



Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1 4G Back Panel Replacement

This guide explains how to remove the back cover of the tablet.

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INTRODUCTION

This guide will walk you through removing the back panel of the device and disconnecting the battery. Both of these steps are necessary before any other parts can be replaced. You *will* hear audible pops as you pry the back off of the device. Don't worry, that's supposed to happen. Focus on prying the bottom corner and two bottom edges away from the device before moving elsewhere. Doing so will make the rest of the back panel pop off the device relatively easily.



TOOLS:

- [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)



PARTS:

- [Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1 Rear Panel](#) (1)

Step 1 — Back Panel



- ⓘ Power off your tablet before you begin disassembly.
- Screen side facing you, rotate device 180 degrees so the "SAMSUNG" logo is upside down.

Step 2



- Using the plastic opening tool, start in the center near the charge port and wedge the angled tip between the plastic back and the glass screen.
- Create a wedge and apply pressure. Use the tool to separate the screen from the back until you hear an audible “pop.”
- Continue to wedge the tool about every inch along the current edge.

Step 3



- Once the bottom edge has been loosened, work towards a bottom corner from the other edge and continue to wedge gently until you can “pop” the corner out.
- Continue this process on the other bottom corner until it can be popped out as well.

Step 4



- Place your hand between the device and the back panel. Then continue the wedging motion along the top edge of the device until the back panel comes loose.

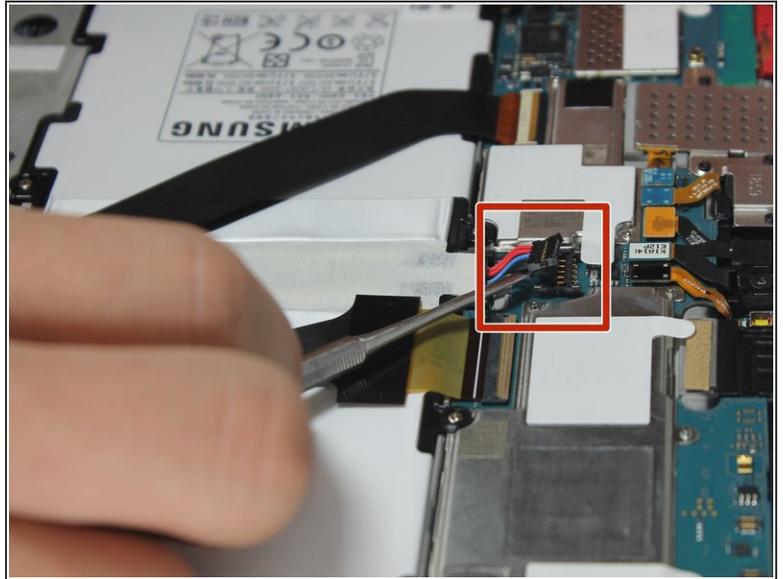
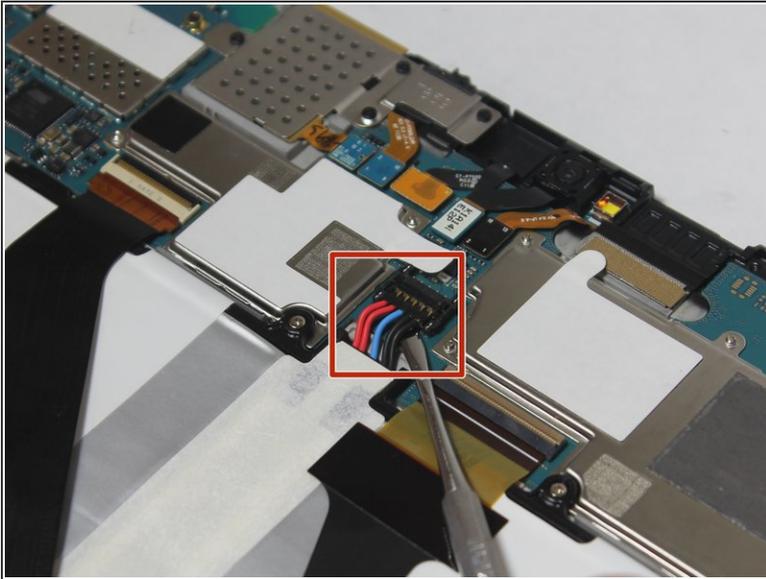
⚠ Do not wedge the tool directly on top of the power buttons and headphone jack. Wedge nearby so that you don't damage internal hardware.

Step 5



- Remove the back from the device.
- ⓘ Excessive force shouldn't be necessary here. If the back panel is sticking, find the area of the edge closest to the sticking point and wedge the opening tool there until the back panel pops free.

Step 6



-  When working with electronics, it's important to choose a tool that's ESD-safe to avoid accidental damage to the device. The regular black nylon spudger or a plastic opening tool should be used whenever possible.
- The connection between the battery and motherboard is a group of four wires in black housing that can be found near the top middle of the device. Using a **plastic** spudger or a flat, slim tool, lift the black connector housing upwards to disconnect it.

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