


# Latitude 5531

## Service Manual

## Notes, cautions, and warnings

 **NOTE:** A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your product.

 **CAUTION:** A CAUTION indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.

 **WARNING:** A WARNING indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.

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# Working inside your computer



## Safety instructions

Use the following safety guidelines to protect your computer from potential damage and to ensure your personal safety. Unless otherwise noted, each procedure included in this document assumes that you have read the safety information that shipped with your computer.

-  **WARNING:** Before working inside your computer, read the safety information that is shipped with your computer. For more safety best practices, see the Regulatory Compliance home page at [www.dell.com/regulatory\\_compliance](http://www.dell.com/regulatory_compliance).
-  **WARNING:** Disconnect your computer from all power sources before opening the computer cover or panels. After you finish working inside the computer, replace all covers, panels, and screws before connecting your computer to an electrical outlet.
-  **CAUTION:** To avoid damaging the computer, ensure that the work surface is flat, dry, and clean.
-  **CAUTION:** To avoid damaging the components and cards, handle them by their edges, and avoid touching the pins and the contacts.
-  **CAUTION:** You should only perform troubleshooting and repairs as authorized or directed by the Dell technical assistance team. Damage due to servicing that is not authorized by Dell is not covered by your warranty. See the safety instructions that is shipped with the product or at [www.dell.com/regulatory\\_compliance](http://www.dell.com/regulatory_compliance).
-  **CAUTION:** Before touching anything inside your computer, ground yourself by touching an unpainted metal surface, such as the metal at the back of the computer. While you work, periodically touch an unpainted metal surface to dissipate static electricity which could harm internal components.
-  **CAUTION:** When you disconnect a cable, pull it by its connector or its pull tab, not the cable itself. Some cables have connectors with locking tabs or thumbscrews that you must disengage before disconnecting the cable. When disconnecting cables, keep them evenly aligned to avoid bending the connector pins. When connecting cables, ensure that the ports and the connectors are correctly oriented and aligned.
-  **CAUTION:** Press and eject any installed card from the media-card reader.
-  **CAUTION:** Exercise caution when handling Lithium-ion batteries in laptops. Swollen batteries should not be used and should be replaced and disposed properly.
-  **NOTE:** The color of your computer and certain components may appear differently than shown in this document.

## Before working inside your computer


### Steps


1. Save and close all open files and exit all open applications.
2. Shut down your computer. For Windows operating system, click **Start** >  **Power** > **Shut down**.  
 **NOTE:** If you are using a different operating system, see the documentation of your operating system for shut-down instructions.
3. Disconnect your computer and all attached devices from their electrical outlets.
4. Disconnect all attached network devices and peripherals, such as keyboard, mouse, and monitor from your computer.

5. Remove any media card and optical disk from your computer, if applicable.
6. Enter the service mode, if you are able to power on your computer.


### Service Mode

Service Mode is used to cut-off power, without disconnecting battery cable from system board prior conducting repairs in the computer.

 **CAUTION:** If you are unable to turn on the computer to put it into Service Mode or the computer does not support Service Mode then proceed to disconnect the battery cable. To disconnect the battery cable, follow the steps in [Removing the battery](#).

 **NOTE:** Ensure that your computer is shut down and the AC adapter is disconnected.

- a. Hold **<B>** key on the keyboard and press the power button for 3 seconds or until the Dell logo appears on the screen.
- b. Press any key to continue.
- c. If the AC adapter is not disconnected, a message prompting you to remove the AC adapter appears on the screen. Remove the AC adapter and then press any key to continue the **Service Mode** procedure. The **Service Mode** procedure automatically skips the following step if the **Owner Tag** of the computer is not set up in advance by the user.
- d. When the ready-to-proceed message appears on the screen, press any key to proceed. The computer emits three short beeps and shuts down immediately.
- e. Once the computer shuts down, it has successfully entered Service Mode.

 **NOTE:** If you are unable to power on your computer or unable to enter service mode skip this process.

## Safety precautions

The safety precautions chapter details the primary steps to be taken before performing any disassembly instructions.

Observe the following safety precautions before you perform any installation or break/fix procedures involving disassembly or reassembly:

- Turn off the system and all attached peripherals.
- Disconnect the system and all attached peripherals from AC power.
- Disconnect all network cables, telephone, and telecommunications lines from the system.
- Use an ESD field service kit when working inside any notebook to avoid electrostatic discharge (ESD) damage.
- After removing any system component, carefully place the removed component on an anti-static mat.
- Wear shoes with non-conductive rubber soles to reduce the chance of getting electrocuted.

## Standby power

Dell products with standby power must be unplugged before you open the case. Systems that incorporate standby power are essentially powered while turned off. The internal power enables the system to be remotely turned on (wake on LAN) and suspended into a sleep mode and has other advanced power management features.

Unplugging, pressing and holding the power button for 15 seconds should discharge residual power in the system board.

## Bonding

Bonding is a method for connecting two or more grounding conductors to the same electrical potential. This is done through the use of a field service electrostatic discharge (ESD) kit. When connecting a bonding wire, ensure that it is connected to bare metal and never to a painted or non-metal surface. The wrist strap should be secure and in full contact with your skin, and ensure that you remove all jewelry such as watches, bracelets, or rings prior to bonding yourself and the equipment.

## Electrostatic discharge—ESD protection

ESD is a major concern when you handle electronic components, especially sensitive components such as expansion cards, processors, memory DIMMs, and system boards. Very slight charges can damage circuits in ways that may not be obvious, such as intermittent problems or a shortened product life span. As the industry pushes for lower power requirements and increased density, ESD protection is an increasing concern.

Due to the increased density of semiconductors used in recent Dell products, the sensitivity to static damage is now higher than in previous Dell products. For this reason, some previously approved methods of handling parts are no longer applicable.

Two recognized types of ESD damage are catastrophic and intermittent failures.

