



Dell Inspiron 8600 Keyboard Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

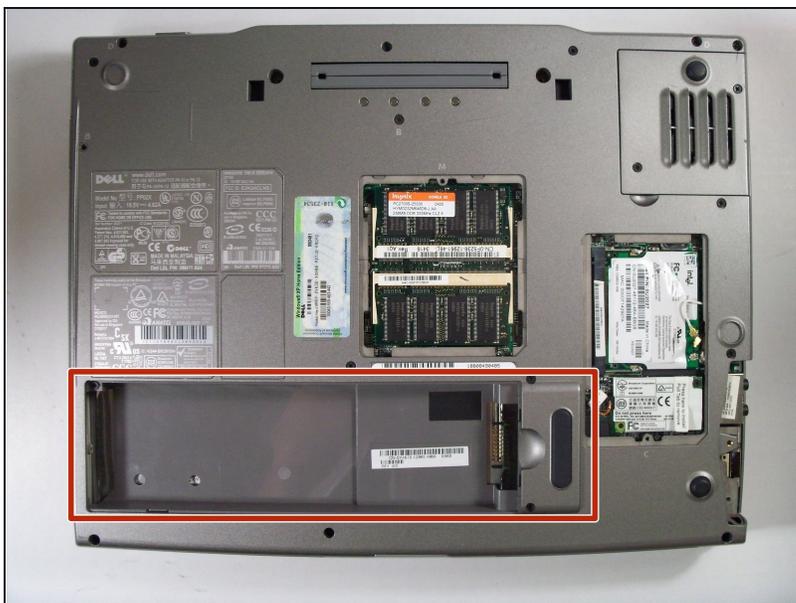
On a laptop keyboard, keycaps and switches can start to wear out over time, no matter the usage level. When a laptop keyboard starts to have issues and isn't working the way that it is intended to work, it might be better to replace the keyboard because it would be much more cost efficient than having to replace the entire laptop. If you are in need of replacing the keyboard on a Dell Inspiron 8600, this guide will be beneficial and take you step by step in the process of replacing the keyboard.

TOOLS:

Phillips #1 Screwdriver (1)

Flathead 3/32" or 2.5 mm Screwdriver (1)

Step 1 — Battery



- Remove the battery from the bottom left of the laptop as shown.

 **Remove the battery before operating on the computer to avoid electrocution.**

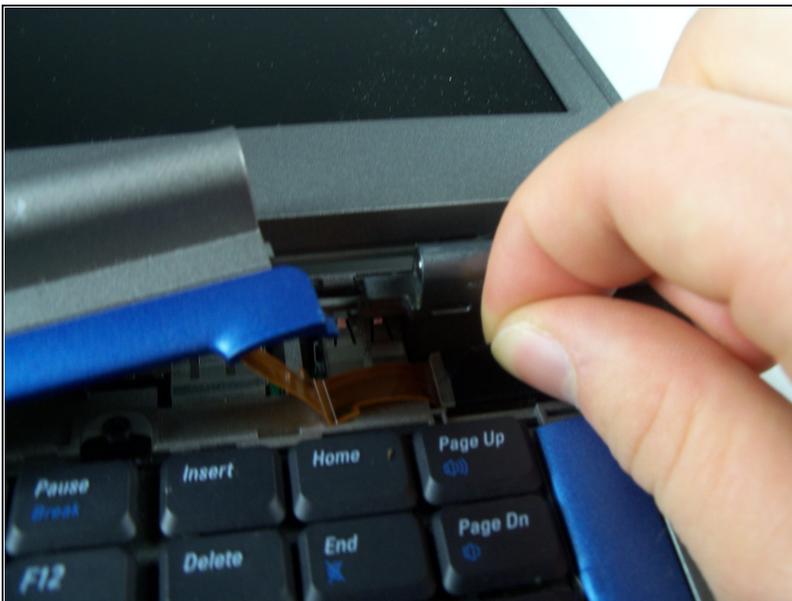
Step 2 — Hinge Cover



- Insert a spudger into the notch at the far left side of the top blue panel and pry the hinge cover off.
- You may need to pry the other side off as well. You can do this by inserting the spudger between the hinge and the top cover.

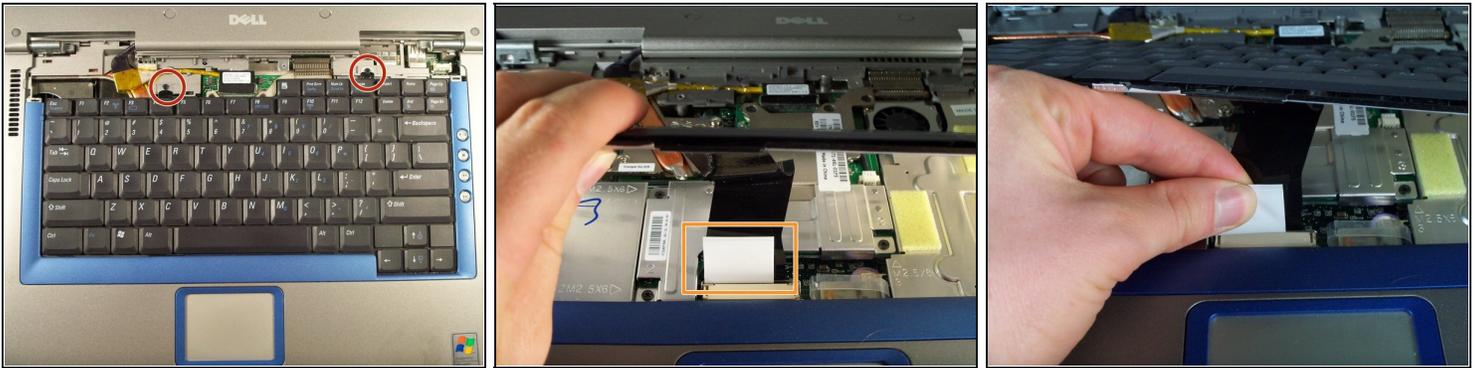
⚠ Be careful of the wire attached to the underside of the hinge cover.

Step 3



- Pull the small black tab on the right hand side of the laptop.
- You have now removed the hinge cover.

Step 4 — Keyboard



- Using the Phillips #1 remove the screws at the top of the keyboard as indicated.
- ⓘ Do not just lift up. There is a tab underneath the keyboard that is still connected to the mother board.
- You will need to pull out the white tab underneath the keyboard upwards until it pops out of its socket.
- ⓘ The keyboard should be easily removable at this point.

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