

Sony Walkman NWZ-E438 USB Port Replacement

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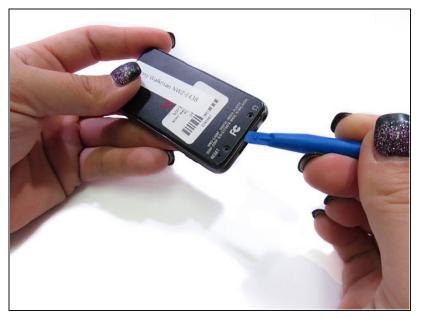
TOOLS:

Tweezers (1)
Phillips #000 Screwdriver (1)
iFixit Opening Tool (1)
Solder Vacuum (1)
Soldering Iron (1)

Step 1 — Disassembling Sony Walkman NWZ-E438



- Unscrew the two screws on the back of the device using a Phillips PH000 screwdriver.
- (i) Keep the Phillips PH000 screwdriver aside for further steps in the guide. It will be the only screwdriver needed for this replacement.

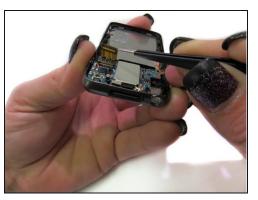


 Use a small prying tool to carefully pry open the back of the device.

Step 3 — Circuit Board







- First, you must remove the black tape on the circuit board.
- Next, pull up on the red and gold band until it detaches from the chip.

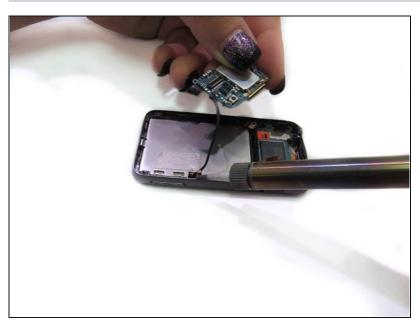




- Using a small plastic prying tool, slip the end under the device circuit board and slowly lift it.
 - Once the circuit board is lifted, carefully remove the chip with <u>tweezers</u>.

⚠ The circuit board will still be connected to the device by a wire.

Step 5

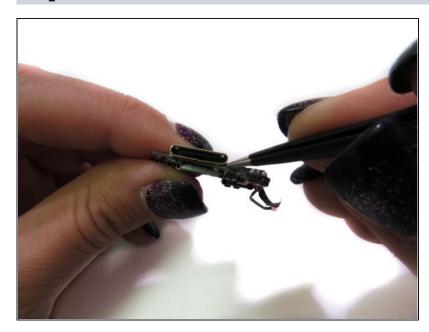


- Using a soldering iron, carefully heat the metal connecting the wires from the device to the circuit board.
- You will need the soldering iron to reattach those wires once you've replaced the circuit board.

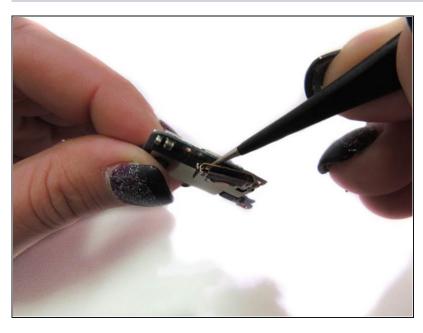


• Carefully remove the circuit board from the device.

Step 7 — USB Port

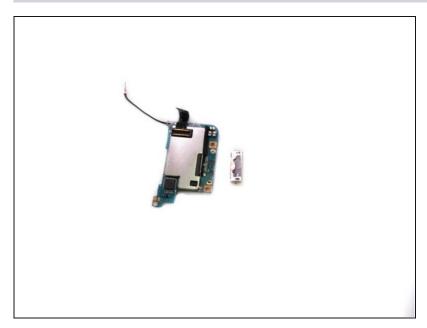


 Using fine point <u>tweezers</u>, push them between the chip and USB port.



- Slowly pry the USB port off of the chip.
- ② You will need to solder the new USB onto the circuit board.

Step 9



• Remove USB port.

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