



Opening Procedure

How to open your Apple Watch Series 6 for repairs.

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INTRODUCTION

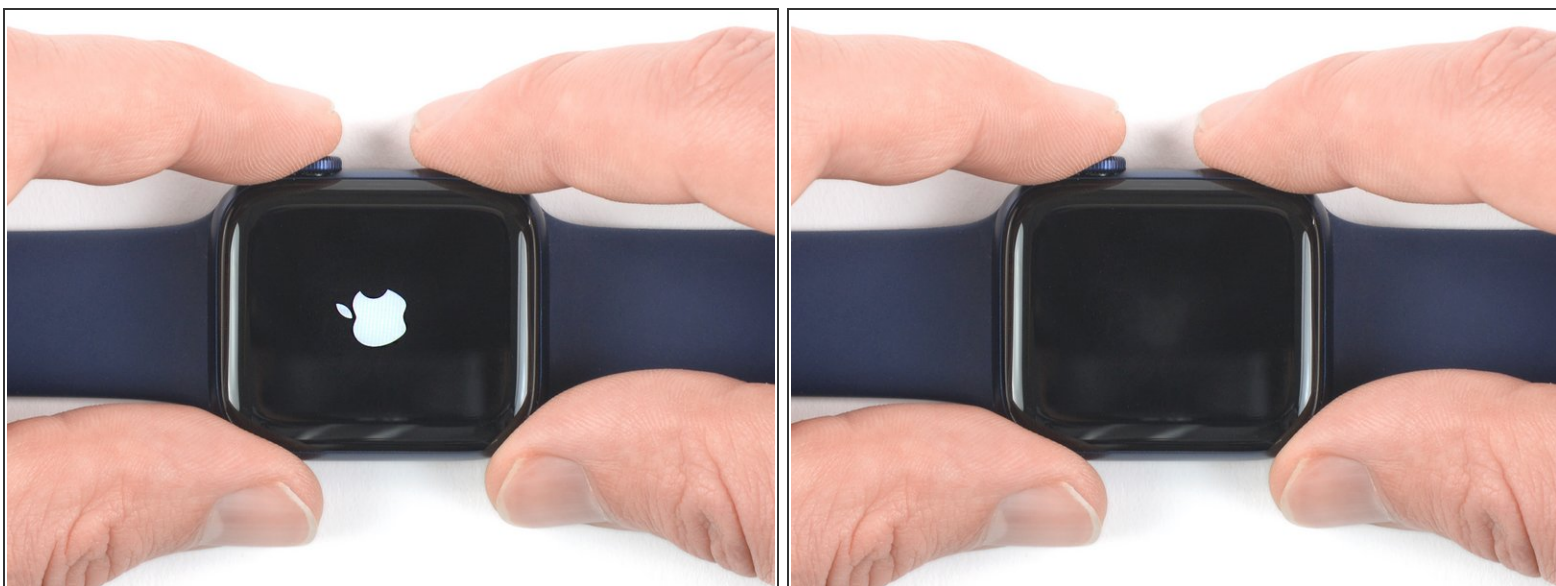
Use this guide to open your Apple Watch Series 6 for repairs.

You'll need **replacement adhesive** to reattach the display when reassembling the device.

TOOLS:

- [iOpener](#) (1)
 - [iFixit Opening Picks \(Set of 6\)](#) (1)
 - [Curved Razor Blade](#) (1)
 - [Safety Glasses](#) (1)
 - [ESD Gloves](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Power down the watch



- Before starting repairs, take your watch off the charger and power it down.
 - ⓘ If your touchscreen is broken and you can't power off the watch, [use this alternate method to power it down](#).

Step 2 — Safety Requirements



- Because the gap between the screen and watch body is so thin, a sharp blade is needed to separate the two. **Read the following warnings carefully before proceeding.**
 - ⚠ **Protect your fingers** by keeping them completely clear of the knife. If in doubt, protect your free hand with a heavy glove, such as a leather shop glove or gardening glove.
 - ⚠ Be careful **not to apply too much pressure**, as this might cause the knife to slip and cut you, or damage the watch.
 - ⚠ **Wear eye protection**. The knife or glass may break, sending pieces flying.
- ⓘ Attach or remove the watch band as needed to provide more control as you make repairs.

Step 3 — Soften the display adhesive



- [Prepare an iOpener](#) (or use a hair dryer or heat gun) and heat the face of the watch to loosen the display adhesive.
 - Leave the iOpener on the watch for at least two minutes to fully heat the screen and soften the adhesive holding it to the case.
- i** You may need to reheat the iOpener and repeat this procedure several times until the display adhesive softens.

