

Aquaris M5 Earpiece Speaker Replacement

This guide shows you how to replace the earpiece speaker of your bq Aquaris M5.

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INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace the earpiece speaker in your bq Aquaris M5.

TOOLS:

- iFixit Opening Tools (1)
- Spudger (1)
- Phillips #00 Screwdriver (1)
- SIM Card Eject Tool (1)
- Tweezers (1)

Step 1 — Back Cover



- Insert the tip of an iFixit opening tool between the back cover and the mid frame of the phone.
 (i) Between the 2 SIM card slots is a good place to start.
- Slide the opening tool to the bottom of the phone, to snap out the plastic clips, connecting the back cover and mid frame.



- Slide the opening tool back to the top of the phone, to disconnect all the clips on the edge.
- Slide around the corner and along the top edge, to also disconnect these clips.

Step 3



 \bigwedge Be careful not to bend the back cover too hard to prevent some of the clips breaking.

- Grab the back cover by the loosened edge.
- Gently bend and twist the flexible back cover a bit to disconnect the remaining clips.
- Take off the back cover.

Step 4 — Battery



- Damaging the liquid indicator sticker, on the middle most screw, will void the warranty of the phone.
 - Unscrew the ten black 4mm Phillips #00 Screws from the mainboard shield.
- Unscrew the golden 3.4mm Phillips #00 screw on the middle-right side of the mainboard shield.

Step 5



- Insert the flat side of a spudger between the mainboard shield and the frame of the phone.
- Twist the spudger to lift up the mainboard shield.
- Remove the mainboard shield from the phone.



- Use a spudger to disconnect the battery's flex cable from the mainboard.
- Pull of the sticker on the bottom side of the battery.
- Grab the sticker and lift it up to take the battery out of the phone.

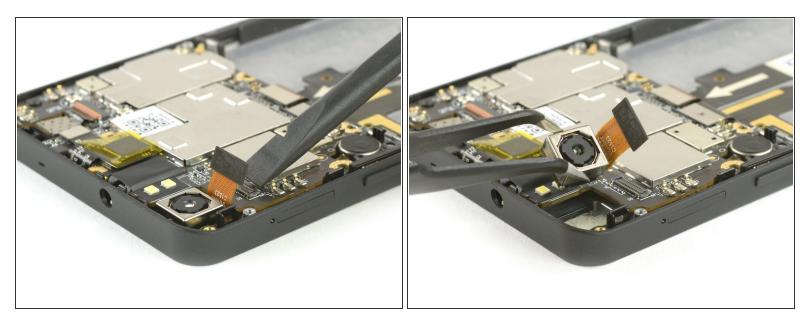
Step 7 — Front Camera



FPC Connectors can break easily, be very careful.

- Use an opening tool or your finger nail to open the FPC connector.
- Disconnect the FPC connector cable.
- Use the tip of a spudger to leverage the camera out of its housing.
- Remove the front camera.

Step 8 — Rear Camera



- Use the flat side of a spudger to disconnect the camera's flex cable.
- Use Tweezers to grab the camera and lift it out of the phone.

Step 9 — Mainboard



- Use a SIM card eject tool, to eject the two SIM card slots on one side.
- Use a SIM card eject tool, to eject the micro SD card slot on the other side.



- Use tweezers to unplug the antenna cable in the bottom right of the mainboard.
- Use a spudger to disconnect the two flex cables at the bottom of the mainboard.

Step 11



- Use the flat end of a spudger to disconnect the flex cable at the top of your the mainboard.
- Bend the cable a bit over the edge, so it won't block the mainboard later, when you are taking it out.



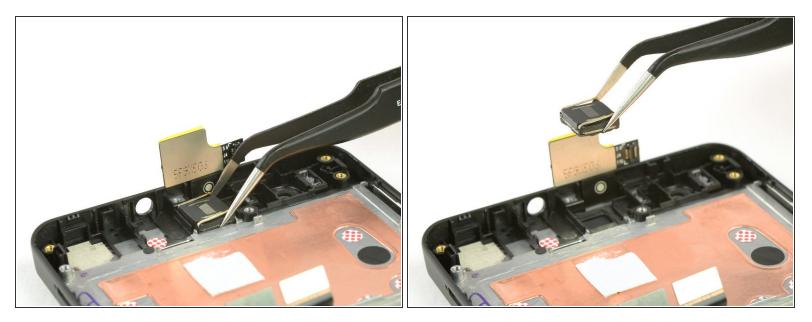
 Take out the 4mm Phillips #00 screw, holding the mainboard to the frame.

Step 13



- Insert the flat end of a spudger between the mainboard and the mid frame.
 (i) The best spot is on the right side next to the two SIM card slots.
- Use the spudger to lever the mainboard.
- Take the mainboard out of the phone.

Step 14 — Earpiece Speaker



- Use tweezers to grab the earpiece speaker, located at the top of the phone.
- Pull it up, to take it out of the phone.
 - (i) The earpiece is held in place with mild adhesive.

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