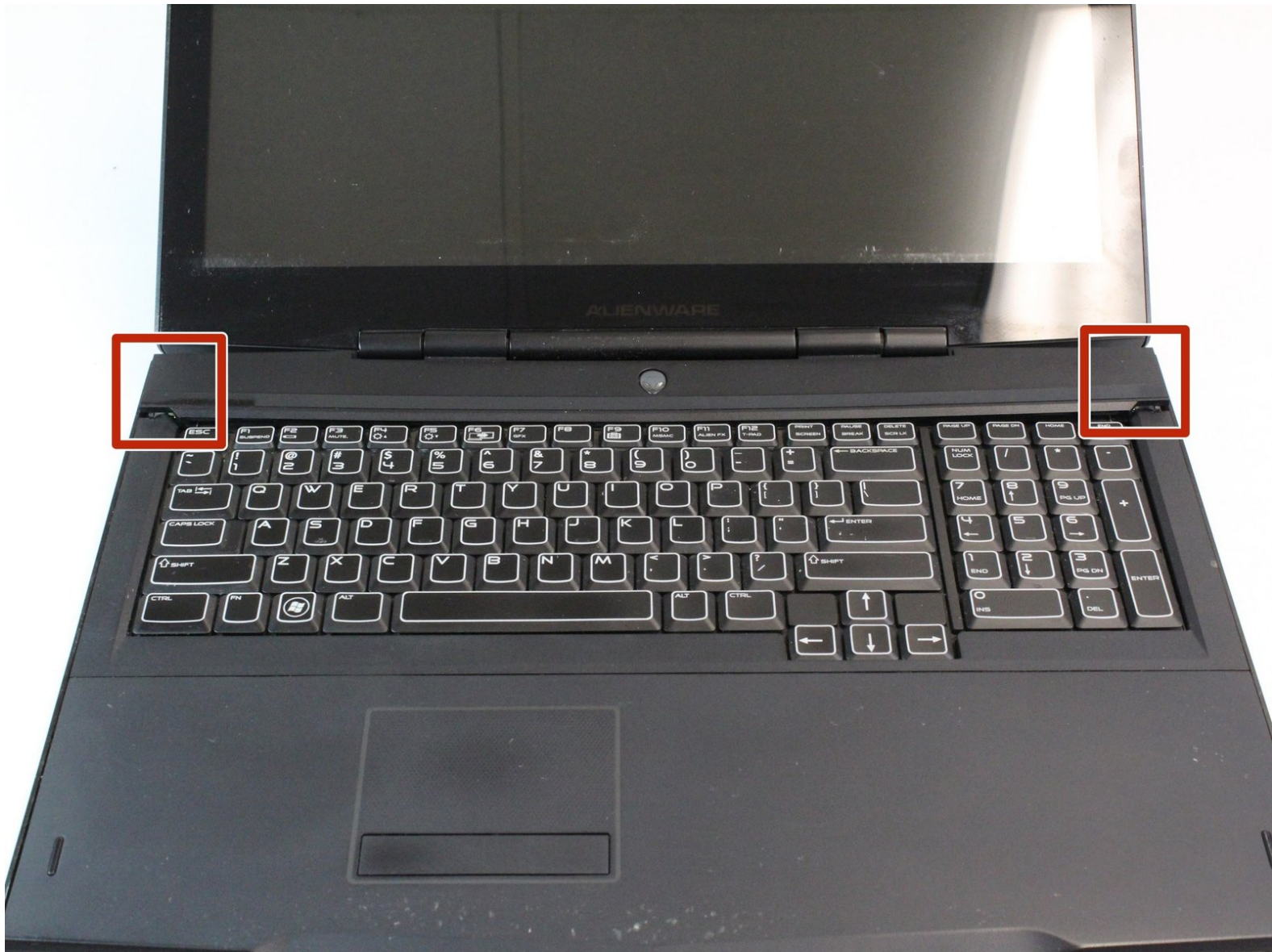# Alienware M17x P01E Center Control Cover Replacement

Removing the center control cover allows access to remove the Alienware M17x keyboard and graphics cards.

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INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to remove the central control cover to access the keyboard and graphics card.

🔧 TOOLS:

- Phillips #1 Screwdriver (1)
- Spudger (1)
- Phillips #0 Screwdriver (1)

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Step 1 — Battery

⚠ Please power off the computer and deplete the battery before attempting the following step.

Step 2

- Press down on the battery latch and slide it to the left.

