



Step 1 - Display Assembly

- We are currently working on a better method to open the iPad. This method will open the iPad, but will almost certainly result in broken retaining clips.
- Insert a metal spudger between the top edge of the display assembly and the rear panel assembly.
- Rotate the spudger away from you to release the tabs along the top edge of the display.
- Insert a second metal spudger between the top edge of the display assembly and the rear panel assembly to keep the tabs from snapping back into place.



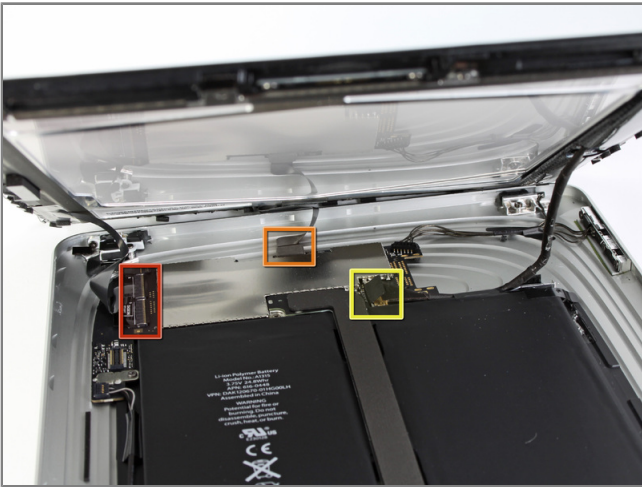
Step 2

- With one spudger, work your way along the right edge of the iPad, releasing tabs as you go.



Step 3

- Lift the display assembly away from the rear panel assembly by its bottom edge.
- Do not attempt to remove the display at this time, as it is attached to the rear panel assembly.



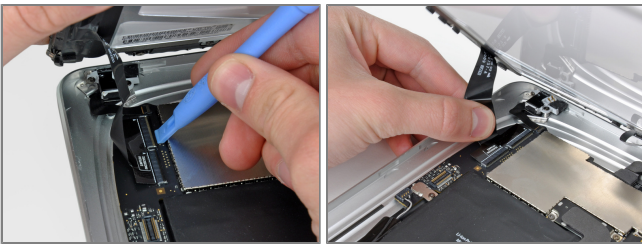
Step 4

- In the following steps, you will disconnect the three cables attaching the display assembly to the logic board. The cables are for the following components:
 - Digitizer
 - Ambient Light Sensor
 - Display Data Cable



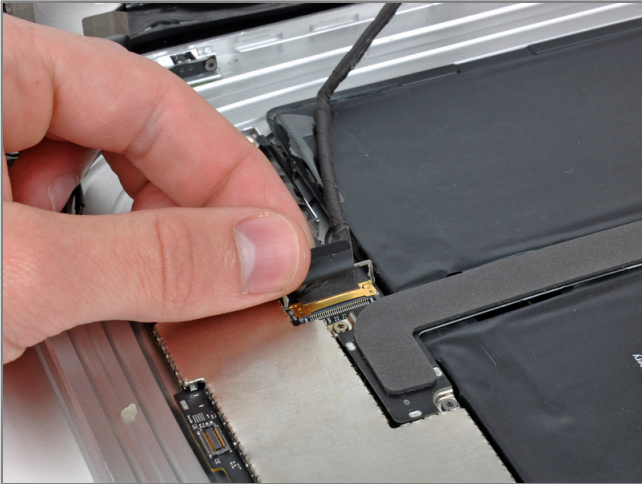
Step 5

- Use the edge of an iPod opening tool to flip up the retaining flaps holding the digitizer ribbon cables in their sockets on the logic board.
- Be sure you are flipping up the retaining flap, **not** the socket itself.
- Pull the digitizer ribbon cables straight out of their sockets.



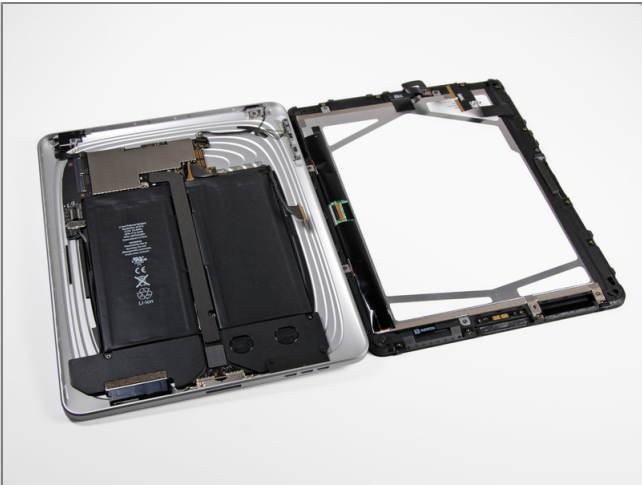
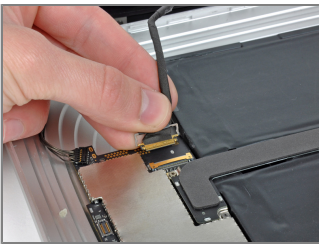
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- Use an iPod opening tool to remove the ambient light sensor connector from its socket by gently prying upward.



