

Nikon D40 Mainboard Replacement

Replacing the mainboard can solve severe software issues. Be prepared to solder!

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INTRODUCTION

The mainboard controls all of the software on the Nikon D40. A faulty mainboard can cause problems that will require a new board. This guide will show you how to replace the camera's mainboard.



TOOLS:

- Soldering Iron (1)
- Phillips #1 Screwdriver (1)
- iFixit Opening Tools (1)

Step 1 — Back Cover



Remove the two visible 6.0 mm
Philips #0 screws on the left and right sides of the viewfinder. These screws are highlighted in red.

Step 2





Remove the four 6.0 mm Philips #0 screws on the left and right sides of the camera.

Step 3



 Remove the four highlighted 3.0 mm
Philips #0 screws on the bottom of the camera.

Step 4



- While pulling the bottom down, remove the back of the camera.
- ⚠ Be careful not to pull too hard on the back as it is connected via a ribbon cable. Be sure to disconnect this cable on the main board.
- To disconnect the ribbon cable pull the small black tab upward and pull gently on the cable.

Step 5 — Mainboard





Remove the solder connecting the red wire to the mainboard.

Step 6



 Desolder the 4 smaller wires near the bottom of the mainboard.

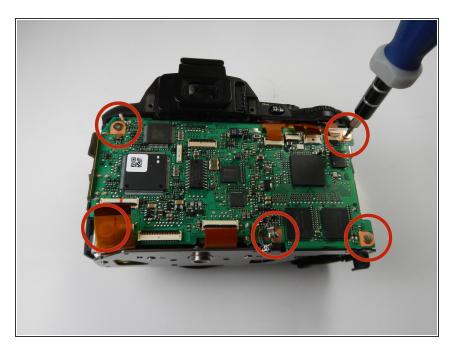
Step 7





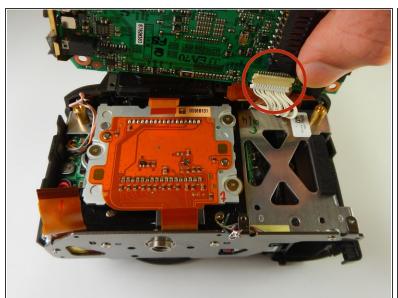
Use the plastic opening tool to release the ribbon cables attached to the mainboard.

Step 8



 Remove the five 3.0mm Philips #1 screws holding the mainboard down.

Step 9





Lift the mainboard up to reveal the final connection.

Carefully detach the white cable from the board.

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