



HP Pavilion N3350 Optical Drive Replacement

This guide will show how to replace the optical drives on the HP Pavilion N3350 laptop.

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INTRODUCTION

If your optical drive is not reading anything inserted, or is malfunctioning, it is possible that it is dirty or damaged due to electrical or physical circumstances. Once new optical drives are purchased, follow this guide to replace them.

TOOLS:

- [Spudger](#) (1)
 - [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)
 - [Phillips #1 Screwdriver](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Keyboard



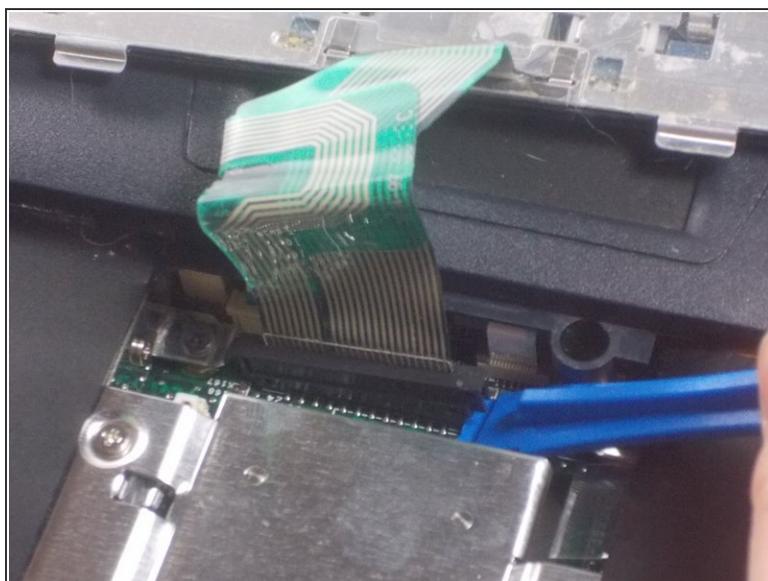
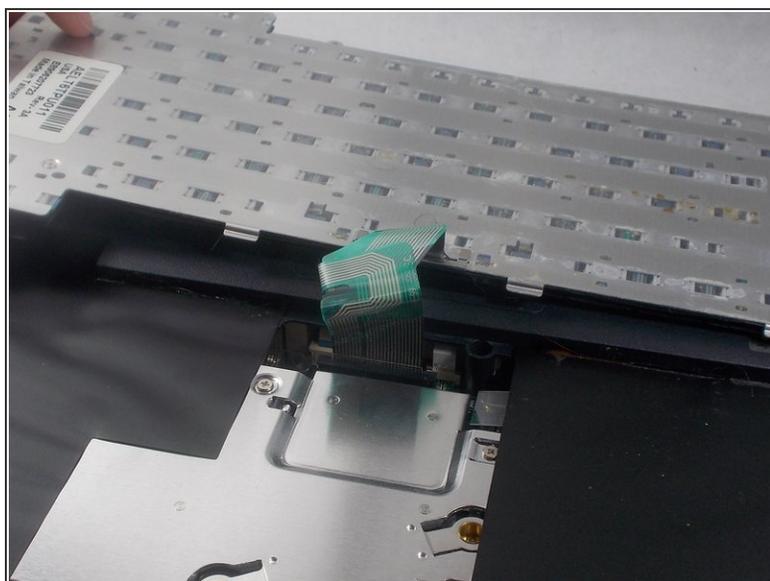
- Open your laptop. Beneath the screen, here is a large plastic piece that contains slots for a speaker, the power button, and numerous indicator lights.
- To remove this, pry it open with a spudger tool gently. It should pop out of place.

Step 2



- Remove the three 6mm screws using a Phillips #1 screwdriver.
- Once the screws are removed, the keyboard is free from the base of the laptop.

Step 3



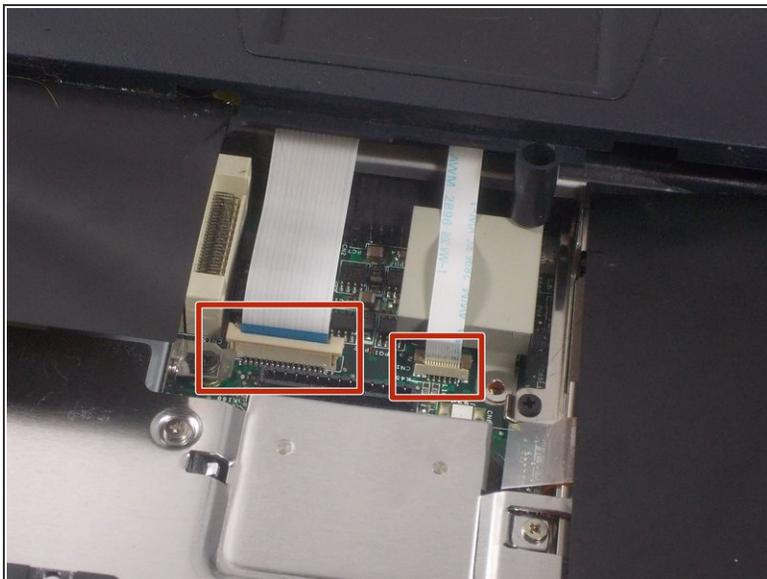
- Disconnect the green ribbon cable using a plastic opening tool.