- **Catastrophic** – Catastrophic failures represent approximately 20 percent of ESD-related failures. The damage causes an immediate and complete loss of device functionality. An example of catastrophic failure is a memory DIMM that has received a static shock and immediately generates a "No POST/No Video" symptom with a beep code emitted for missing or nonfunctional memory.
- **Intermittent** – Intermittent failures represent approximately 80 percent of ESD-related failures. The high rate of intermittent failures means that most of the time when damage occurs, it is not immediately recognizable. The DIMM receives a static shock, but the tracing is merely weakened and does not immediately produce outward symptoms related to the damage. The weakened trace may take weeks or months to melt, and in the meantime may cause degradation of memory integrity, intermittent memory errors, etc.

The more difficult type of damage to recognize and troubleshoot is the intermittent (also called latent or "walking wounded") failure.

Perform the following steps to prevent ESD damage:

- Use a wired ESD wrist strap that is properly grounded. The use of wireless anti-static straps is no longer allowed; they do not provide adequate protection. Touching the chassis before handling parts does not ensure adequate ESD protection on parts with increased sensitivity to ESD damage.
- Handle all static-sensitive components in a static-safe area. If possible, use anti-static floor pads and workbench pads.
- When unpacking a static-sensitive component from its shipping carton, do not remove the component from the anti-static packing material until you are ready to install the component. Before unwrapping the anti-static packaging, ensure that you discharge static electricity from your body.
- Before transporting a static-sensitive component, place it in an anti-static container or packaging.

## ESD field service kit

The unmonitored Field Service kit is the most commonly used service kit. Each Field Service kit includes three main components: anti-static mat, wrist strap, and bonding wire.

### Components of an ESD field service kit

The components of an ESD field service kit are:

- **Anti-Static Mat** – The anti-static mat is dissipative and parts can be placed on it during service procedures. When using an anti-static mat, your wrist strap should be snug and the bonding wire should be connected to the mat and to any bare metal on the system being worked on. Once deployed properly, service parts can be removed from the ESD bag and placed directly on the mat. ESD-sensitive items are safe in your hand, on the ESD mat, in the system, or inside a bag.
- **Wrist Strap and Bonding Wire** – The wrist strap and bonding wire can be either directly connected between your wrist and bare metal on the hardware if the ESD mat is not required, or connected to the anti-static mat to protect hardware that is temporarily placed on the mat. The physical connection of the wrist strap and bonding wire between your skin, the ESD mat, and the hardware is known as bonding. Use only Field Service kits with a wrist strap, mat, and bonding wire. Never use wireless wrist straps. Always be aware that the internal wires of a wrist strap are prone to damage from normal wear and tear, and must be checked regularly with a wrist strap tester in order to avoid accidental ESD hardware damage. It is recommended to test the wrist strap and bonding wire at least once per week.
- **ESD Wrist Strap Tester** – The wires inside of an ESD strap are prone to damage over time. When using an unmonitored kit, it is a best practice to regularly test the strap prior to each service call, and at a minimum, test once per week. A wrist strap tester is the best method for doing this test. If you do not have your own wrist strap tester, check with your regional office to find out if they have one. To perform the test, plug the wrist-strap's bonding-wire into the tester while it is strapped to your wrist and push the button to test. A green LED is lit if the test is successful; a red LED is lit and an alarm sounds if the test fails.
- **Insulator Elements** – It is critical to keep ESD sensitive devices, such as plastic heat sink casings, away from internal parts that are insulators and often highly charged.
- **Working Environment** – Before deploying the ESD Field Service kit, assess the situation at the customer location. For example, deploying the kit for a server environment is different than for a desktop or portable environment. Servers are typically installed in a rack within a data center; desktops or portables are typically placed on office desks or cubicles. Always look for a large open flat work area that is free of clutter and large enough to deploy the ESD kit with additional space to accommodate the type of system that is being repaired. The workspace should also be free of insulators that can cause an ESD event. On the work area, insulators such as Styrofoam and other plastics should always be moved at least 12 inches or 30 centimeters away from sensitive parts before physically handling any hardware components.

- **ESD Packaging** – All ESD-sensitive devices must be shipped and received in static-safe packaging. Metal, static-shielded bags are preferred. However, you should always return the damaged part using the same ESD bag and packaging that the new part arrived in. The ESD bag should be folded over and taped shut and all the same foam packing material should be used in the original box that the new part arrived in. ESD-sensitive devices should be removed from packaging only at an ESD-protected work surface, and parts should never be placed on top of the ESD bag because only the inside of the bag is shielded. Always place parts in your hand, on the ESD mat, in the system, or inside an anti-static bag.
- **Transporting Sensitive Components** – When transporting ESD sensitive components such as replacement parts or parts to be returned to Dell, it is critical to place these parts in anti-static bags for safe transport.

## ESD protection summary

It is recommended that all field service technicians use the traditional wired ESD grounding wrist strap and protective anti-static mat at all times when servicing Dell products. In addition, it is critical that technicians keep sensitive parts separate from all insulator parts while performing service and that they use anti-static bags for transporting sensitive components.

## Transporting sensitive components


When transporting ESD sensitive components such as replacement parts or parts to be returned to Dell, it is critical to place these parts in anti-static bags for safe transport.

## After working inside your computer


### About this task

 **CAUTION:** Leaving stray or loose screws inside your computer may severely damage your computer.

### Steps

1. Replace all screws and ensure that no stray screws remain inside your computer.
  2. Connect any external devices, peripherals, or cables you removed before working on your computer.
  3. Replace any media cards, discs, or any other parts that you removed before working on your computer.
  4. Connect your computer and all attached devices to their electrical outlets.
-  **NOTE:** To exit service mode, ensure to connect the AC adapter to the power-adaptor port on your computer.
5. Press the power button to turn on the computer. Your computer will automatically return to normal functioning mode.

## BitLocker

 **CAUTION:** If BitLocker is not suspended before updating the BIOS, the next time you reboot the system it will not recognize the BitLocker key. You will then be prompted to enter the recovery key to progress, and the system will ask for this on each reboot. If the recovery key is not known this can result in data loss or an unnecessary operating system reinstall. For more information about this subject, see Knowledge Article: [updating the BIOS on Dell systems with BitLocker enabled](#).

