

# Samsung Galaxy Buds Plus Battery Replacement

How to replace a worn-out or dead battery in your Galaxy Buds+.

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# INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace a worn-out or dead battery in your Galaxy Buds+. The photos for this guide were taken with the left earbud, but the procedure is the same for both earbuds.

Galaxy Buds+ are rated IPX2 for ingress-resistance, meaning they are splash resistant. After this repair, they may lose their water protection.

# **TOOLS:**

- iFixit Opening Tool (1)
- Large Needle Nose Pliers (1)
- ESD Safe Tweezers Blunt Nose (1)

• Galaxy Buds Batteries (1)

**PARTS:** 

## Step 1 — Remove the eartip



- (i) If possible, discharge your Galaxy Buds+ before replacing the battery.
- Use your fingers to remove the silicone eartip by pulling it upwards while slipping it off the earbud.

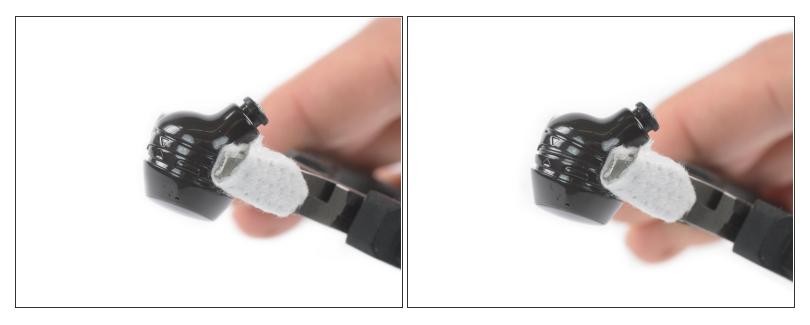
## Step 2 — Remove the earbud's rubber wingtip



• Use your fingers or a pair blunt nose tweezers to remove the earbud's rubber wingtip by pulling it upwards while slipping it off the earbud.

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# Step 3 — Create a gap



 Use a pair of pliers to hold the earbud horizontally along the seam between the upper and lower halves of the case.

(i) To protect the earbud from scratches, tape the surface of the pliers or place a cloth between the pincers.

 Apply steady, even pressure to either side of the earbud along the main housing seam to create a gap.

# Step 4 — Insert an opening tool



- Insert an opening tool into the gap between the two cases of the earbud.
- Use the opening tool to pry the two cases apart.

(i) You may need to work your way around the entire earbud with the opening tool.

 $\bigwedge$  Don't remove the upper case yet, it's still connected to the board.

## Step 5 — Access the connector



A Make sure that the flex cable is not under tension during the following step.

 To remove the upper part of the earbud from the board, place it on the table to access the connector.

## Step 6 — Disconnect the upper earbud case



- Use an opening tool to disconnect the upper earbud case from the board by prying the connector out of its socket.
- Remove the upper earbud case.

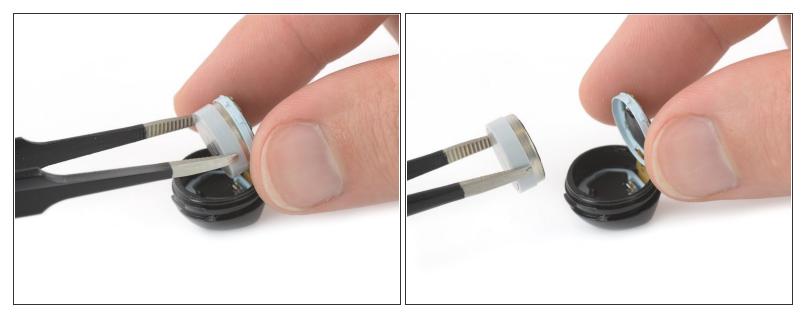
#### Step 7 — Lift the core assembly



- Place an opening tool under one of the small lips of the core assembly.
- Slightly lift the core assembly—including the motherboard—out of the buds case to access the battery.

A Don't remove the core assembly completely—it's still attached to the case by a ribbon cable.

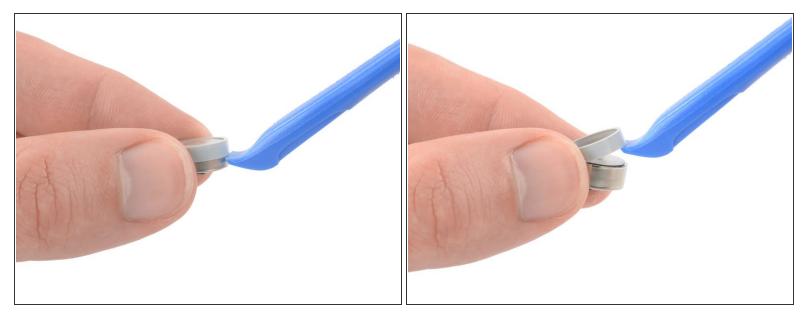
# Step 8 — Remove the battery housing



- (i) The battery is housed in the plastic case.
- Use a pair of blunt nose tweezers to remove the battery housing while holding the upper part with your fingers.

 $\bigwedge$  Be careful not to rip the thin motherboard flex cable.

## Step 9 — Remove the battery



- Use an opening tool to separate the housing from the battery.
- Remove the battery.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order. Apply new adhesive where necessary after cleaning the relevant areas with isopropyl alcohol (>90%).

For optimal performance, **calibrate your newly installed battery**: Charge it to 100% and keep charging it for at least 2 more hours. Then use your device until it shuts off due to low battery. Finally, charge it uninterrupted to 100%.

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