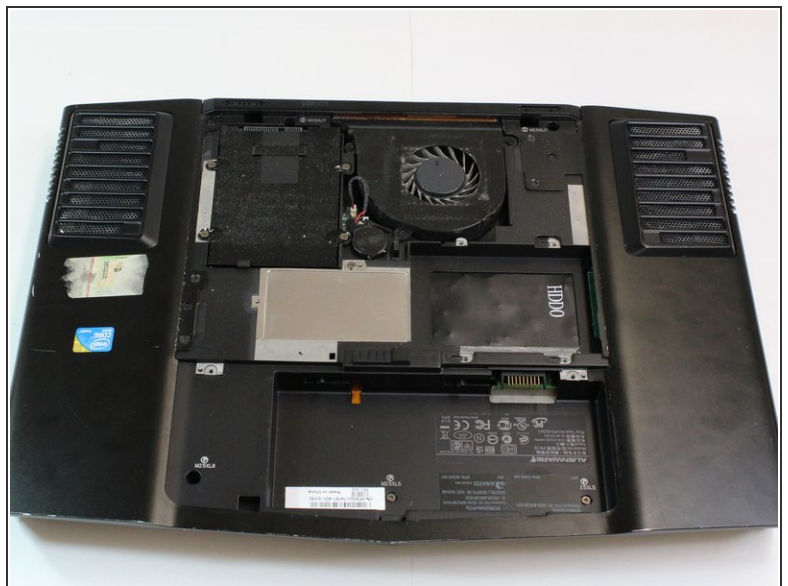- Lift the battery out once it pops out.
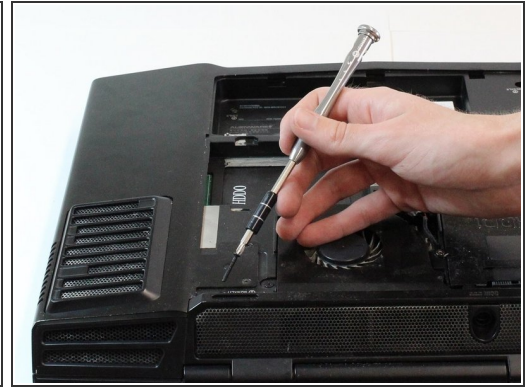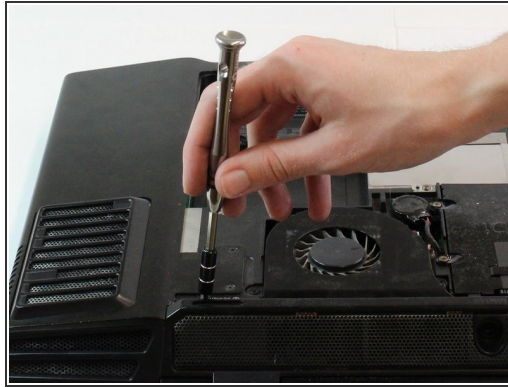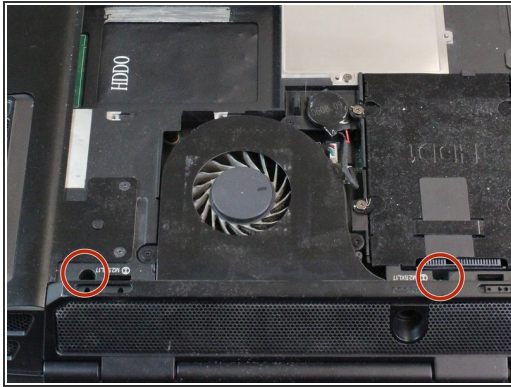
Step 3 — Compartment Door

- Loosen the two silver Phillips #1 screws.

