Afterglow Wireless PS3 Controller Button Replacement

This guide will outline how to replace the four face buttons on the front of the Afterglow Wireless PS3 Controller.

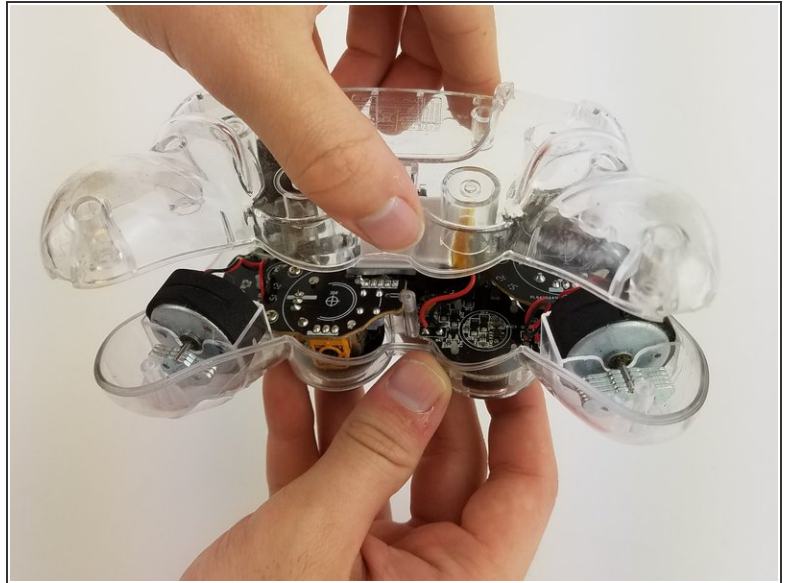Written By: Aj Coello

INTRODUCTION

This guide will show the process of removing the back plate, vibration motors, and motherboard to access the buttons on the front of the controller.
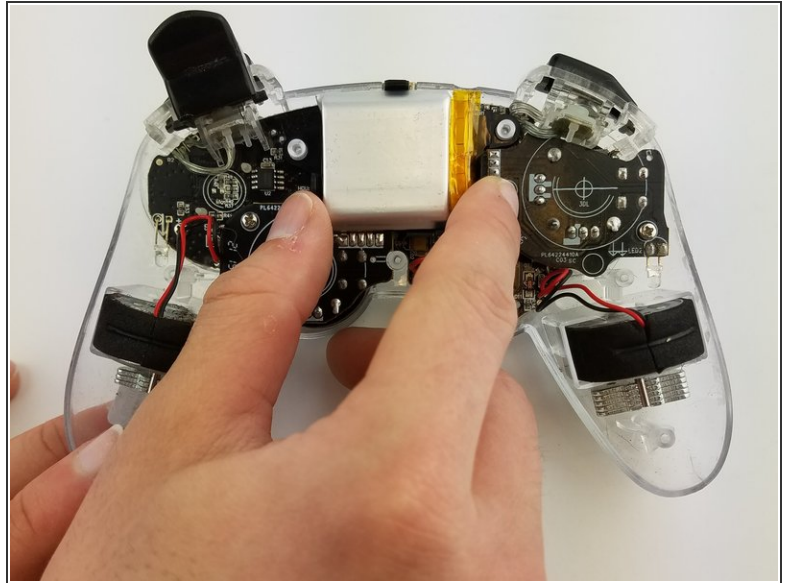
🔧 TOOLS:

- Phillips #0 Screwdriver (1)

Step 1 — Back Cover

- Lay the controller face down on a flat surface and remove the seven 9mm Phillips #0 screws on the back of the controller.
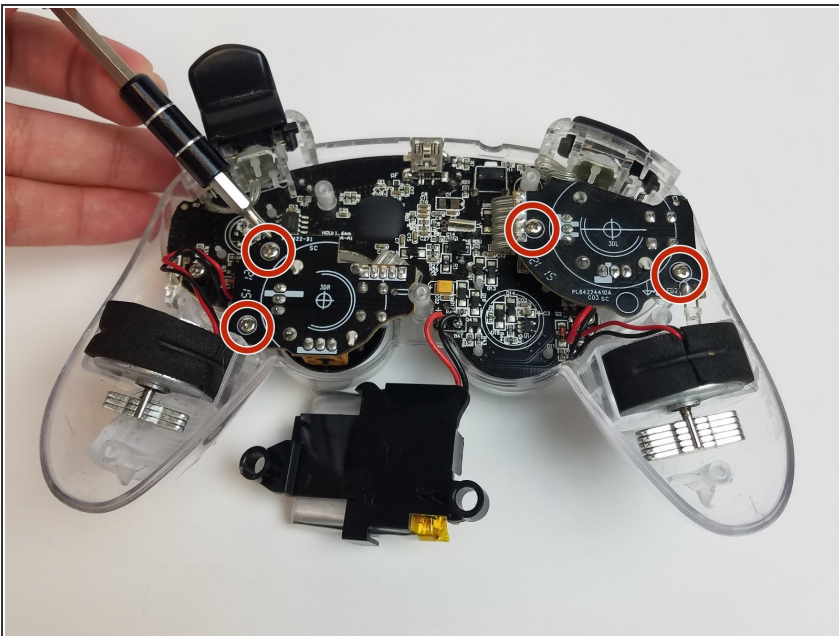
- Lift up and remove the controller back plate.

