

MacBook Air 13" Early 2020 Lower Case Replacement

Guide to remove or replace the lower case on an Early 2020 13" MacBook Air.

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INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace the lower case on your Early 2020 MacBook Air, or to remove it for further repair.



TOOLS:

 P5 Pentalobe Screwdriver Retina MacBook Pro and Air (1)



PARTS:

- MacBook Air 13" (Late 2018-Early 2020)
 Lower Case (1)
- MacBook Air 13" (Late 2018-Late 2020)
 Lower Case Screw Set (1)

Step 1 — Remove the screws securing the lower case

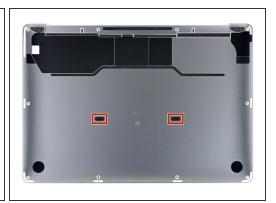


- Before starting this procedure, you should disable your Mac's Auto Boot feature. Auto Boot powers on your Mac when you open the lid, and may be accidentally triggered during disassembly. Use this guide to disable Auto Boot.
 - If your MacBook is running Big Sur v11.1 or later, disabling Auto Boot may not work. You can proceed normally, but make sure to disconnect the battery as soon as you're inside.
- Completely power off and unplug your MacBook Air before you start. Close the display and flip the entire laptop upside-down.
- Use a P5 driver to remove the following screws:
 - Two 7.9 mm screws
 - Two 7.1 mm screws
 - Six 2.6 mm screws
- Throughout this repair, keep track of each screw and make sure it goes back exactly where it came from to avoid damaging your MacBook.

Step 2 — Remove the lower case







- Wedge your fingers between the display and the lower case and pull upward to pop the lower case
 off the Air.
- Remove the lower case.
- To reinstall the lower case:
 - Set it in place and press firmly to engage the two hidden clips underneath. You should feel and hear them snap into place.

Compare your new replacement part to the original part—you may need to transfer remaining components or remove adhesive backings from the new part before installing.

To reassemble your device, follow the above steps in reverse order.

Take your e-waste to an R2 or e-Stewards certified recycler.

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