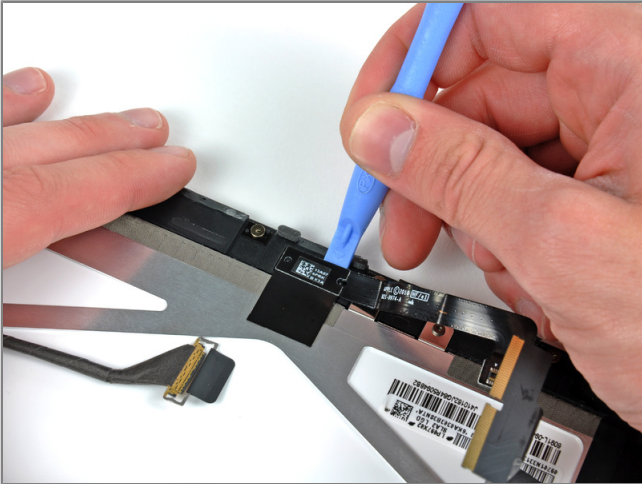
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- Disconnect the display data cable from the main board by flipping up the metal retainer by its black plastic pull tab.
- Pull the cable connector away from its socket.
- Pull the connector parallel to the face of the logic board.



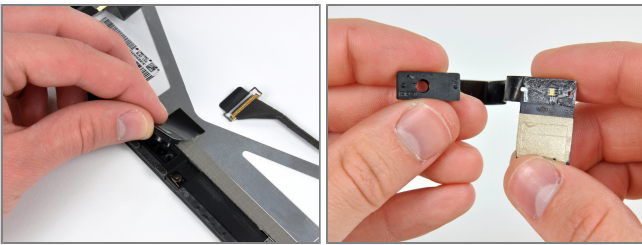
Step 8

- Remove the display assembly from the rear panel assembly.



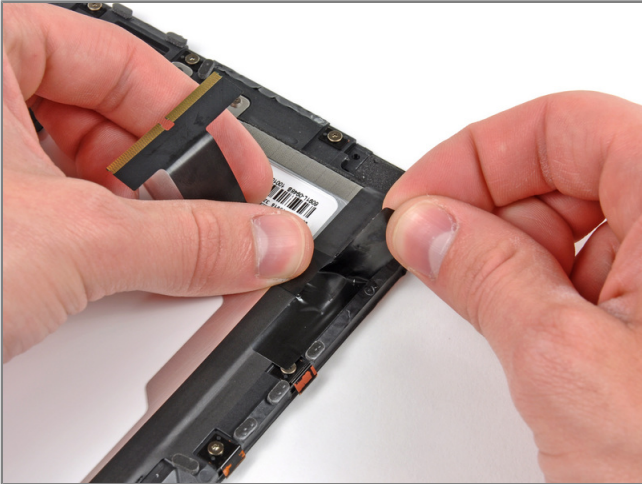
Step 9 - Ambient Light Sensor

- Use the edge of an iPod opening tool to carefully pry the ambient light sensor board off the adhesive securing it to the display frame.
- Once you've gained enough clearance, peel the ambient light sensor off the LCD.
- If necessary, attach the plastic view window to your new ambient light sensor before installation.



Step 10 - LCD

- If present, remove the strip of foam tape along the long edge of the display assembly near the digitizer cable.



Step 11

- While holding the digitizer cable down, carefully peel back the piece of tape connecting the digitizer cable to the display frame.



Step 12

- Remove the three T4 Torx screws securing the clips and LCD brackets covered in EMI tape near the home button switch.
- Carefully peel the display clip and its attached tape off the black plastic display frame.
- If you are replacing the LCD, be sure to transfer these pieces of EMI tape and their attached clips to the new LCD.





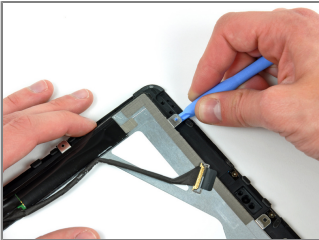
Step 13

- Remove the remaining T4 Torx screws securing the LCD to the black plastic display frame.



Step 14

- Insert the edge of an iPod opening tool under one of the ears attached to the steel LCD frame.
- Twist the iPod opening tool to gently pry the LCD up off the adhesive securing it to the front glass panel.
- Be sure not to excessively bend the LCD, as it is made of glass.