Step 4 — Display opening



- Place the edge of a curved blade into the thin gap between the display and the outer case. Start at the short side of the display, most distant to the digital crown.
- Press firmly *straight down* into the gap.
- Once inserted, tilt the blade to pry the display open slightly.

Step 5



- Insert an opening pick in the gap your created.
- Slide the opening pick along the short edge of the watch to cut the adhesive.

Step 6



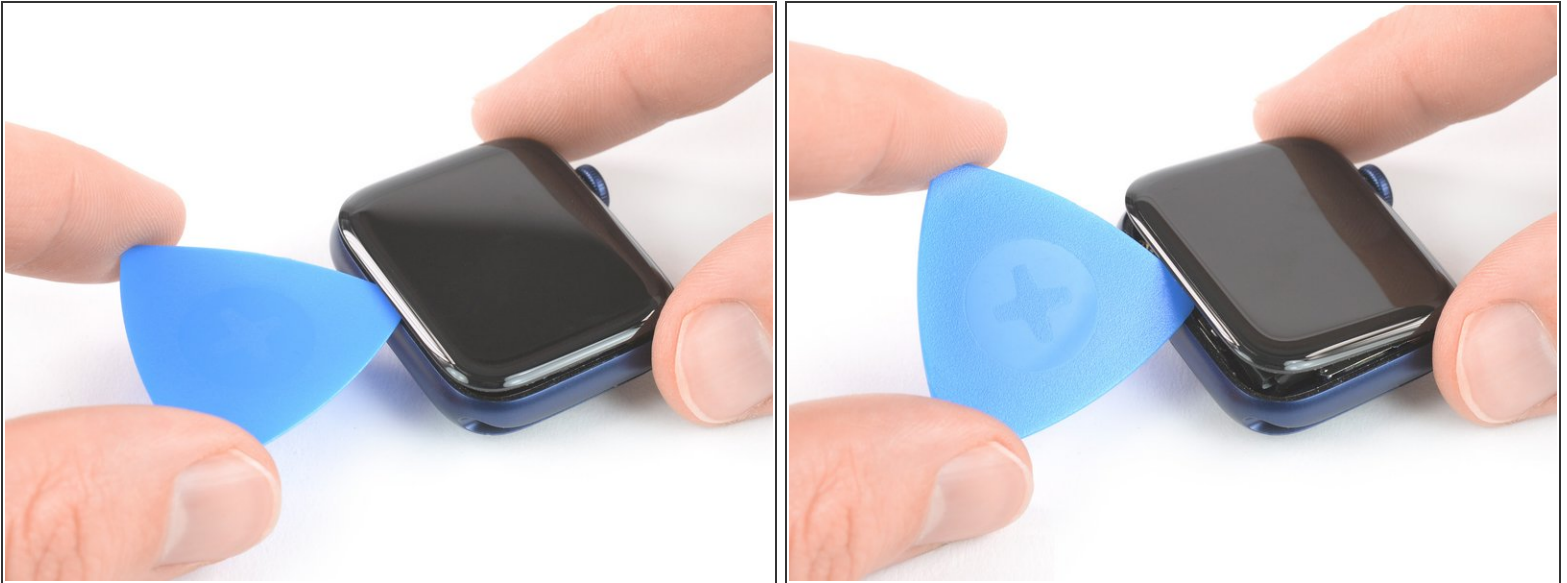
- Slide the opening pick around the corner and along the long edge on the opposite side of the watch crown to cut the display adhesive.

Step 7



- Slide the opening pick around the corner to cut the remaining adhesive on the short edge of the watch next to the watch crown.

Step 8



- Place the watch on a flat surface and use an opening pick to slice through any remaining adhesive.

⚠ Try not to slice near the watch crown to prevent damaging the display cables. If you must slice near the crown, don't insert the opening pick deeper than 1/16th of an inch (~2 mm).

- Slide an opening pick under the opposite display edge of the watch crown.
- Twist the opening pick to loosen the display off the watch case.

⚠ Don't try to remove the display. It is still connected to the watch assembly.

Step 9



 Be careful not to strain the display cables when you fold the display to the side.

- Lift the display and carefully pull it towards the watch crown.
- Swing the display open to an upward position.

To reassemble your Apple Watch Series 6, follow these instructions in reverse order.

Apply a little bit of high isopropyl alcohol (>90%) to a Q-tip or use a cleaning pad to gently remove the leftover adhesive on the edges of the watch case and the screen before installing new adhesive.

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