MacBook Pro 17" Models A1151 A1212 A1229 and A1261 Upper Case Replacement

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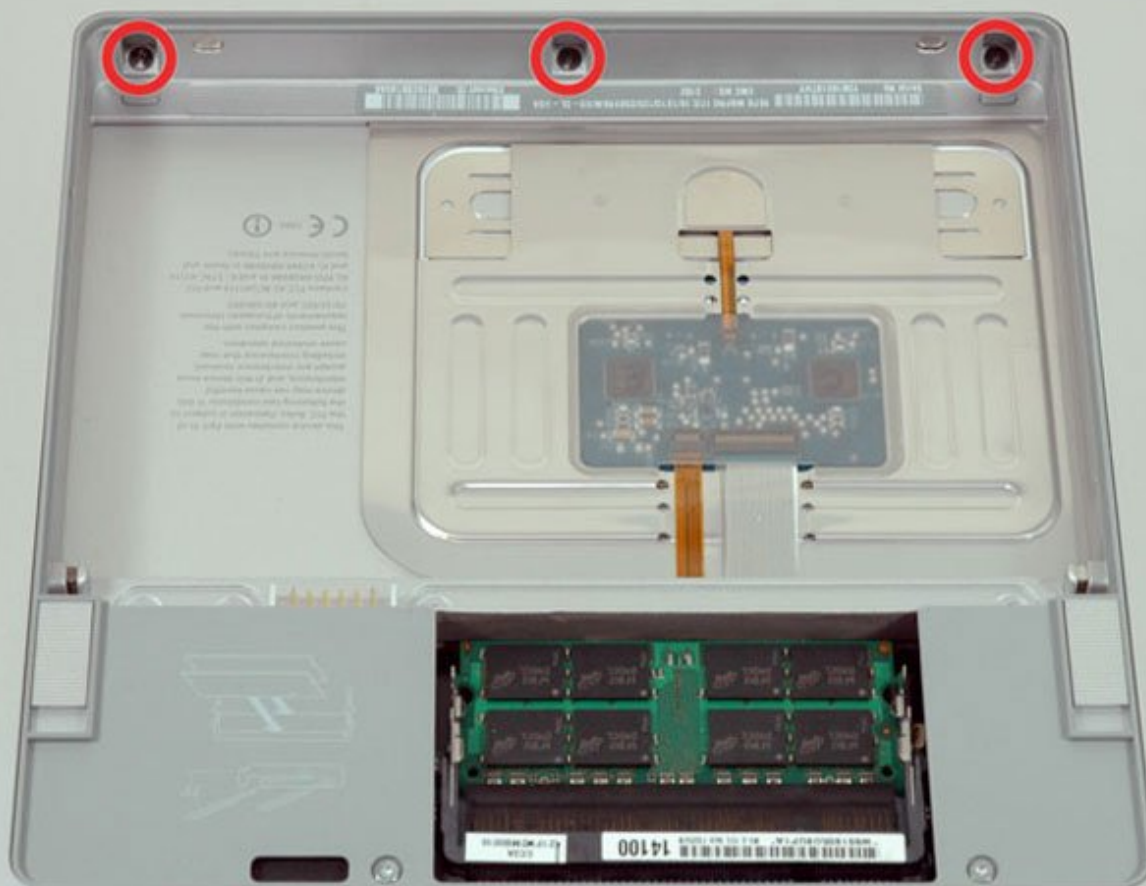
INTRODUCTION

Changing the top case will also give you a new trackpad.

🔧 TOOLS:

- Phillips #00 Screwdriver (1)
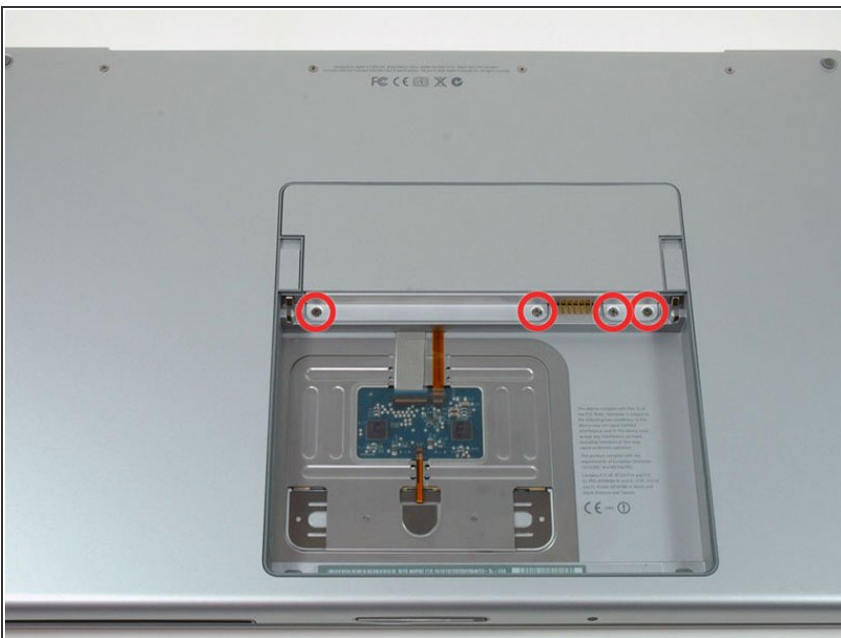- Spudger (1)
- T6 Torx Screwdriver (1)

⚙ PARTS:

- MacBook Pro 17" (Model A1151) Upper Case (1)

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Step 1 — Battery

- Use your fingers to push both battery release tabs away from the battery and lift the battery out of the computer.

Step 2 — RAM Shield

- Remove the four identical Phillips 3.4 mm screws from the memory door. These screws have 4 mm
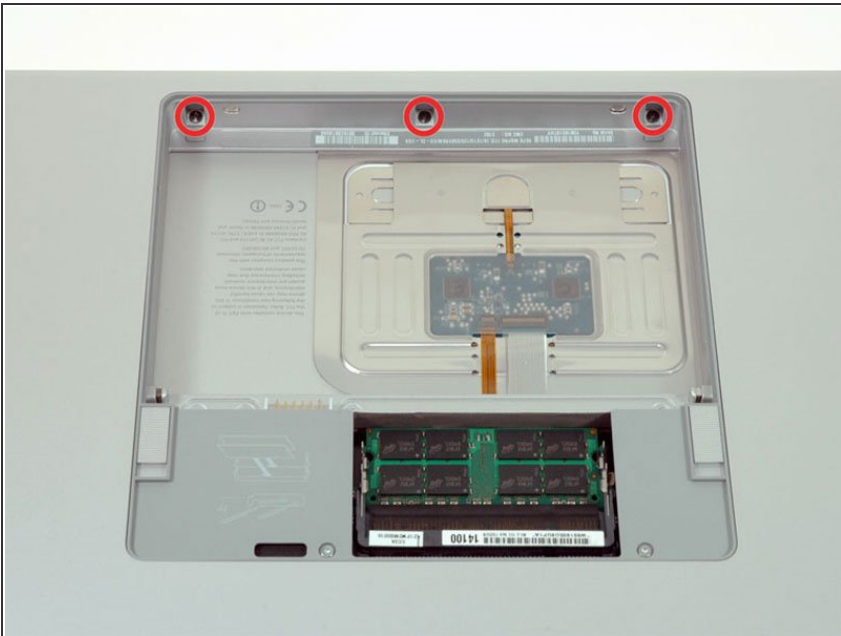
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diameter heads rather than the 3 mm heads on the body screws.

Step 3

- Lift the memory door up enough to get a grip on it, and slide it toward you, pulling it away from the casing.

Step 4 — Upper Case

- Remove the three Phillips screws in the battery compartment near the latch. Apple was nice enough to tilt these screws at a slight angle to make them easier to remove. On the A1261 these screws have 4 mm diameter heads rather than the 3 mm heads on the body screws.

