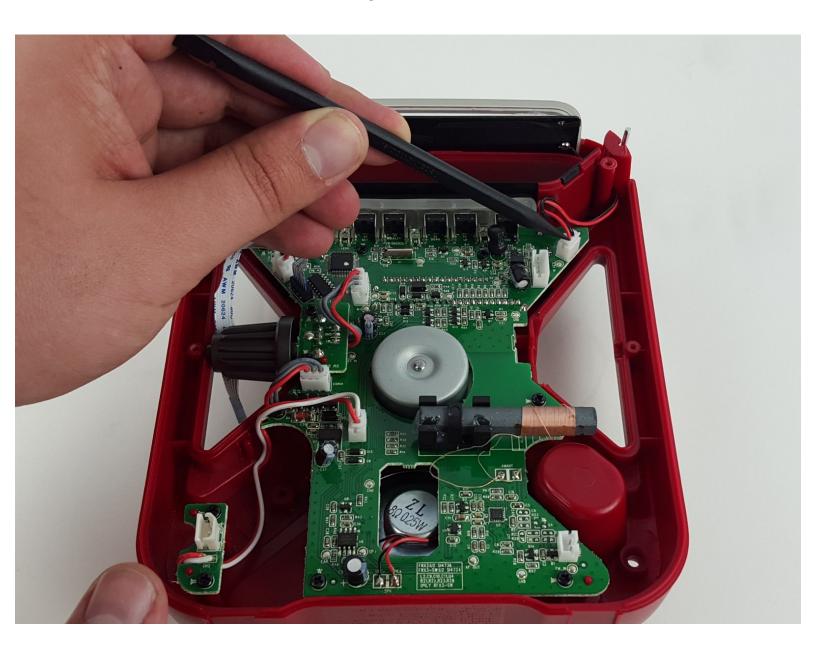


Eton FRX3 Solar Panel Replacement

Replace the solar panel of the Eton FRX3.

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INTRODUCTION

In the case that your solar panel is damaged or malfunctioning, you may need to swap it out. But no need to worry, it's actually a very straight forward fix that just involves 6 screws and 4 plugs!



TOOLS:

- 64 Bit Driver Kit (1)
- iFixit Opening Tools (1)

Step 1 — Rechargeable Battery Pack



 Pull the plastic tab on the battery compartment cover panel to loosen it, then pull the panel off.

Step 2



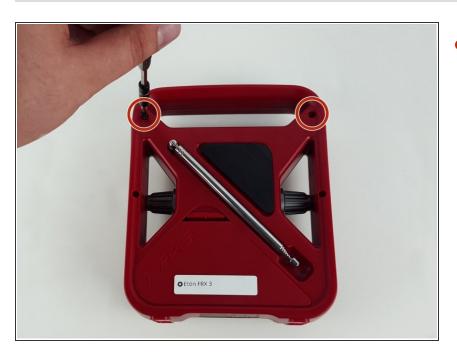
 Disconnect the battery pack wires from the device and remove the battery pack.

Step 3 — Case Assembly



 On the bottom of the device case's face are two T10 screws. Use a T10 Torx screwdriver to remove the two screws.

Step 4



 While using the T10 screwdriver, remove the two T10 screws on the back of the device's case.

Step 5



- Remove the two Phillips #00 screws located in the center of the back of the device.
- You will need to use a thin shafted screwdriver or a female hexagonal bit that is found in the iFixit 54 bit toolkit to extend the reach of the Phillips #00 bit.

Step 6



- On the bottom of the device's case there are two rubber feet. Pry the rubber feet off of the case.
- Try to keep the adhesive on the rubber feet as clean as possible to insure that they can be reattached during reassembly.

Step 7



- Pull the two halves of the device's case apart.
- Take care when pulling the two halves apart. There are three cables that connect components of the device to the motherboard.

 Disconnect these cables in order to separate the two halves of the device's case.

Step 8 — Solar Panel



 The solar panel is connected to the motherboard through a simple socket, just pull up to unplug.

Step 9



 The solar panel is not glued or soldered in place, you can simply lift the panel straight up from it's seating to remove.

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