



# MacBook Unibody Model A1278 Hard Drive Replacement

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# INTRODUCTION

Replacing the hard drive on a Unibody is simple - it only requires removing one screw!



## TOOLS:

- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)



## PARTS:

- [320 GB 5400 RPM 2.5" Hard Drive](#) (1)
- [500 GB 5400 RPM 2.5" Hard Drive](#) (1)
- [320 GB 7200 RPM Seagate SATA Hard Drive \(New\)](#) (1)
- [500 GB 7200 RPM 2.5" Hard Drive](#) (1)

## Step 1 — Access Door



- With the case closed, place the Unibody top-side down on a flat surface.
- Depress the grooved side of the access door release latch enough to grab the free end. Lift the release latch until it is vertical.

## Step 2



- The access door should now be raised enough to lift it up and out of the Unibody.



- Be sure the access door release latch is vertical before proceeding.
- Grab the white plastic tab and pull the battery up and out of the Unibody.

## A close-up photograph showing a person's hand using a blue-handled screwdriver to remove a screw from the top cover of a laptop. The laptop is open, revealing the internal components. A large, black, rectangular hard drive is visible, with various certification logos (CE, X, RoHS, etc.) and text printed on it. To the right of the hard drive, there are blue cooling fans. The laptop's internal frame is silver-colored. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

- Remove the single Phillips screw securing the hard drive bracket to the upper case.
- 📌 This screw is captive to the hard drive bracket.

## Step 5



- Lift the hard drive by its pull tab enough to grab and remove the retaining bracket.
- Lift the hard drive out of the chassis, minding the cable attaching it to the computer.

## Step 6



- Remove the hard drive from its cable by pulling the cable connector straight away from the drive.
- Hard drive remains.

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