The installation of the following components triggers BitLocker:

- Hard disk drive or solid state drive
- System board

# Removing and installing components

**NOTE:** The images in this document may differ from your computer depending on the configuration you ordered.

## Recommended tools

The procedures in this document may require the following tools:

- Phillips screwdriver #0
- Plastic scribe










## Screw list

**NOTE:** When removing screws from a component, it is recommended to note the screw type, the quantity of screws, and then place them in a screw storage box. This is to ensure that the correct number of screws and correct screw type is restored when the component is replaced.















**NOTE:** Some computers have magnetic surfaces. Ensure that the screws are not left attached to such surfaces when replacing a component.

**NOTE:** Screw color may vary with the configuration ordered.

**Table 1. Screw list**

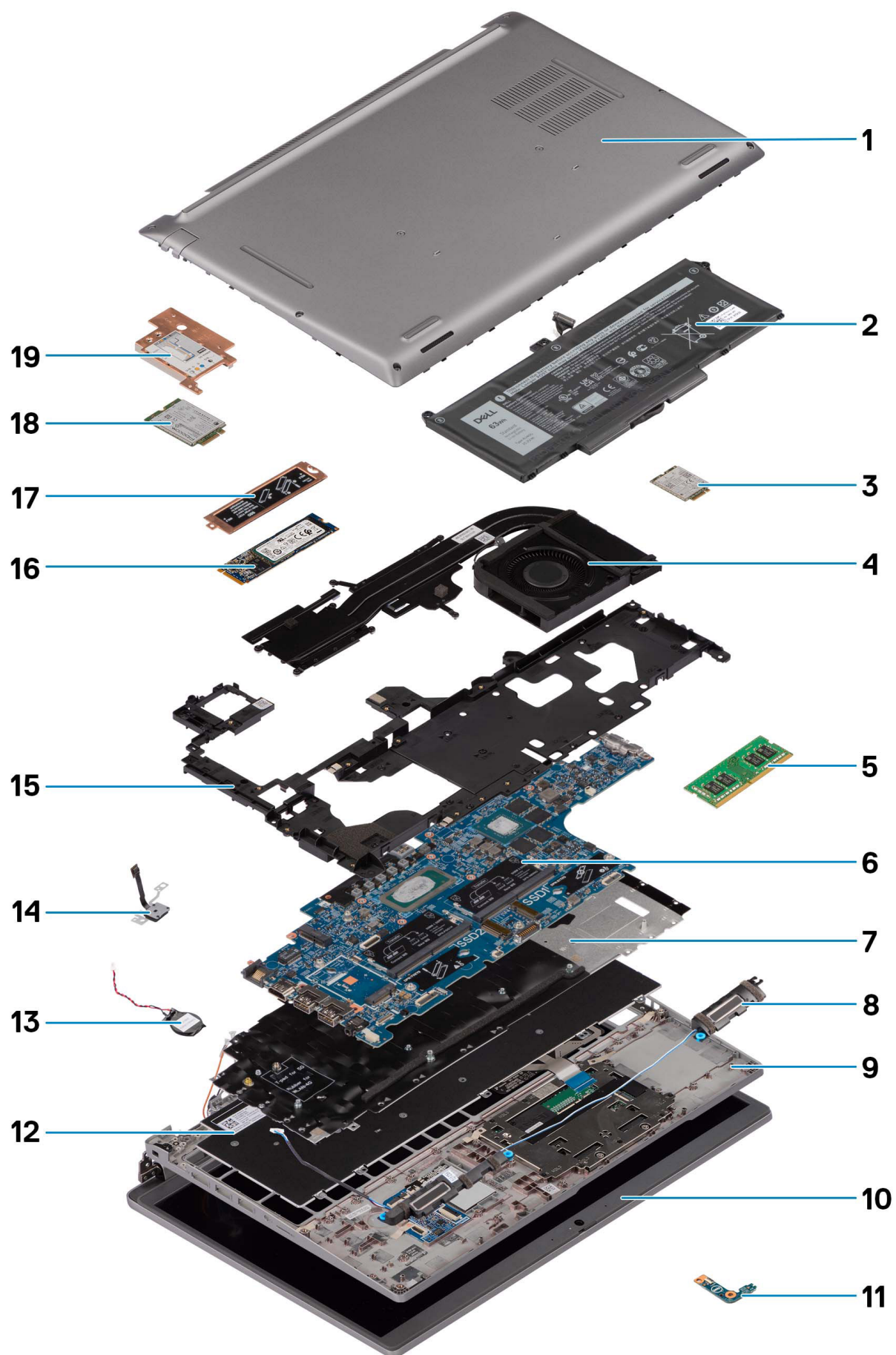
Component	Screw type	Quantity	Screw image
Base cover	Captive	9	
Wireless card	Captive	1	
WWAN	M2x3	1	
M.2 2230/2280 Solid-state drive thermal plate	M2x2	2	
M.2 2230 Solid-state drive	M2x4	1	
Dummy Hard-drive filler	M2x4	4	
Hard drive	M2x4	4	
Hard-drive bracket	M3x3	4	
4-Cell battery	M2x4	3	
6-Cell battery	M2x4	4	
Assembly inner frame	M2x3	17	

**Table 1. Screw list (continued)**


Component	Screw type	Quantity	Screw image
Fingerprint bracket	M2x3	1	
4-Cell support frame	M2x4	2	
LED board	M2x3	1	
Discrete heatsink	Captive	7	
UMA heatsink	Captive	6	
System fan	M2x4	2	
System board	M2x3	2	
USB Type-C bracket	M2x4	3	
eDP cable bracket	M2x3	2	
Power button board with fingerprint reader	M2x2	2	
Smart card reader	M2x3	2	
Keyboard assembly	M2x2	27	
Keyboard bracket	M2x2	14	
Display hinge	M2.5x5	6	
Display back cover	M2.5x3.5	4	
Display panel bracket	M2.5x3.5	2	

## Major components of Latitude 5531

The following image shows the major components of Latitude 5531.



