



# Atari 5200 Controller Start/Pause/Reset Buttons Replacement

A guide to disassembling the Atari 5200 Controller to give its user access to repairing the Start/Pause/Reset List.

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## INTRODUCTION

The START/PAUSE/RESET buttons of the Atari 5200 controller can become unresponsive due to dirty/overused connections. Opening the controller and reseating/cleaning the interfaces to these sensors can improve the button's responsiveness.

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### TOOLS:

- [Soft Cloth](#) (1)
  - [Isopropyl Alcohol](#) (1)
  - [Heavy-Duty Spudger](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — Opening up the module



- Using a plastic or metal spudger, pry open the face of the button module.

## Step 2 — Removing the parts.



- Take off the plate and the rubber buttons.
- Clean the exposed contacts.
- Reassemble by following the steps in reverse.

Test the controller. If these steps don't improve connectivity, take a look at the [circuitry replacement guide](#).