Step 2 — Button

- Carefully remove the battery by lifting it straight up from its place.

⚠️ Keep in mind that the red and black battery wires are attached to the motherboard. Handle these with care.
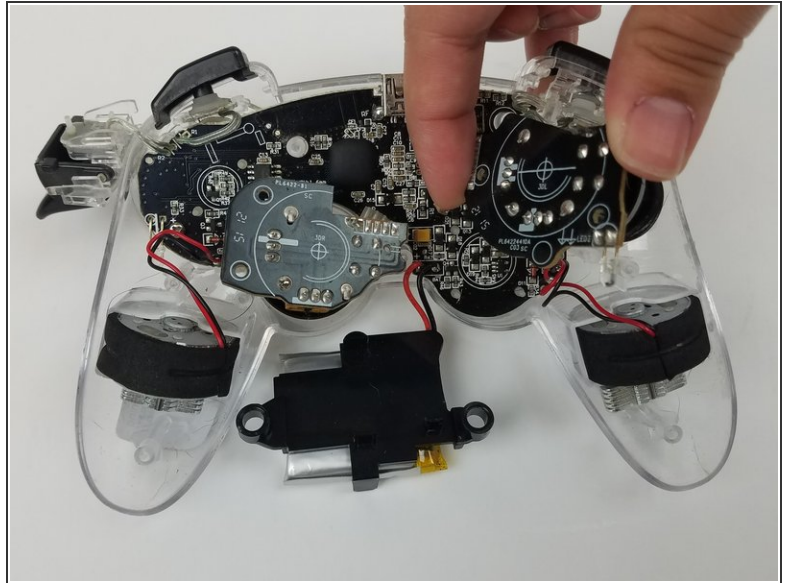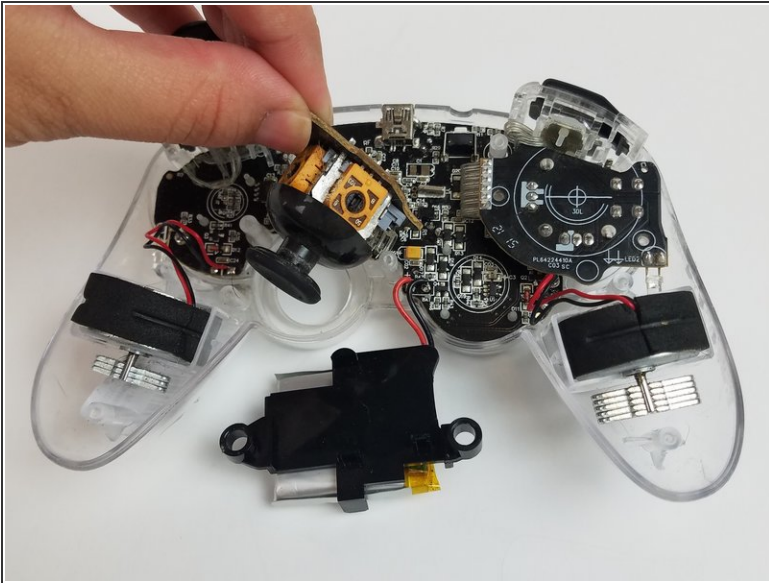
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- Unscrew the four 9mm Phillips #0 screws that are