- |                                     |                               |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Base cover                       | 2. Battery                    |
| 3. Wireless card                    | 4. Heat sink and fan assembly |
| 5. Memory module                    | 6. System board               |
| 7. Keyboard support bracket         | 8. Speakers                   |
| 9. Palm-rest assembly               | 10. Display assembly          |
| 11. Power-button board              | 12. Keyboard                  |
| 13. Coin-cell battery               | 14. Fingerprint module        |
| 15. Assembly inner frame            | 16. Solid-state drive         |
| 17. Solid-state drive thermal plate | 18. WWAN card                 |
| 19. WWAN bracket                    |                               |


 **NOTE:** Dell provides a list of components and their part numbers for the original system configuration purchased. These parts are available according to warranty coverages purchased by the customer. Contact your Dell sales representative for purchase options.


## SIM card

### Removing the SIM card

#### Prerequisites

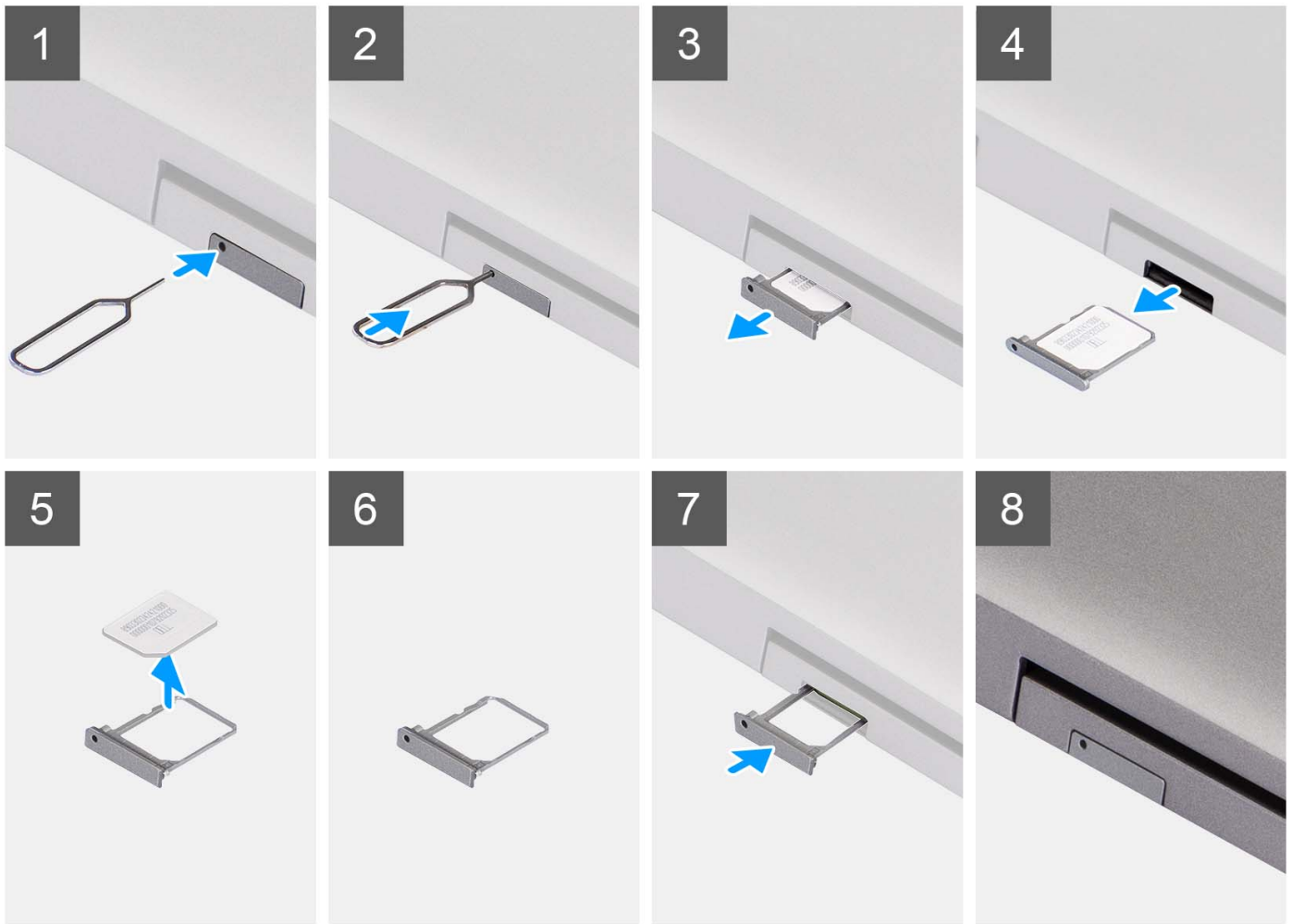
1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).

 **NOTE:** SIM card or SIM tray removal is only available on systems that are shipped with WWAN module. The procedure for removal is only applicable for systems that are shipped with a WWAN module.

 **CAUTION:** Removing the SIM card with the computer turned on, may cause data loss or damage to the card. Ensure that your computer is turned off or the network connections are disabled.

#### About this task

The following image provides a visual representation of the SIM card removal procedure.



### Steps

1. Insert a pin into the release hole of the SIM tray and push inward until the tray is released.
2. Slide the SIM tray out of the slot on the computer.
3. Remove the SIM card from the SIM tray.
4. Slide the SIM card tray into the slot, until it clicks into place.

