



# Google Pixel 3 Back Cover Adhesive Installation

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## INTRODUCTION

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Follow this guide to correctly apply back cover adhesive to your Pixel 3 after a repair.

Before you begin, you should have already removed your Pixel's back cover and set it aside. Detailed instructions for this can be found [here](#).

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### TOOLS:

- [Tweezers](#) (1)
- [Spudger](#) (1)
- [Cotton Swabs](#) (1)
- [Isopropyl Alcohol \(90% or Greater\)](#) (1)
- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)

### PARTS:

- [Google Pixel 3 Rear Cover Adhesive - Genuine](#) (1)

## Step 1 — Remove adhesive residue from the frame



- Pick and scrape away the old adhesive from the frame.
- Use a spudger to scrape away any lingering adhesive.
  - ⚠ Don't use metal tools to scrape away adhesive as this will damage the frame.
- For best results, clean the area underneath the removed adhesive with 90% or greater isopropyl alcohol to prep the surface for the new adhesive.

## Step 2 — Remove adhesive residue from the back cover



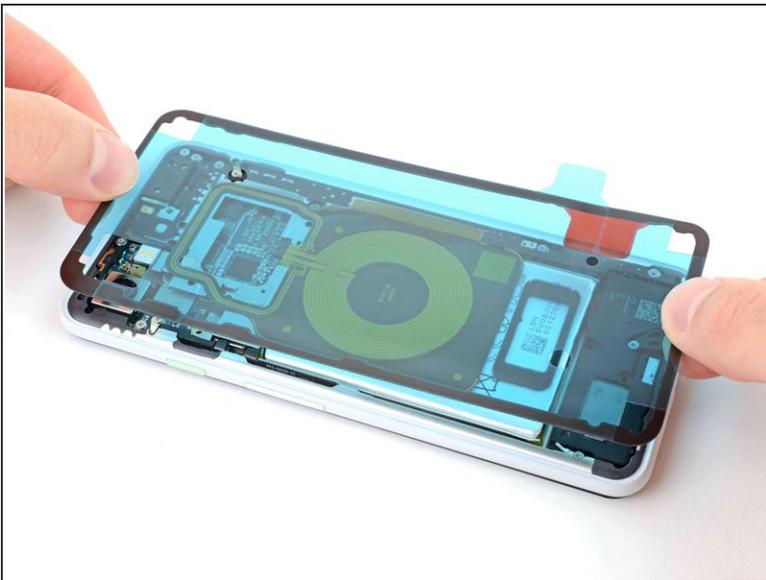
- Repeat the previous step for the back cover adhesive.
  - ⚠ Don't use metal tools to scrape away adhesive as this will damage the back cover coating.
  - ⚠ Don't use isopropyl alcohol near the rear camera bracket as it will damage its adhesive and foam.

### Step 3 — Prepare the replacement adhesive



- Peel away the clear plastic lining to expose the frame side of the replacement adhesive.

### Step 4 — Apply the adhesive



**⚠ Be very careful during this step! The adhesive is very sticky and can't be repositioned once it sticks. Misaligned adhesive can lead to an improper seal.**

- Lower the adhesive onto the frame.
- Use the rear camera and corners to properly align the adhesive.

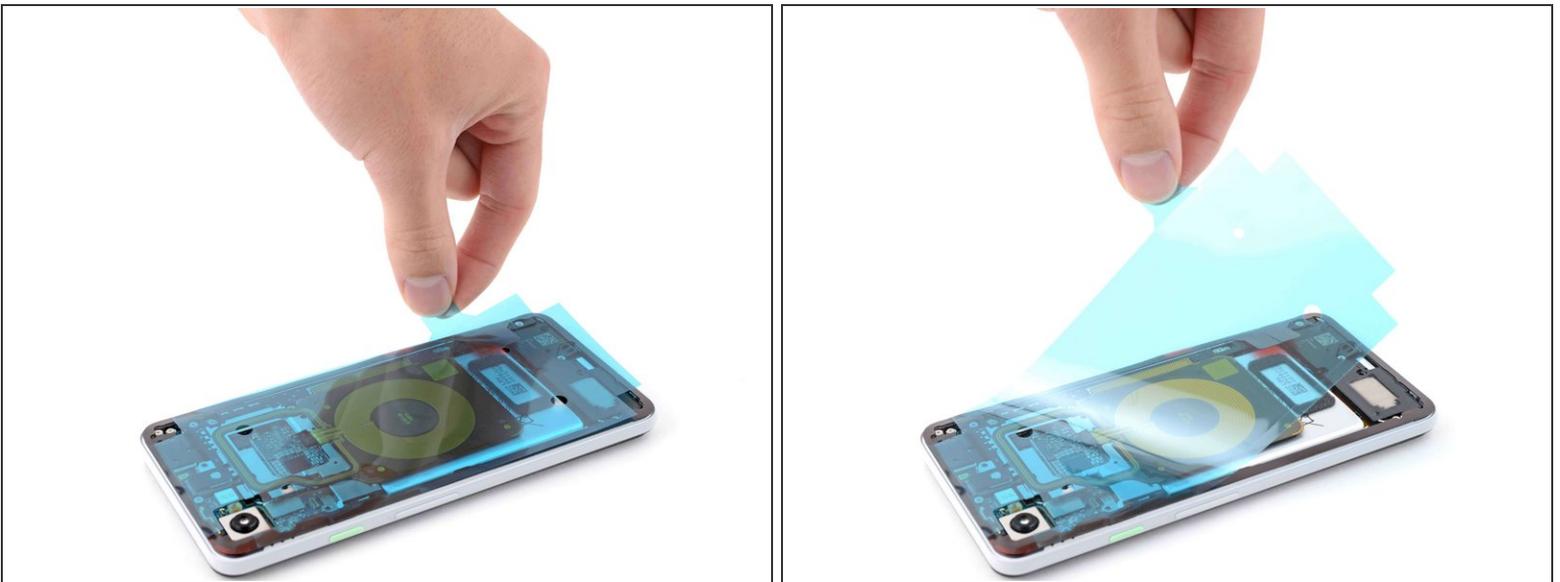
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## Step 5 — Secure the adhesive to the frame