attached to both joy stick control mini-motherboards. There are two screws for each mini-motherboard.
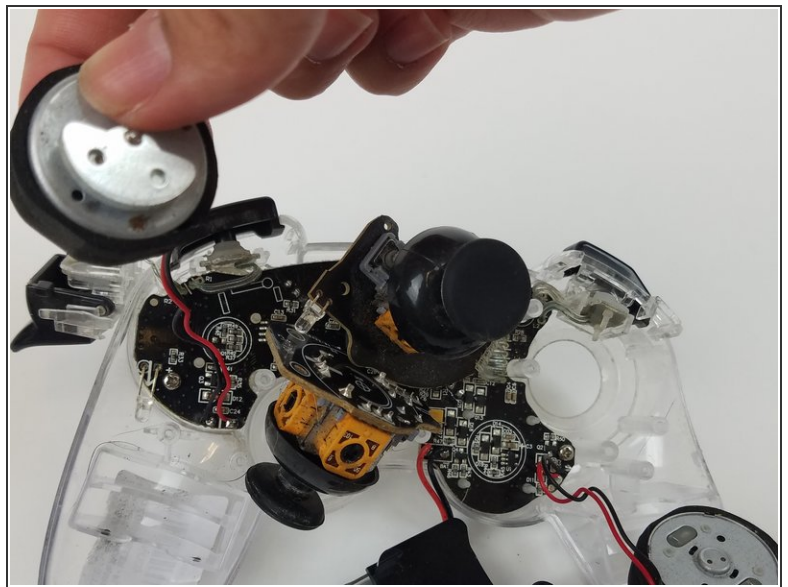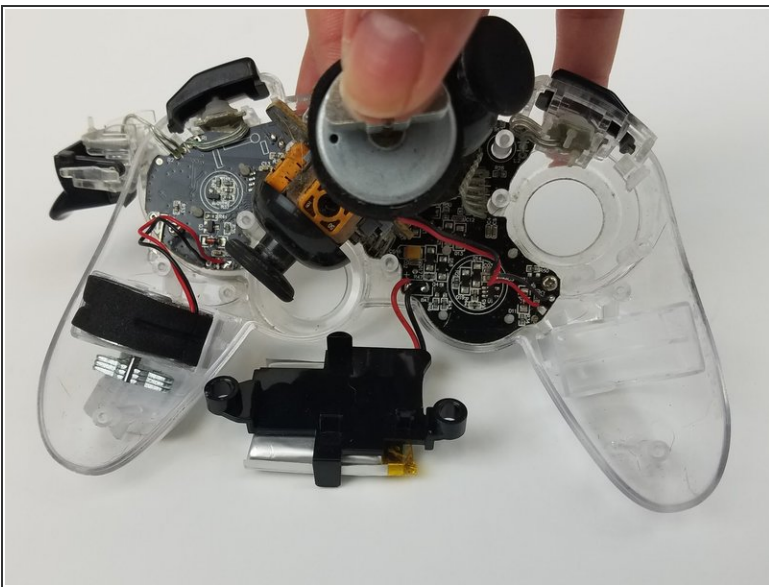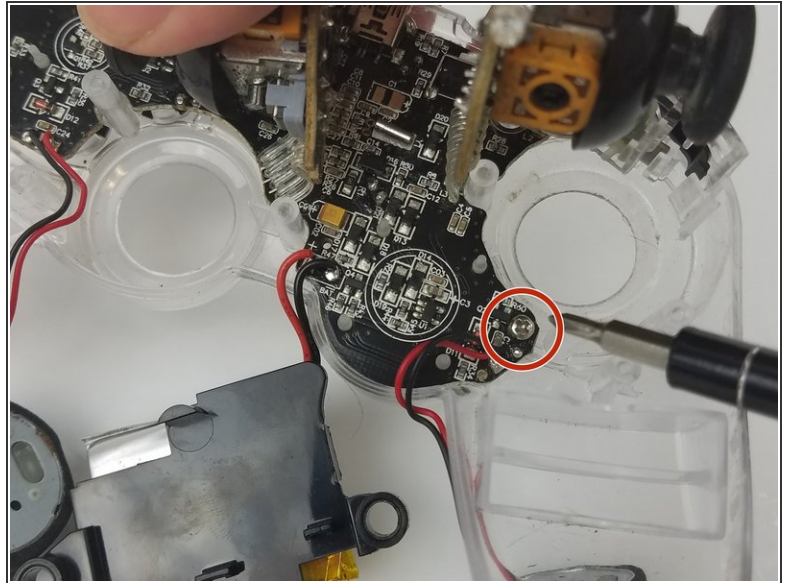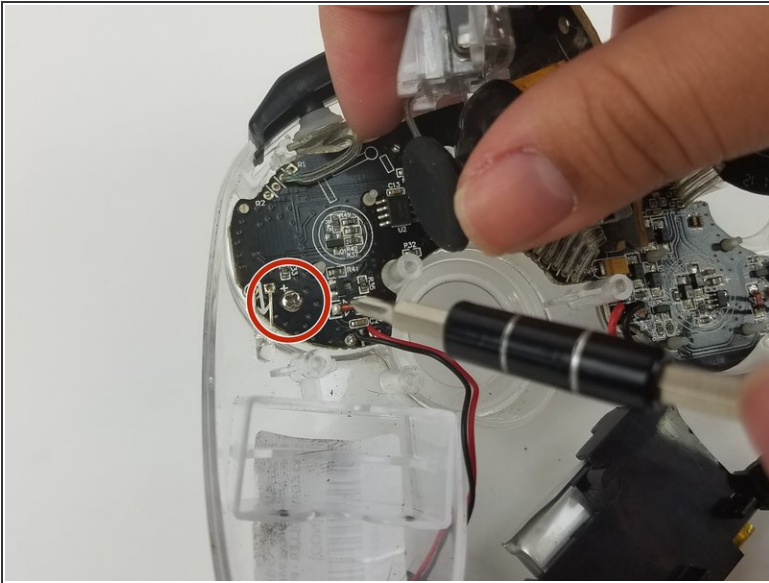
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- Jiggle both joy stick control mini-motherboards out of their holding place.