## Installing the SIM card

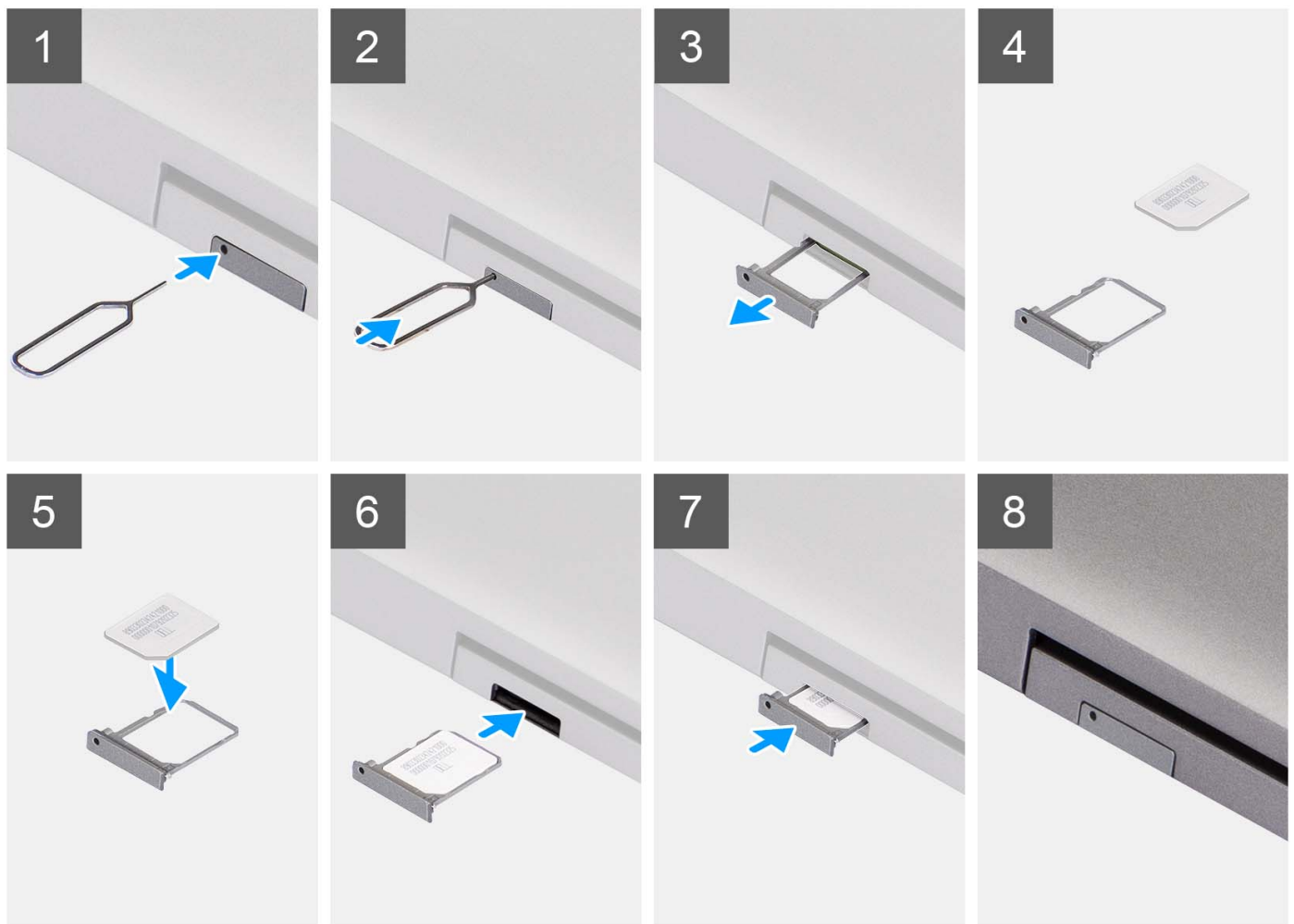
### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before the installation procedure.

**NOTE:** SIM card or SIM tray removal is only available on systems that are shipped with WWAN module. Hence, removing procedure is only applicable for systems that are shipped with WWAN module.

#### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the SIM card and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



#### Steps

1. Insert a pin into the hole of the SIM tray and push inward until the tray is released.
2. Slide the SIM card tray out of the slot on the computer.
3. Place the SIM card into the SIM tray with the metallic contact facing up.
4. Align the SIM tray with the slot on the computer and carefully slide it in.
5. Slide the SIM tray into the slot, until it clicks into place.

### Next steps

1. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer.](#)

## Micro Secure Digital (SD) Card

### Removing the microSD card

#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer.](#)

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the microSD card and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



#### Steps

1. Push the microSD card to release it from the computer.
2. Slide the microSD card out of the computer.

### Installing the microSD card

#### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the microSD card and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



#### Steps

1. Align the microSD card to its slot on the computer.
2. Slide the microSD card into the slot until it clicks into place.

#### Next steps

1. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## Base cover

### Removing the base cover

#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the base cover and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.

