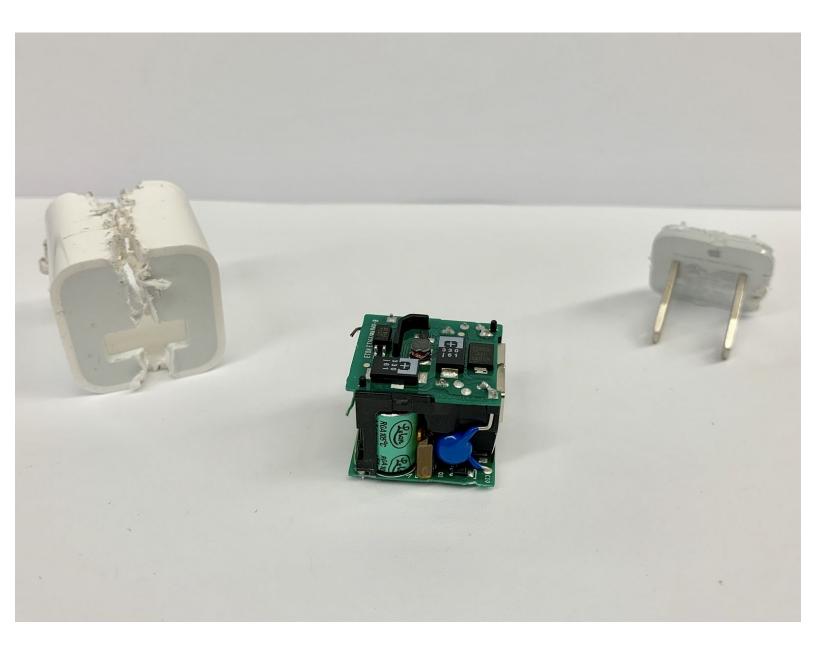


Apple USB Power Adapter Teardown

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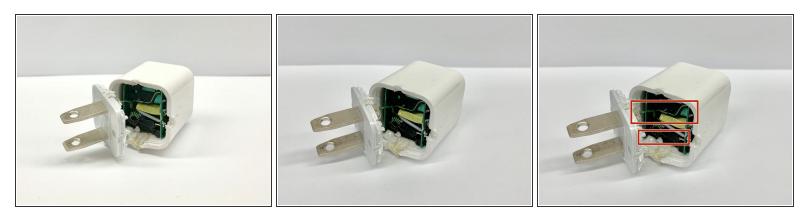
INTRODUCTION

The Apple USB power adapter converts line power 100V-240V AC into a regulated 5V/1A DC supply. The 100V to 240V input voltage capability of the charger allows its use in different wall port supplies, making the charger adaptable.

TOOLS:

- Safety Glasses (1)
- Leather Work Gloves (1)
- Hack saw (1)
- Jimmy (1)
- Flush Macro Cutter Heavy Duty C.H.P. TRR-5000 (1)
- Hammer (1)
- Large Clamp (1)
- Chisel (1)

Step 1 — Separating the input panel



- Use a hammer and a small chisel to carefully force the input panel open
- Clamping the device helps prop the input panel open but, do not pull the panel away from the device forcefully, as there are small wires connected to the device components.

A Be careful not to force the chisel into the device as you could damage internal components.

Step 2 — Removing plastic casing



- Use dyke and pliers to cut outside casing to pry open the shell and remove the circuitry.
- Recommend using hand saw to cut around the plastic.

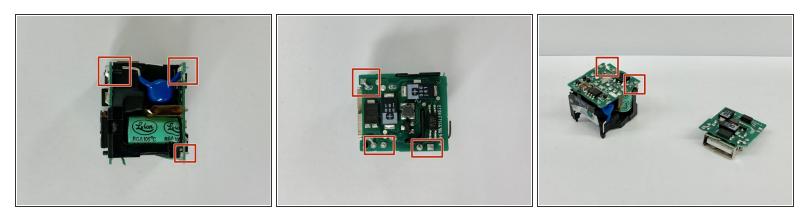
A Be careful not to cut forcefully as to prevent the internal components from getting damaged.

Step 3 — Isolating internal components



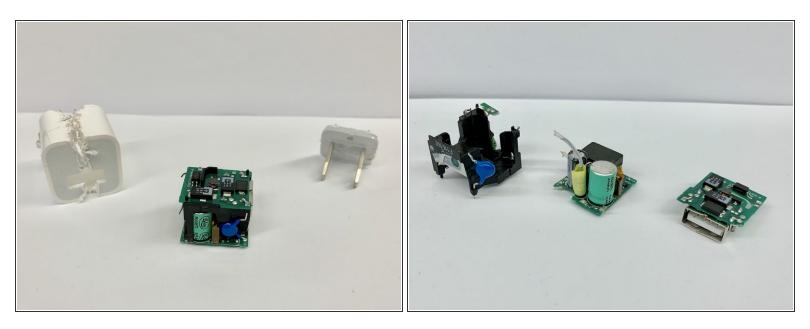
- Isolate the internal electrical components from the casing
- Recommend unsoldering the wires from the input panel.
- *(i)* For help desoldering connections, follow this useful guide on <u>How To Solder and Desolder</u> <u>Connections</u>.
- ▲ Use caution when soldering. The heated tip may cause damage to the board, the components, or burn you.

Step 4 — Accessing individual components



- Unsolder components that connect to the bottom and top circuit boards.
- Detach the top and bottom circuit boards from the plastic separator.
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Step 5 — Exploration



• Observe that once the circuit boards are separated individual components can be accessed.