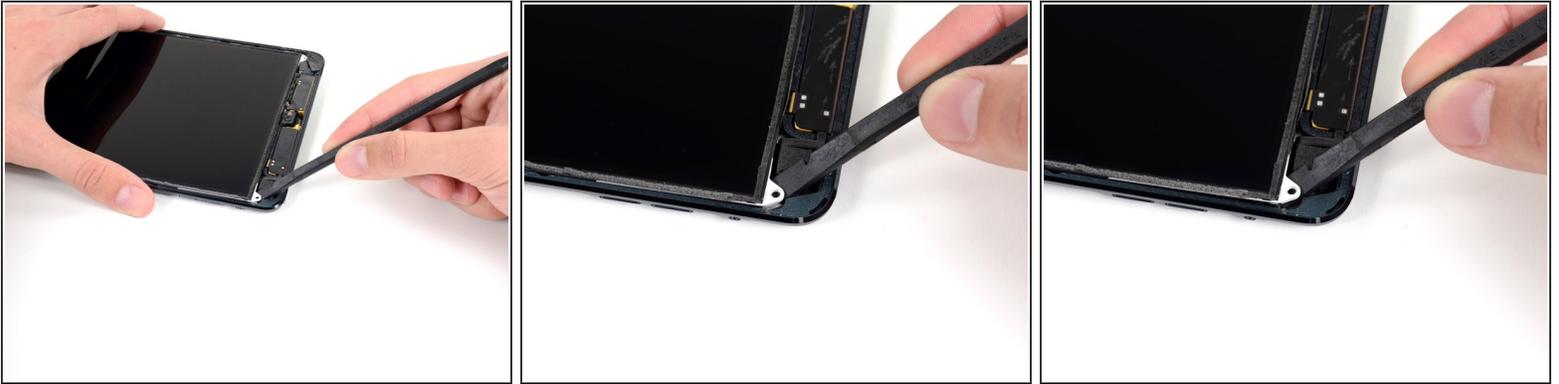
- Insert the guitar pick into three more locations down the left side of the LCD and bend it over in each location, to slide the LCD over to the right side of the rear case.

Step 9



- Now switch to the right side of the LCD, and pry with the guitar pick in several places along the side to shift the LCD back to the left.
- ⓘ Repeat this and the previous step a few times, until the LCD is easily moved left and right.

Step 10



i In the next few steps, you'll be sliding a spudger between the LCD and the metal backing plate to fully separate the LCD from the adhesive beneath.

- Insert the flat end of a spudger between the LCD frame and the metal backing plate.

! Be sure to get the spudger between the LCD frame and backing plate, and not beneath the plate. Prying up on the plate will damage it, because it is screwed down to the rear case beneath the LCD.

Step 11



- Starting at the top right of the device, slide the spudger in between the LCD frame and metal backing plate, which will separate the adhesive as you push.

i The goal is to separate the adhesive, not to pry the LCD up, so keep the pointed tip of the spudger as low as possible to prevent bending the LCD.

! If inserting the spudger causes the corner of the LCD to bend up, repeat the steps with the guitar pick to further loosen the adhesive.

Step 12



- Repeat the previous procedure along the top of the LCD.
- Insert the flat end of the spudger between the LCD frame and metal backing plate and gently push the spudger in across the top of the device, separating adhesive.

Step 13



- Continue with the left side of the LCD: insert the flat end of the spudger between the LCD and shield plate and insert the spudger as far as it will go.
- ⓘ At this point the LCD should be loosened from the adhesive holding it. If it is not, re-insert the spudger on the right side or top to fully free the LCD.

Step 14



- Lift the LCD up a couple inches from the rear case to ensure it's free from the adhesive.

Step 15



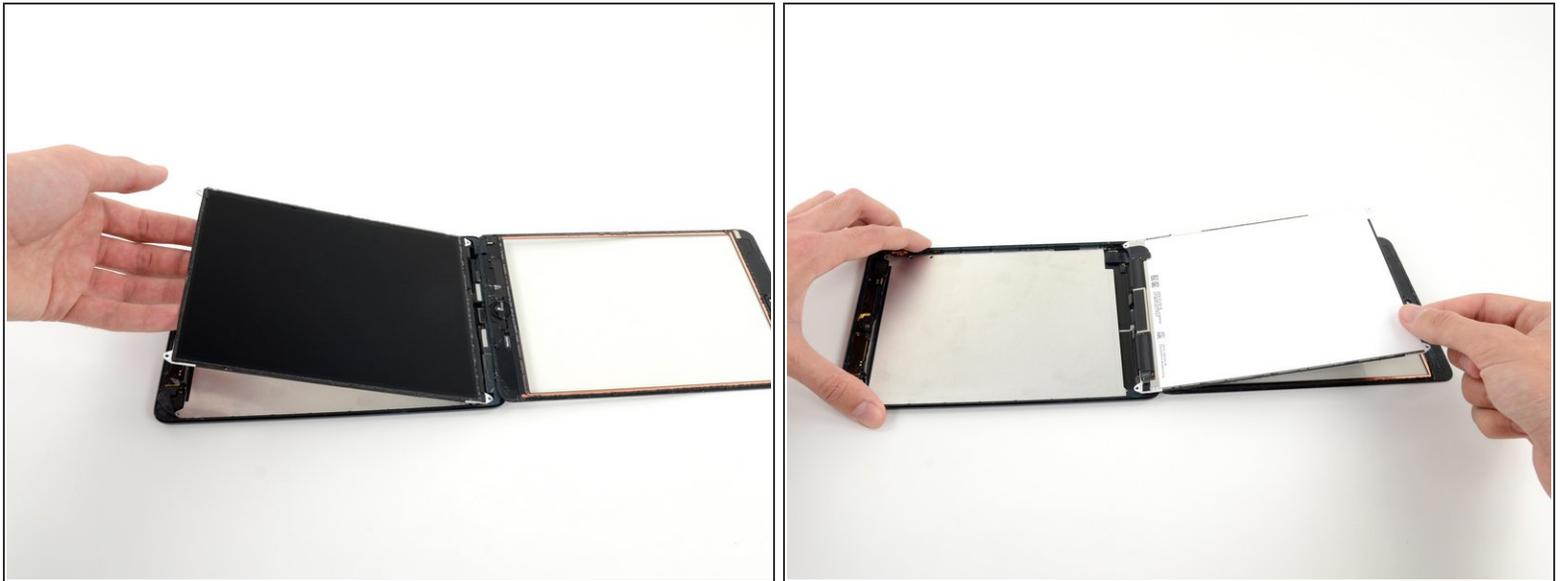
- i** Two wide strips of tape connect the LCD to the speakers.
- While holding the LCD with one hand, Insert the flat end of a spudger into the gap between this tape and the left speaker.
 - Gently pull the LCD away from the speakers while rotating the spudger outward to separate the tape from the speaker.

Step 16



- Insert the flat end of the spudger into the gap between the right speaker and the LCD tape.
- While pulling the LCD away from the speakers, rotate the spudger outward, widening the gap and releasing the tape from the speaker.

Step 17



- Flip the LCD over and rest it on top of the front panel glass.

 Do not attempt to remove the LCD from the iPad, as it is still connected by its data cable.

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