



Dell Optiplex SX280 Heat Sink Replacement

Heat Sink removed from computer

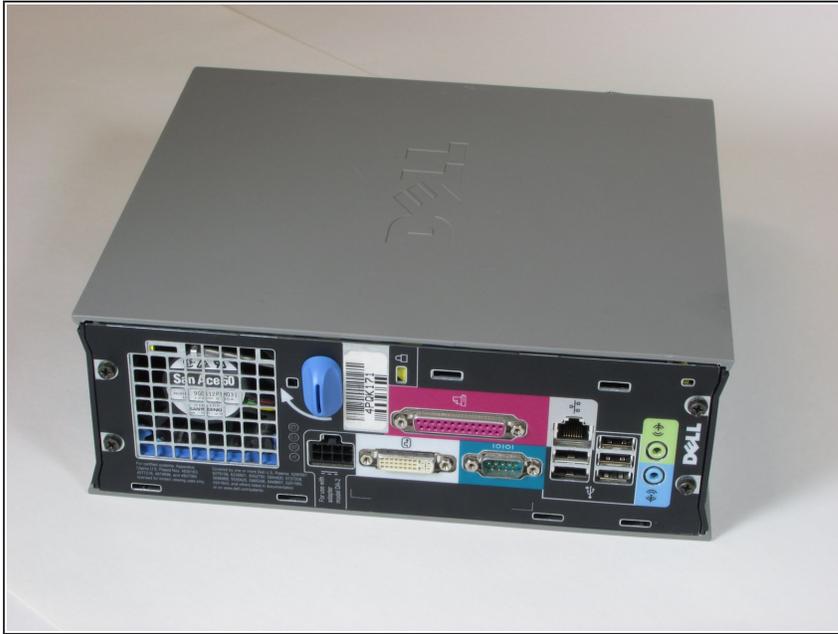
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INTRODUCTION

Replace the Heat Sink on the Motherboard to maintain optimal performance

Step 1 — Panel Cover



- ⚠ Make sure the computer is turned off, by selecting the start menu and choosing “Shut Down”.
- ⚠ Ensure all cables, speakers and other devices are unplugged and turned off before opening the computer case.

Step 2



- Lay the computer on its side; you will see a blue knob.
- Turn this knob 90 deg clockwise.

Step 3



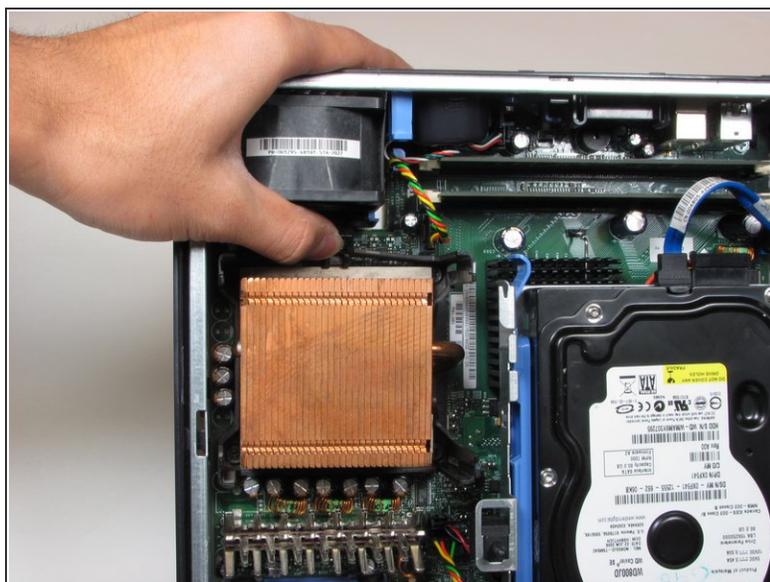
- Slide the panel case forward about 1/2 inch while knob is turned.
- Lift panel case off computer.

Step 4 — Heat Sink



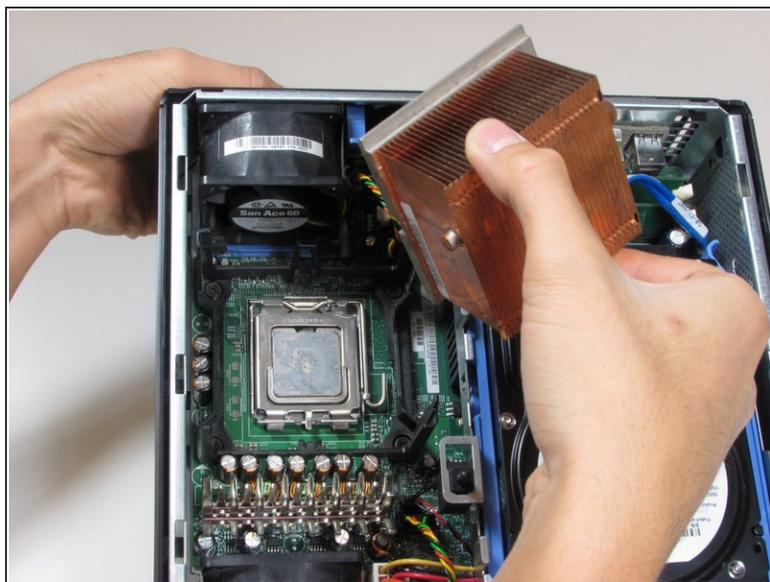
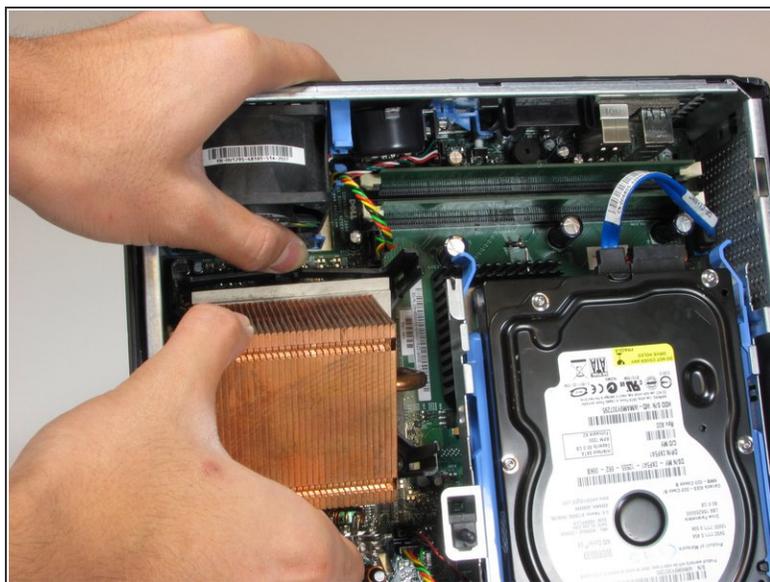
- Remove the large blue cover from the computer, there are no screws or tabs keeping it in place.

Step 5



- Press down on the release tab above the heat sink.

Step 6



- Pull the heat sink out of the computer while pressing on the release tab.

 When reassembling make sure to clean the processor and heat sink of all old thermal paste and apply new paste to the processor

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