Step 4 — Optical Drives



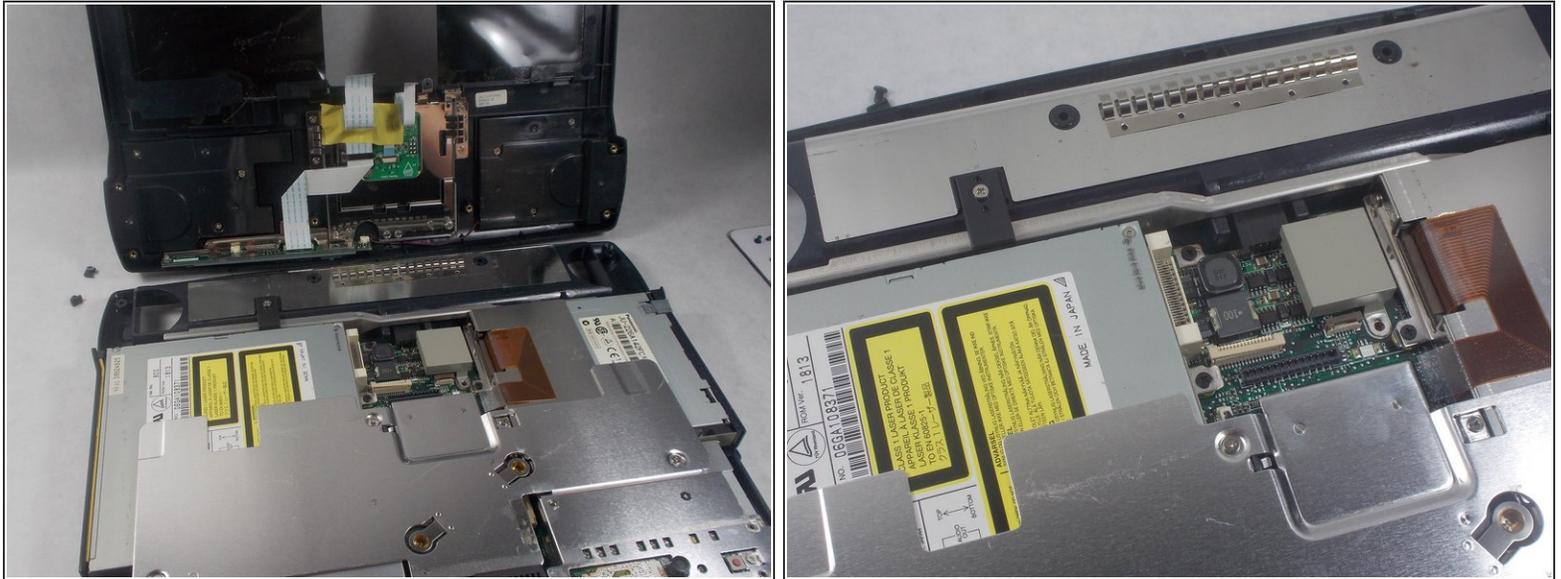
- Remove the 6 millimeter screws indicated with a Phillips #1 screwdriver.
- Remove the top plastic covering from the base of the device.

Step 5



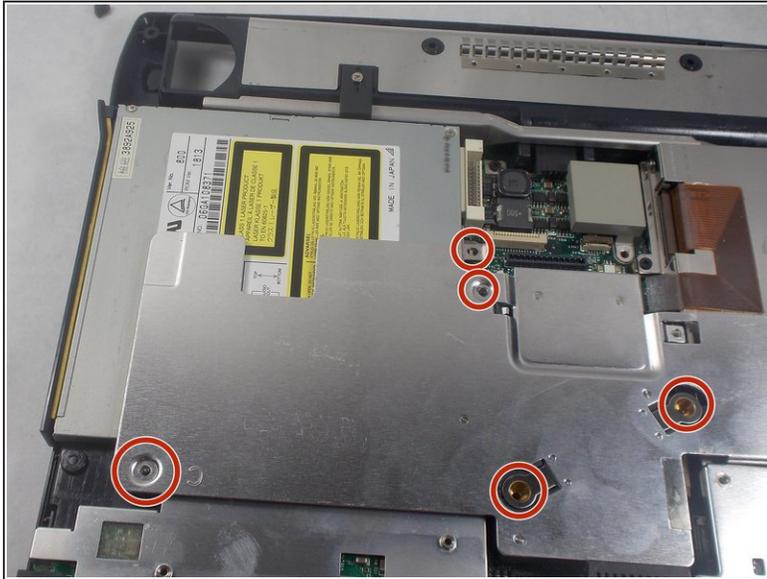
- Use a plastic opening tool to disconnect both cable connectors gently.

Step 6



- Once these cables are disconnected, the optical drives can be found inside.
- ⓘ This particular laptop has a CD/DVD combo drive on the left, and a floppy disc drive on the right.

Step 7



- The 1 centimeter screws indicated need to be removed using a Phillips #1 screwdriver to free the CD/DVD combo drive.
- Once freed, the CD/DVD combo drive should slide out and remove easily.

Step 8



- The 1 centimeter screws indicated must be removed with a Phillips #1 screwdriver to free the floppy disc drive.
- Remove the floppy disc drive from the device.

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