- Use the flat end of a spudger or your fingernail to press down on the adhesive.
- Slide along the perimeter to secure the adhesive to the frame.

## Step 6 — Peel away the outer plastic lining



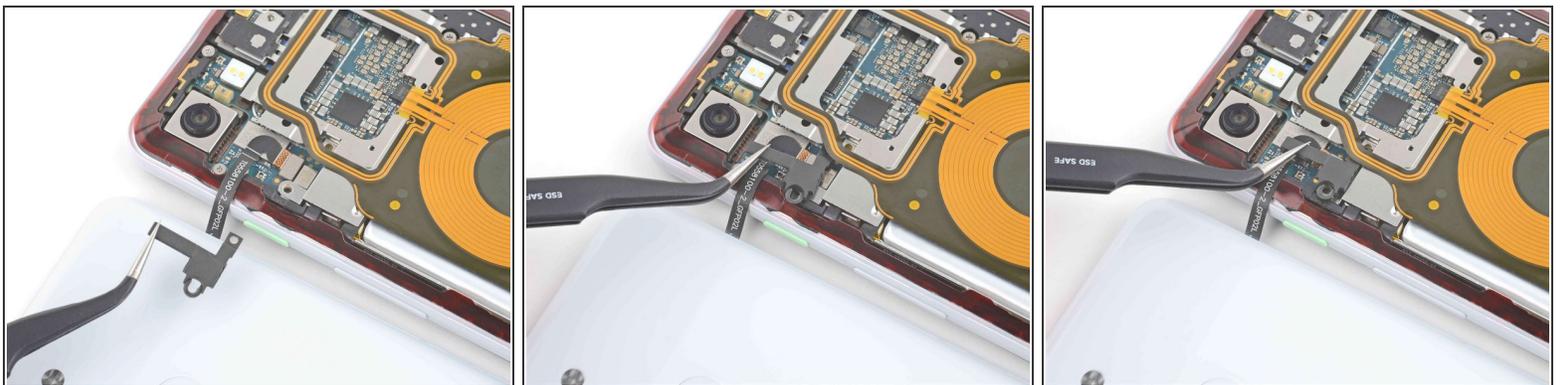
- Peel away the blue outer plastic lining on the back cover side of the adhesive.

## Step 7 — Connect the fingerprint sensor cable



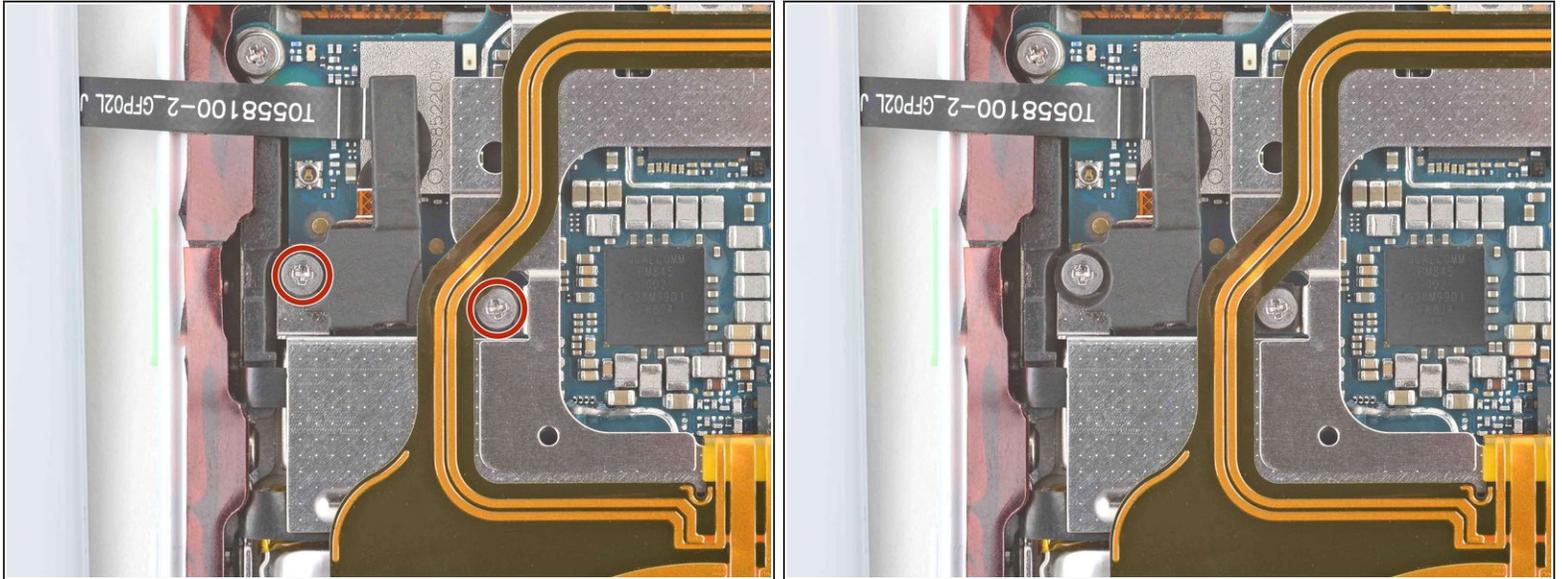
- Use tweezers or your fingers to position the fingerprint sensor cable over its connector on the motherboard.
- Use the flat end of a spudger or your finger to press down on the connector to secure it to the motherboard.