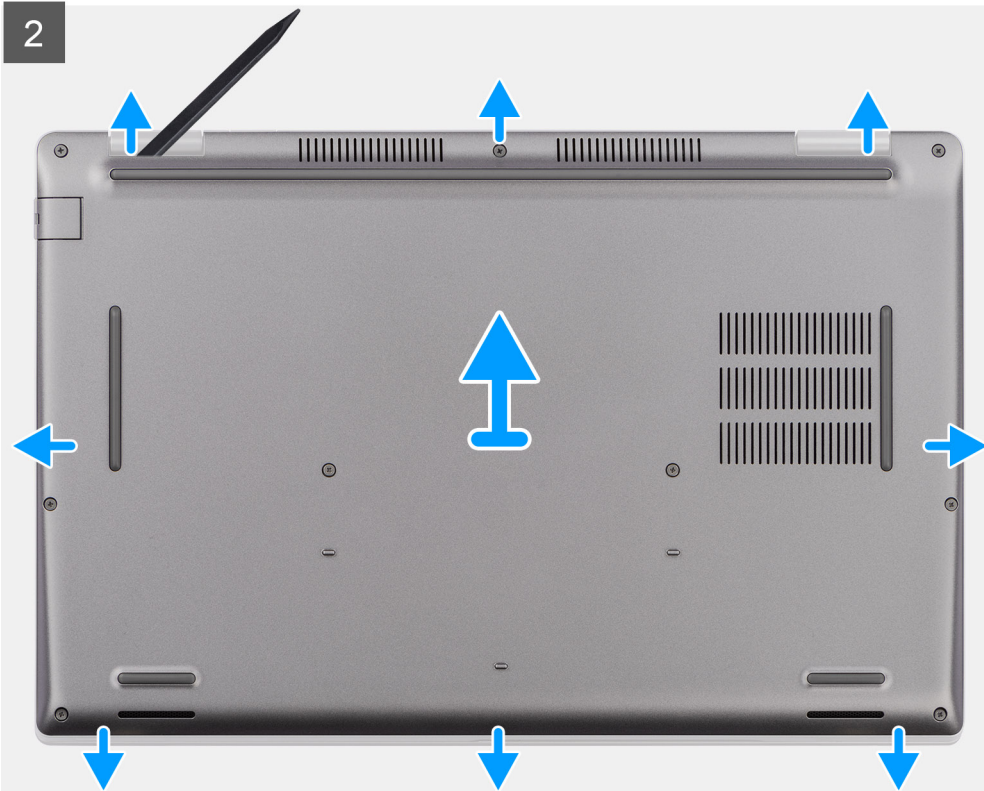


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### Steps

1. Loosen the nine captive screws that secure the base cover to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
2. Using the flat-end of plastic scribe, pry the base cover from the U-shaped indents at the top edge of the base cover and continue to work on the sides to release the base cover from the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
3. Lift the base cover off the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

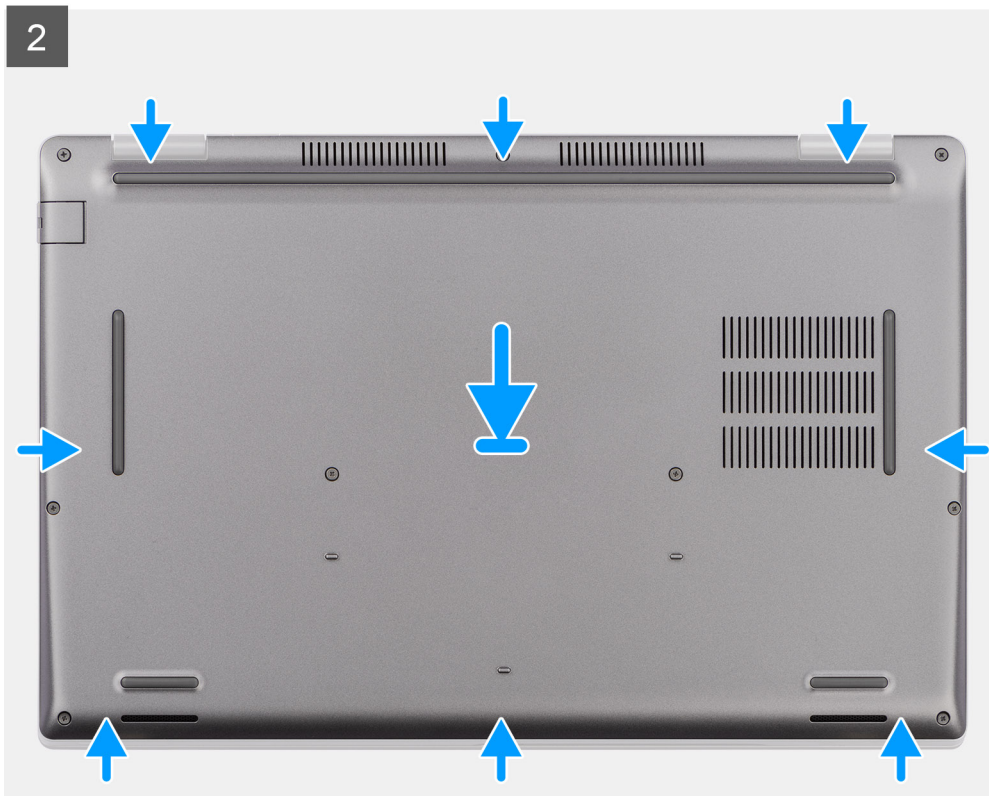
## Installing the base cover

### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the base cover and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.





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3



### Steps

1. Align the screw holes on the base cover with the screw holes on the palm-rest assembly and keyboard assembly, and then snap the base cover into place.
2. Tighten the nine captive screws that secure the base cover to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

### Next steps

1. Install the [microSD card](#).
2. Install the [SIM card](#).
3. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## Wireless card

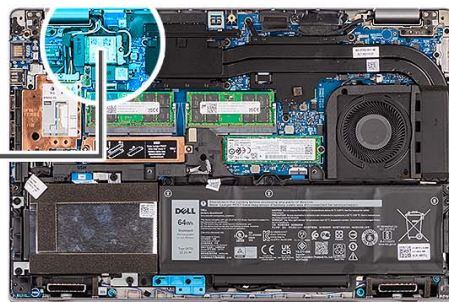
### Removing the wireless card

#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the wireless card and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



## Steps

1. **NOTE:** When removing the wireless card from the computer, if the adhesive pad which helps secure the wireless card in place is removed from the computer along with the WLAN card, adhere it back to the computer.  
Loosen the single captive screw that secures the wireless-card bracket to the wireless card and system board.
2. Remove the wireless-card bracket from the wireless card.
3. Disconnect the antenna cables from the wireless card.
4. Slide and remove the wireless card from the wireless-card slot.

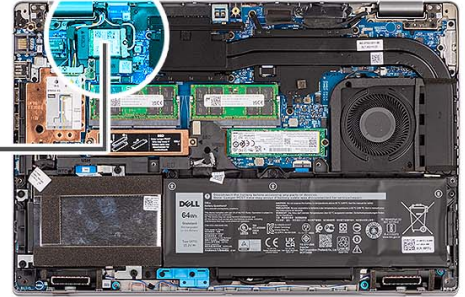
# Installing the wireless card

## Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

## About this task

The following image indicate the location of the wireless card and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



## Steps


1. Connect the antenna cables to the wireless card.

The following table provides the antenna-cable color scheme:

Table 2. Antenna-cable color scheme

Connectors on the wireless card	Antenna-cable color	Silkscreen marking	
Main	White	MAIN	△ (white triangle)
Auxiliary	Black	AUX	▲ (black triangle)

- Align the notch on the wireless card with the tab on the wireless-card slot on the system board.
- Slide and insert the wireless card at an angle into the wireless-card slot on the system board.
- Align the screw hole on the wireless-card bracket to the screw hole on the wireless card and system board.
- Tighten the single captive screw that secures the wireless-card bracket to the wireless card and the system board.