- ⓘ The screws are held to the compartment door by a washer and cannot be removed.
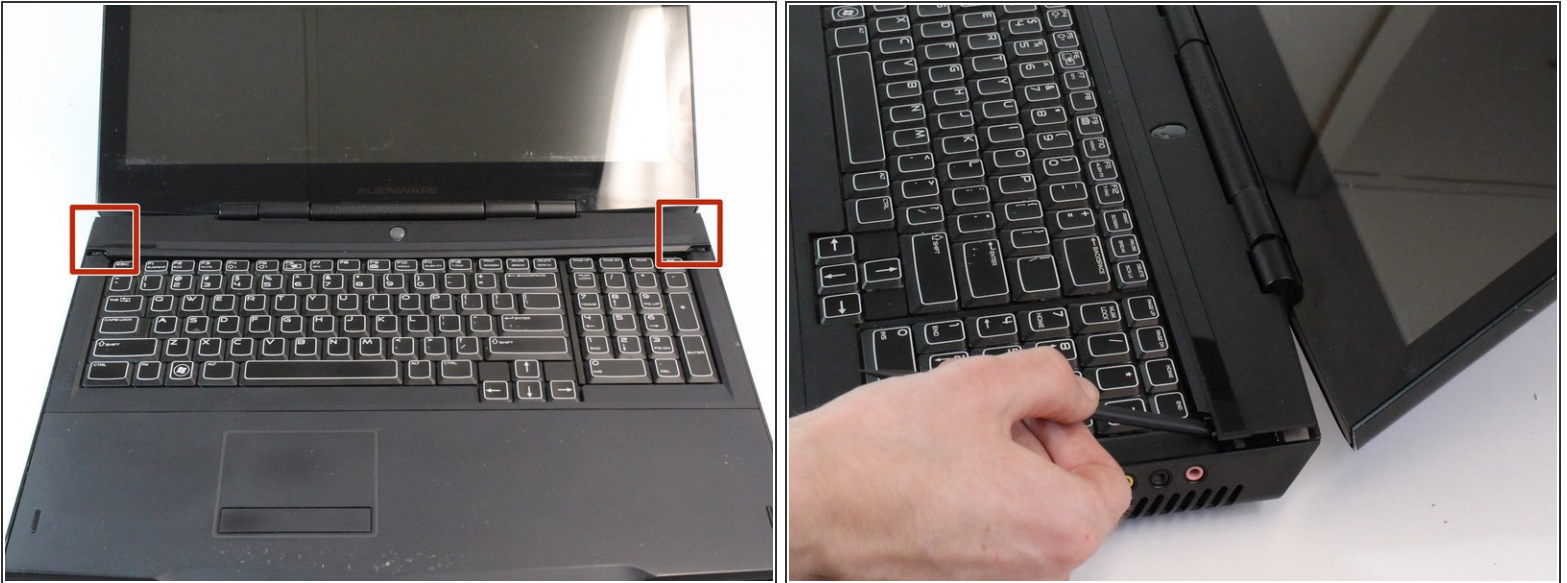
Step 4

- Use your hand to gently lift and remove the compartment door.

Step 5 — Center Control Cover

- Remove the two 2mm Phillips #0 screws from the recesses on the left and right side of the processor fan.

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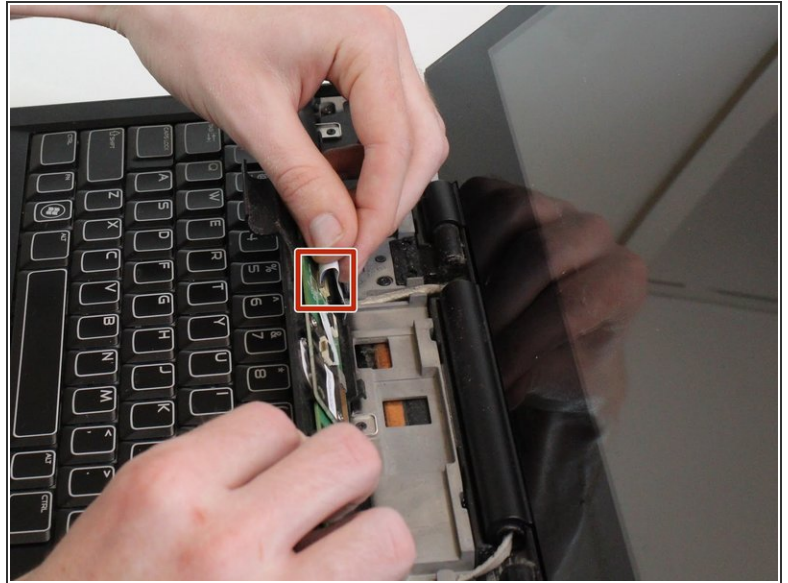© iFixit — CC BY-NC-SA　　　　　　　　　　www.iFixit.com　　　　　　　　　　Page 5 of 7

Step 6

- Turn the laptop top side up and fully open the display.

- ⓘ The center control panel is between the display and the keyboard. Fully opening the display ensures that there is enough room to pry and lift the center control panel.

- Pry the center control panel up from its left and right edges with the Spudger.

- ⚠ The center control panel may require a decent amount of force to pry free. Do not immediately lift the panel from the laptop once it has been pried free. A cable is connected from the laptop to the center control panel.

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Step 7

- Lift the center control panel from the laptop.

- Tilt the center control panel away from the display carefully.

- Lift the latch open to remove the cable connecting from the laptop to the center control panel.

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