Step 15

- Repeat the process detailed on the previous step to pry up the display around the three sides opposite the digitizer cable side of the display.



Step 16

- Lift the LCD from its free end, and remove it from the display frame.
- Carefully peel the adhesive securing the long side of the LCD to the display frame, then remove the LCD.





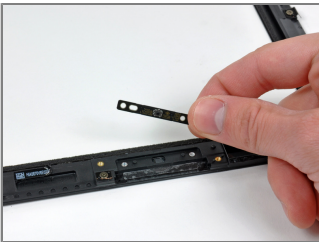
Step 17 - Front Glass Panel

- Remove the strip of EMI tape near the top inner edge of the front glass panel.
- Transfer this to your new front glass panel.



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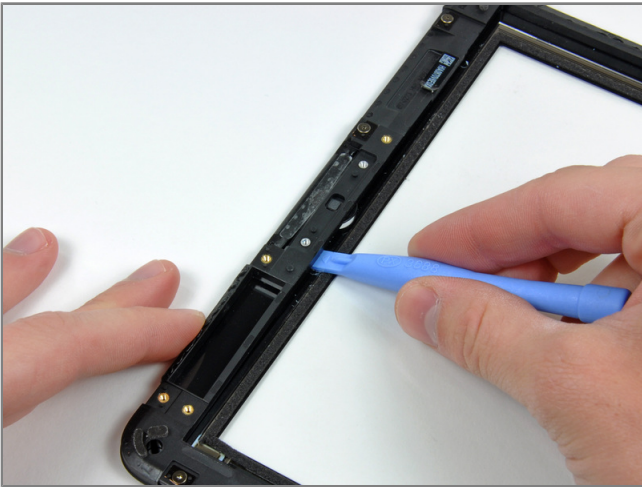
- Remove the two T4 Torx screws securing the home button switch to the plastic display frame.
- Remove the home button switch board from the front panel assembly.





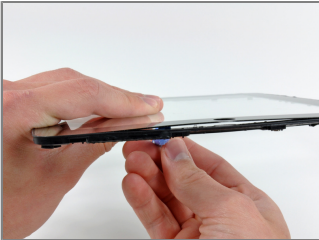
Step 19

- In the following steps you will use a heat gun to soften the adhesive securing the black plastic frame to the front glass. Do not allow the stream of hot air to contact the thin rubber strip around the outer perimeter of the front glass as it may melt, permanently deform, and lose texture.
- Use a heat gun to gently heat the plastic display frame near the home button from the inner side of the front glass panel.



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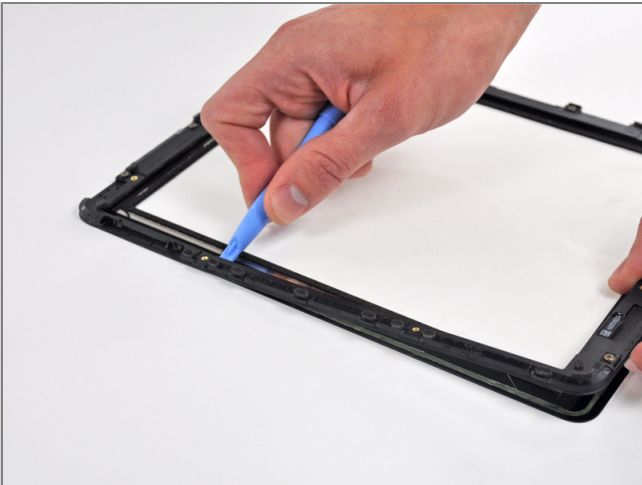
- When the adhesive has been adequately heated, use the edge of an iPod opening tool to gently pry the plastic display frame away from the front glass panel.
- Run your tool under the plastic display frame to separate it from the front glass near the home button area.
- If the panel does not separate from the frame, reheat the area you are working on and try again. The adhesive must reach a certain temperature before it will yield, and reaching that point may require reheating the area several times. Once the adhesive has reached the right temperature, it should be fairly easy to run an iPod opening tool under the frame to separate it from the front glass panel.