 **CAUTION:** Ensure that the plastic washer is part of captive screw when you tighten the captive screw. Tightening the captive screw without the plastic washer may damage the wireless-card bracket and the wireless card.

Next steps

- Install the [microSD card](#).
- Install the [SIM card](#).
- Install the [base cover](#).
- Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## Wireless Wide Area Network (WWAN) Card

### Removing the WWAN card

Prerequisites

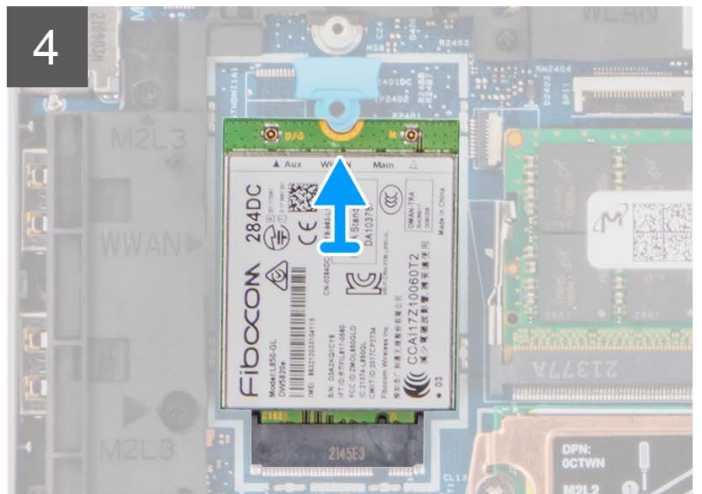
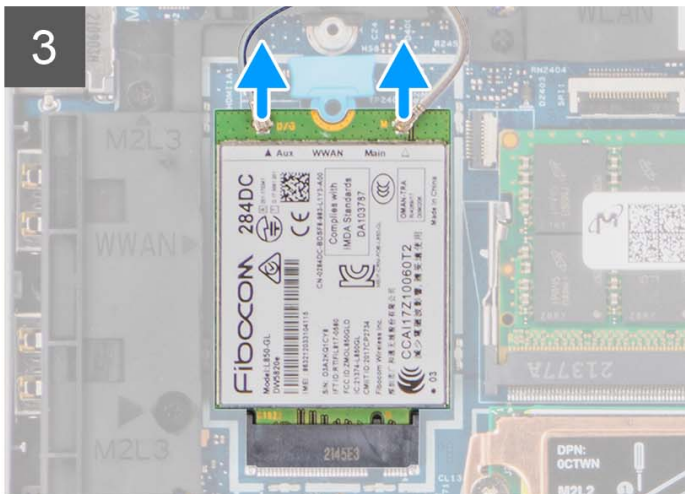
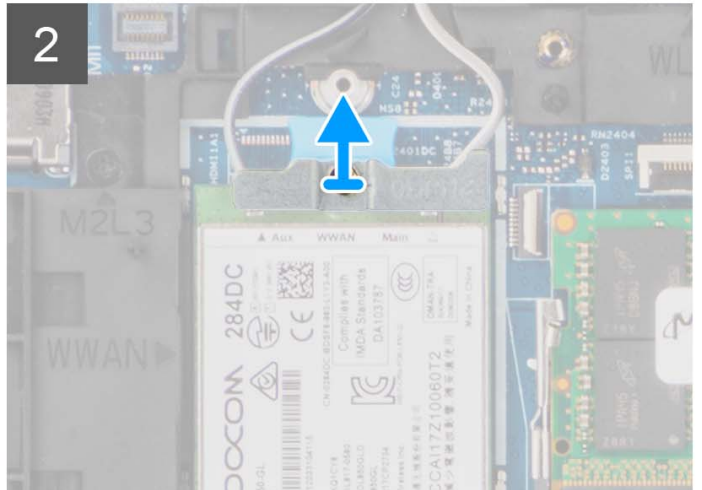
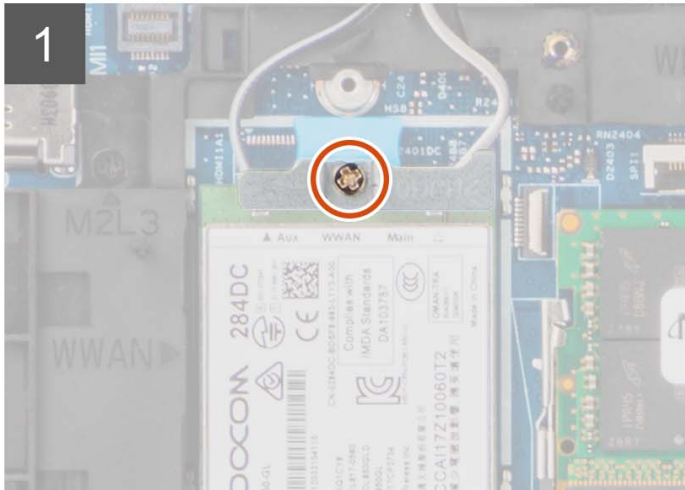
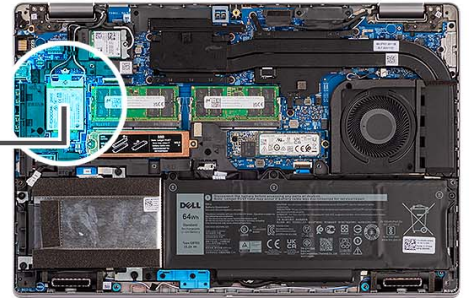
- Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
- Remove the [SIM card](#).
- Remove the [microSD card](#).
- Remove the [base cover](#).

About this task

The following image indicates the location of the WWAN card and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



**1x**  
**M2x3**



## Steps

1. Remove the single (M2x3) screw that secures the WWAN-card bracket to the WWAN card.
2. Slide and remove the WWAN card bracket off the WWAN card.
3. Disconnect the antenna cables from the connectors on the WWAN card.
4. Slide and remove the WWAN card from the WWAN card slot.