- Set aside the mini-motherboards so you can access the main motherboard.
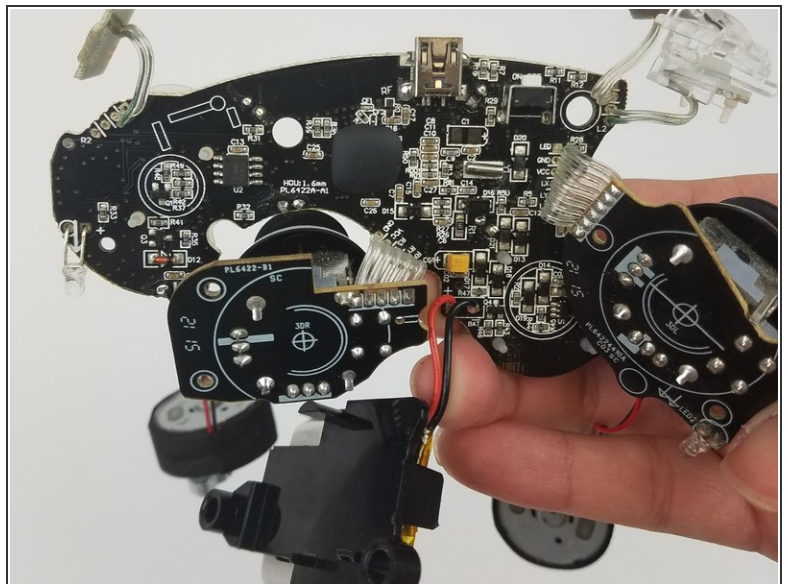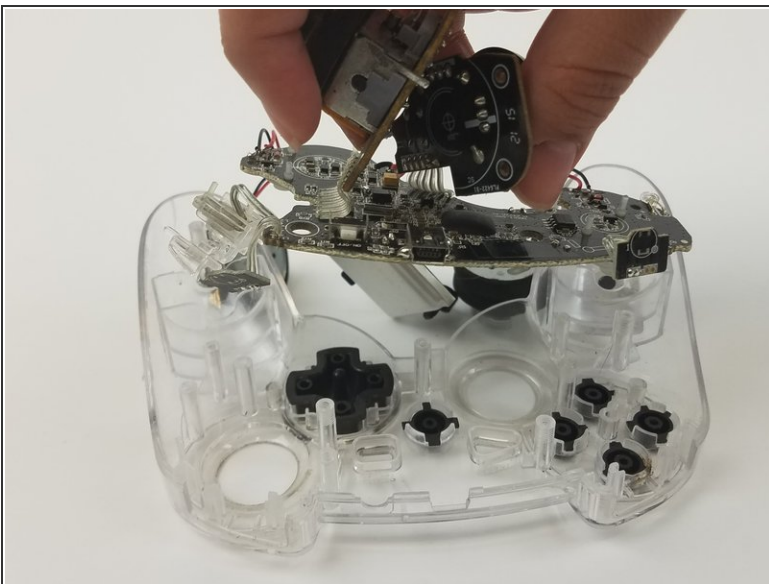
Step 5

- Pull both vibration motors straight up from their holding place.

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Step 6

- Unscrew the two 9mm Phillips #0 screws holding the motherboard to the controller front plate.

Step 7

- Detach the main motherboard fom the front pate by carefully pulling it off.

⚠️ Be careful of the trigger buttons when pulling out the motherboard. The buttons have mini-motherboards secured in place on the front plate. Carefully pull these out.

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Step 8

- Pick up the controller front plate and carefully turn it over so that the buttons left in it will fall out.

- You may want to flip it while holding it over a container so the buttons do not go bouncing away from your work space.

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