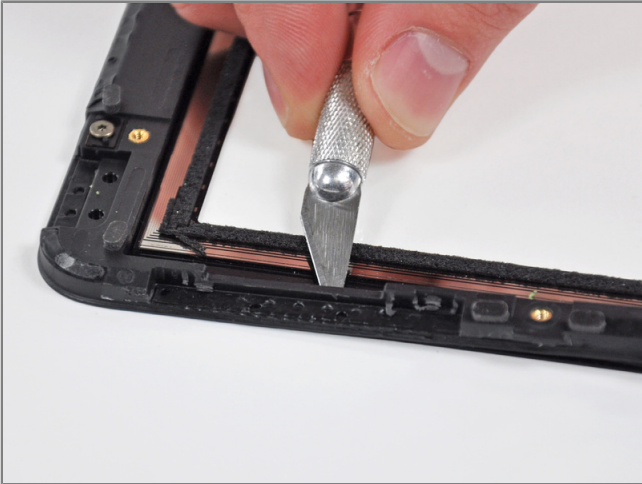
Step 21

- Heat the lower right corner (as viewed from the front of the iPad) of the plastic display frame to soften the adhesive securing it to the front glass panel.
- Use your iPod opening tool to continue to pry the plastic frame away from the front glass panel, being careful not to damage the rubber strip around the glass panel's perimeter.



Step 22

- Continue to heat and pry the plastic display bracket along the lower half of its right edge until it is freed from the front glass panel.
- Near the top right edge of the panel (as viewed from the front of the iPad), the frame is secured to the front glass panel by rubber between the two pieces. Use the following procedure to separate this section.



Step 23

- Lightly heat the rubber connection area. Use an iPod opening tool to separate the plastic display frame from the front glass panel enough to access the rubber area.
- While holding the display frame away from the front glass, use a razor blade to carefully cut through the many rubber "dots" attaching the frame to the front panel.
- The razor blade may scratch the black painted border off the inside of the glass panel. If you are reusing your front glass panel, try not to scratch the glass while cutting. Also, to prevent cosmetic damage, avoid cutting through the outer rubber strip.



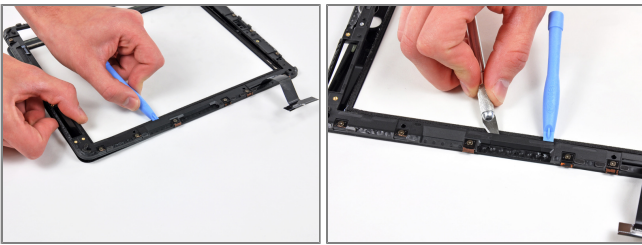
Step 24

- Continue to heat and pry the top edge of the frame until it separates from the glass panel.
- Due to the heavy construction of the display frame's top edge, it may be helpful to use the flat end of a normal spudger to pry it away from the front glass panel.



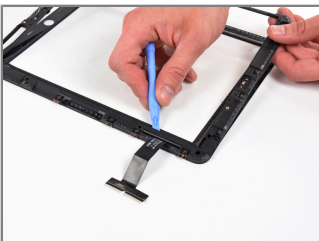
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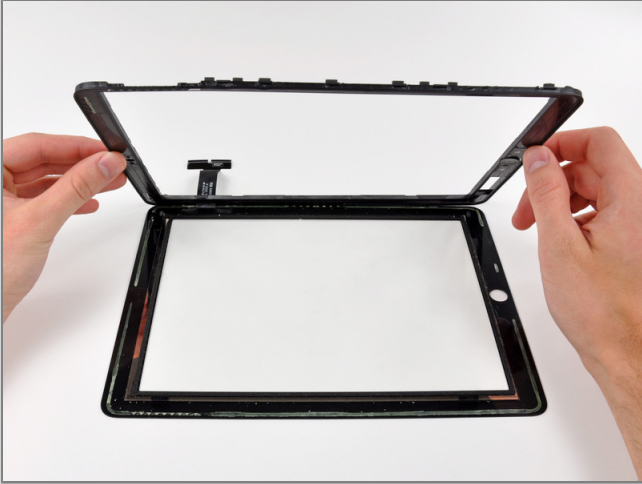
- To separate the ribbon cable side of the display bracket, begin by heating near the lower left corner of the panel (as viewed from the front of the iPad).
- Carefully separate the lower edge of the ribbon cable side of the frame until you reach another area where rubber connects the frame to the glass panel.
- Repeat the process outlined in previous steps to cut through the rubber "dots" connecting the two pieces.
- Be careful when separating this side, as there is fragile ribbon running beneath the frame.



Step 26

- In this step, you will heat and remove the plastic frame near the digitizer cable. Do not directly heat this ribbon cable, as it is extremely thin and sensitive to heat.
- Use a heat gun to soften the adhesive next to both sides of the digitizer cable, being careful not to melt the cable.
- Pry the final section of the plastic display frame away from the front glass.





Step 27

- Remove the display bracket from the front glass, being careful not to rip the digitizer cable in the process.
- Before installing your new front glass panel, be sure to clean all the old adhesive off the plastic display frame.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order. For final re-assembly of the top to the base make sure you fit the right side first which has fixed lugs as opposed to the clips. Failure to do this means you will need another set of retaining clips!