## Step 8



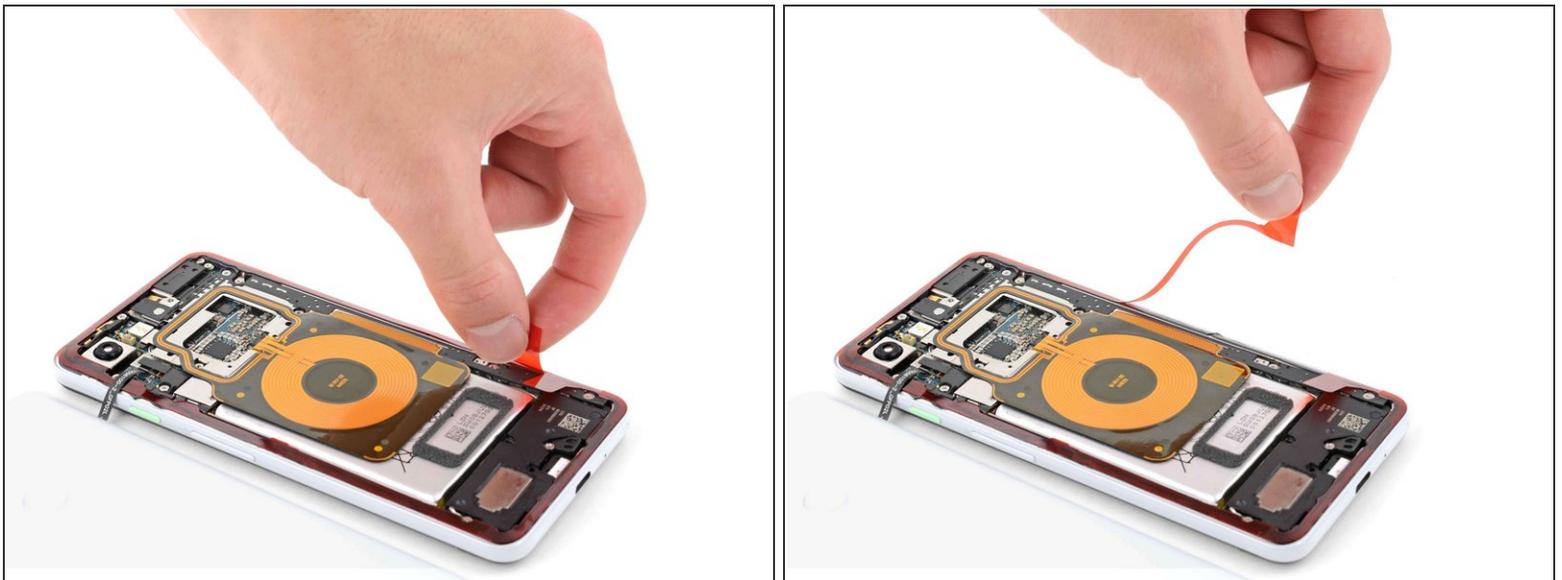
- Use tweezers or your fingers to place the bracket over the fingerprint sensor cable.

## Step 9



- Use a Phillips PH00 screwdriver to install the two 4.1 mm screws securing the bracket to the frame.

## Step 10 — Peel away the remaining plastic lining



- Peel away the red plastic lining to expose the back cover side of the adhesive.

## Step 11 — Secure the back cover to the frame



- Lower the back cover onto the frame.
- Press down on all edges of the back cover to secure it to the frame.
- ⓘ To help the adhesive bond more securely, heat the perimeter of the back cover and then place the phone face-down under a heavy stack of books for 30 minutes.

Repair didn't go as planned? Try some [basic troubleshooting](#), or ask our [Pixel 3 Answers community](#) for help.