

Sonos Play 3 Wireless Card Replacement

This guide will show the process to disassemble the Sonos Play 3 and remove the wireless communication card from the motherboard.

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INTRODUCTION

The wireless communication card receives sound through and internet connection. It is connected to three antenna throughout the speaker, which you will need to unplug from the card. This will need to be replaced if you are unable to wirelessly connect to the speaker.



TOOLS:

- Phillips #2 Screwdriver (1)
- Spudger (1)

Step 1 — Speaker Grille





 Insert a spudger along the edge of the screen and gently use it to pull the screen away from the casing. Slide the spudger along the length of the grill to detach all the clips holding it in place.

Step 2



- Gently pull the screen away from the body of the speaker, revealing the tweeter and two mid-range drivers behind it.
- There may be a kind of black sticky adhesive holding the screen clips to the rest of the body; however, it was previously removed on our model.

Step 3 — Front Speaker Panel





- Unscrew eight 1.5 inch Phillips #2 screws attaching the front speaker panel to the box.
- Unscrew the single 1 inch Phillips #2 screw located on the left side of the panel. This may be hidden beneath the warranty void sticker that you'll want to remove.
- Unscrew the single 3/4 inch Phillips #2 screw, which is the last thing holding the front panel to the casing.

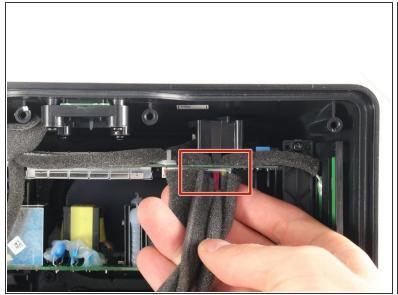
Step 4







- Remove the front panel carefully.
- (i) Note that there are two layers to the panel that should stay in their original order.





 Disconnect the front panel from the motherboard by gently reaching in and pushing the tab underneath the wire connector and pulling towards you.

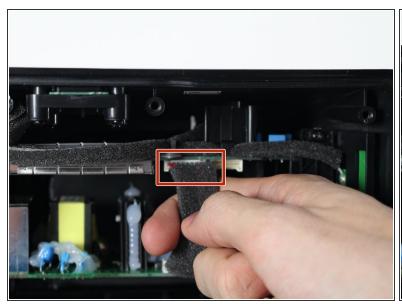
Step 6





 Gently remove the wireless card located at the bottom of the front speaker panel by pulling up and out with your index finger and thumb.

Step 7 — Motherboard

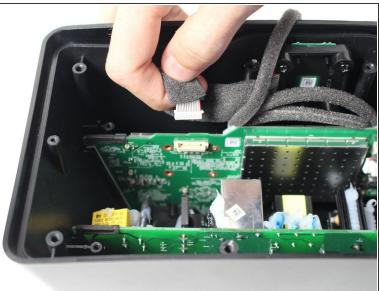




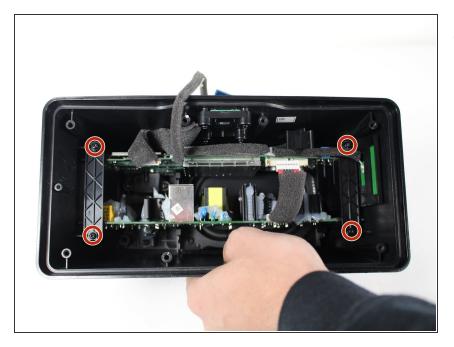
 Disconnect the motherboard from the power supply board by gently reaching in and pushing the tab underneath the wire connector and pulling towards you.

Step 8



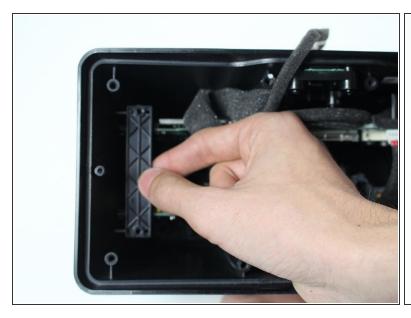


 Disconnect the motherboard from the volume button board by gently grabbing the connector and pulling it towards you.



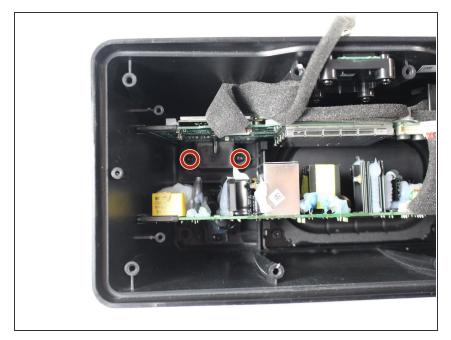
 Using a Phillips #2 screwdriver, remove the 4 screws securing the two plastic panels down.

Step 10





 Remove the two plastic panels on either side of the device that hold the motherboard and power supply board in place.



 Using a Phillips screwdriver, unscrew the two screws in the back of the device that hold the motherboard in place.

Step 12







- Gently remove the motherboard from the Sonos device by sliding it straight back towards you.
- (i) When putting the motherboard back inside the device, make sure it slides in the slots smoothly on both sides.

Step 13 — Wireless Card



- i Before accessing the wire connectors, there will be glue covering all three of them and the screws. Remove this first carefully.
- Using a Phillips screwdriver, unscrew the two screws securing the communication card to the motherboard.

Step 14







 Disconnect the wire connector clips from the communication card by just using your index finger and thumb.





 Remove the communication card by grabbing it with your index finger and thumb and pulling it to the right and up.

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