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Step 5
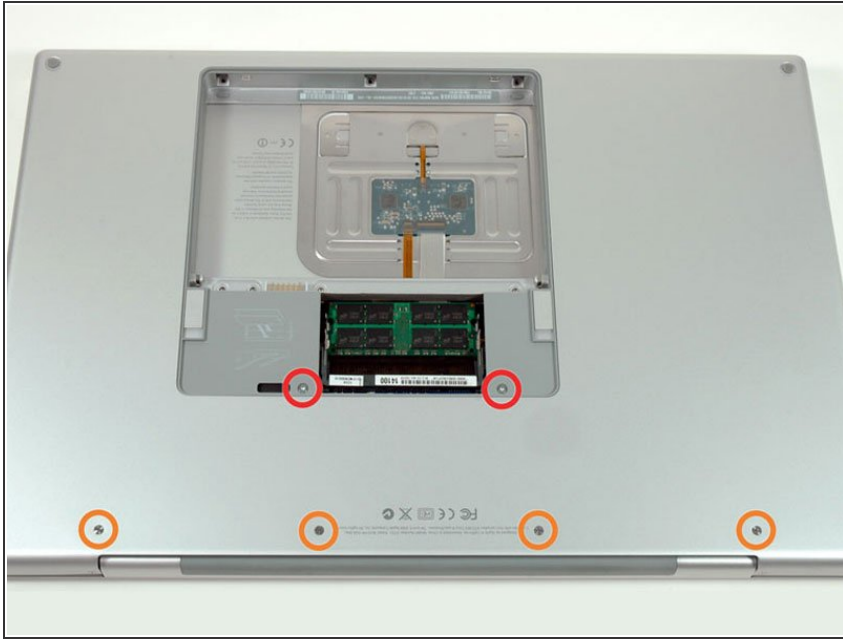
- Remove the following six screws:
  - Two 14.5 mm T6 Torx screws on either side of the RAM slot.
  - Four 3.4 mm Phillips screws along the hinge.

Step 6

- Remove the four 3.4 mm Phillips screws on the port side of the computer.

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Step 7

- Rotate the computer 90 degrees and remove the two Phillips screws from the rear of the computer.

Step 8

- Rotate the computer 90 degrees again and remove the four Phillips screws from the side of the computer.
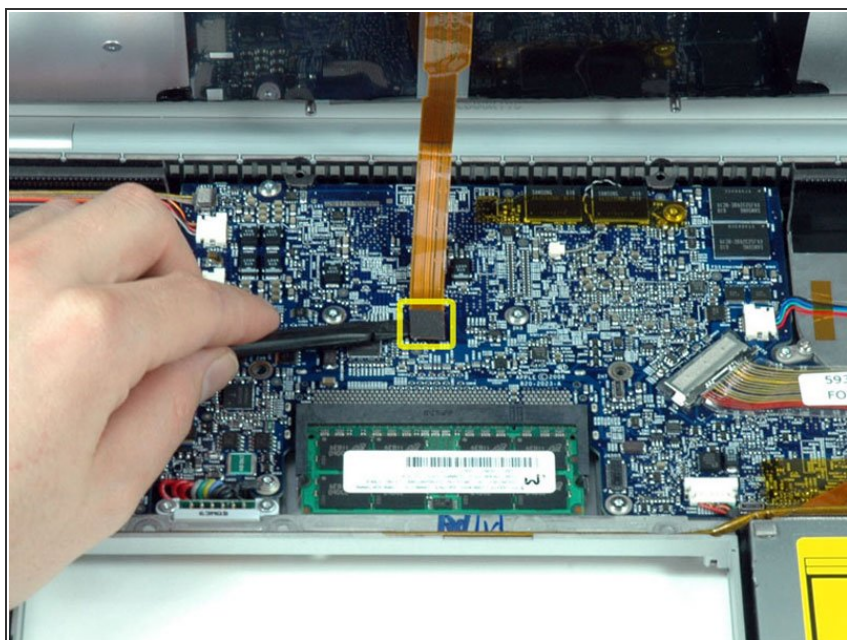
Step 9

⚠️ Do not yank the upper case off quickly. The case is attached to the logic board via a ribbon cable.

- Lift up the back of the case and work your fingers along the sides, freeing the case as you go. Once you have freed the sides, you may need to rock the case up and down to free the front of the upper case.

Step 10

- Disconnect the trackpad and keyboard ribbon cable from the logic board.

- Remove the upper case.

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

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