

MacBook Unibody Model A1278 Lower Case Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

Replace the aluminum bottom case in a MacBook Unibody.



TOOLS:

• Phillips #00 Screwdriver (1)



PARTS:

- MacBook Unibody (Model No. A1278)
 Lower Case (1)
- MacBook and MacBook Pro Unibody Plastic Feet (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.

Step 3 — Battery



- i 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.

Step 4 — Lower Case



- Remove the following eight screws securing the lower case to the chassis:
 - One 3 mm Phillips screw.
 - Three 13.5 mm Phillips screws.
 - Four 3.5 mm Phillips screws.

Step 5



 Using both hands, lift and remove the lower case off the upper case.

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