



MacBook Unibody Model A1278 Feet Replacement

Replace the feet on a MacBook model A1278.

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INTRODUCTION

Spruce up a worn down MacBook with a new set of feet.



TOOLS:

- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Tweezers](#) (1)
- [Isopropyl Alcohol Wipes](#) (1)
- [Adhesive Remover Kit](#) (1)



PARTS:

- [MacBook and MacBook Pro Unibody Plastic Feet](#) (1)

Step 1 — Access Door



- With the case closed, place the Unibody top-side down on a flat surface.
- Depress the grooved side of the access door release latch enough to grab the free end. Lift the release latch until it is vertical.

Step 2



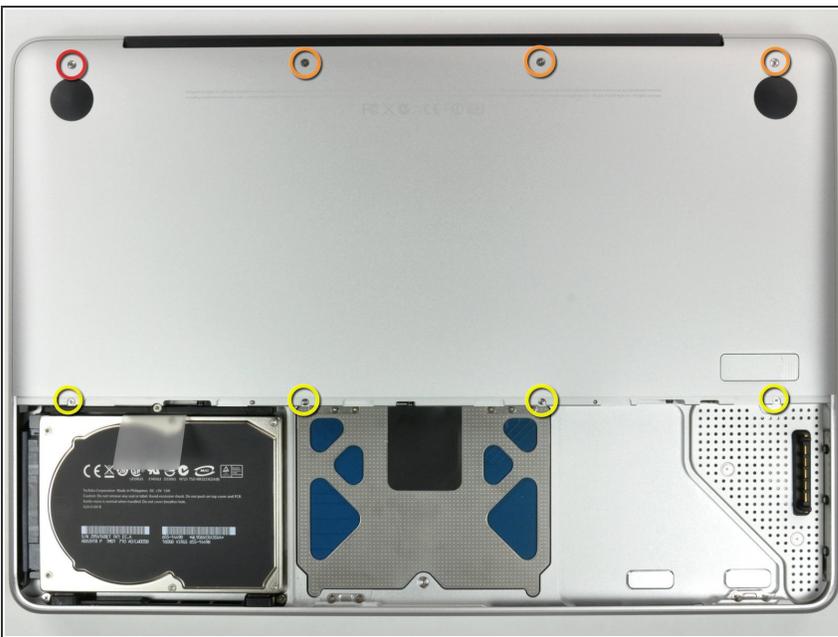
- The access door should now be raised enough to lift it up and out of the Unibody.

Step 3 — Battery



- ⓘ Be sure the access door release latch is vertical before proceeding.
- Grab the white plastic tab and pull the battery up and out of the Unibody.

Step 4 — Lower Case



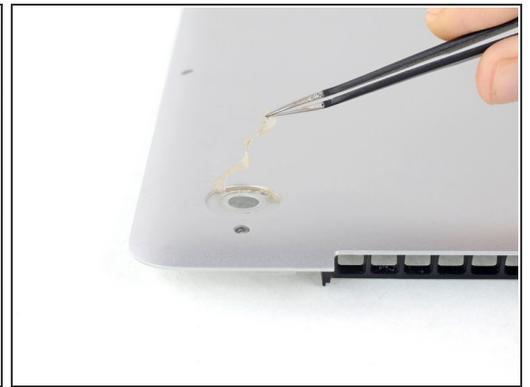
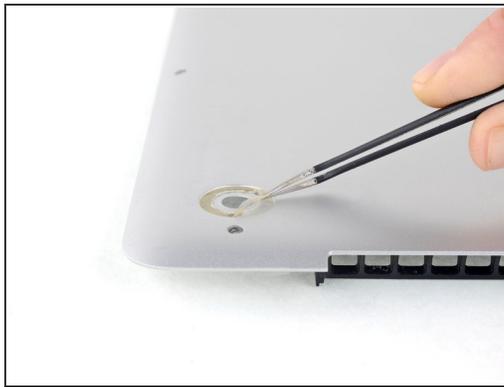
- Remove the following eight screws securing the lower case to the chassis:
 - One 3 mm Phillips screw.
 - Three 13.5 mm Phillips screws.
 - Four 3.5 mm Phillips screws.

Step 5



- Using both hands, lift and remove the lower case off the upper case.

Step 6 — Feet



- Remove any broken or damaged feet.
- Remove any pieces from the old foot that may have broken off in the foot hole.
- Use tweezers to peel up and remove the old adhesive tape from the foot pad.

Step 7



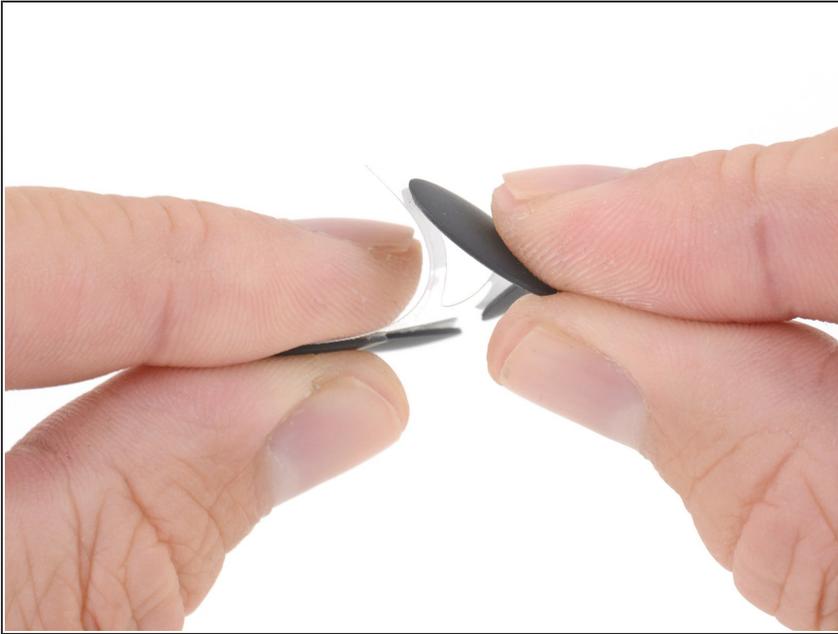
- Scrub the foot pad with adhesive remover to remove any remaining adhesive.

Step 8



- Wipe the foot pad with an alcohol prep pad to remove any residue left by the cleaner.

Step 9



- Peel a replacement foot from the plastic backing.

Step 10



- Align the new foot inside the foot pad.
- Make sure the alignment nub on the foot is lined up with the small hole near the perimeter of the pad.
- Lay the foot down while keeping it properly aligned.
- Check for proper alignment from the inside of the lower case. Use tweezers to slide the alignment nub so it lines up with the hole.

Step 11



- Press the new foot down firmly with your finger and maintain pressure for 30 seconds to set the pressure sensitive adhesive. Support the other side of the cover while you press the foot down.
- Repeat the last six steps for any broken or damaged feet.

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