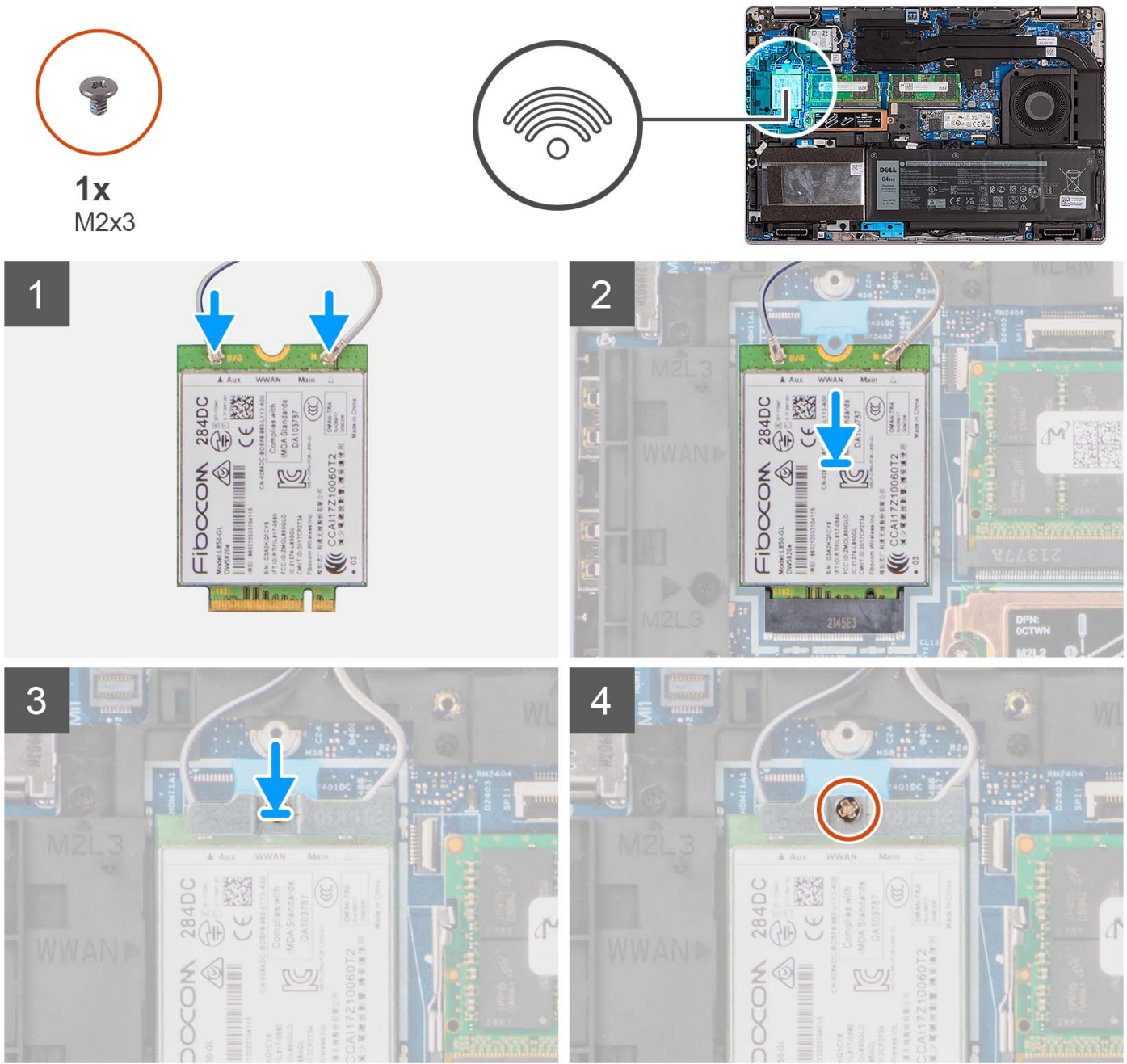
## Installing the WWAN card

### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

About this task

The following image indicates the location of the WWAN card and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



Steps

1. Connect the antenna cables to the WWAN card.  
The following table provides the antenna-cable color scheme:

Table 3. Antenna-cable color scheme

Connectors on the wireless card	Antenna-cable color	Silkscreen marking	
Main	White	MAIN	△ (white triangle)
Auxiliary	Black	AUX	▲ (black triangle)

2. Align the notch on the WWAN card with the tab on the WWAN slot.
  3. Slide the WWAN card at an angle into the WWAN slot.
  4. Replace the single screw (M2x3) to secure the WWAN-card bracket to the WWAN card.
- NOTE:** For instructions on how to find your computer's IMEI (International Mobile Station Equipment Identity) number, see the knowledge base article [000143678](#) at [www.dell.com/support](http://www.dell.com/support).

#### Next steps

1. Install the [microSD card](#).
2. Install the [SIM card](#).
3. Install the [base cover](#).
4. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## Solid-state drives

### Removing the 2230 solid-state drive—SSD1 slot

#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
- NOTE:** Solid-state drives are fragile. Exercise care when handling the solid-state drive.
- NOTE:** To avoid data loss, do not remove the solid-state drive while the computer is in sleep or on state.
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
  3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
  4. Remove the [base cover](#).

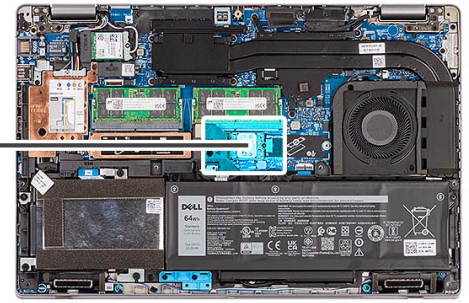
#### About this task

- NOTE:** Depending on the configuration ordered, your computer may support a 2230 solid-state drive, or a 2280 solid-state drive in M.2 slot.
- NOTE:** This procedure applies only to computers shipped with a 2230 solid-state drive installed in M.2 slot.

The following image indicates the location of the 2230 solid-state drive and provides a visual representation of the removal procedure.



1x  
M2x4



### Steps

1. Remove the single screw (M2x4) that secures the M.2 2230 solid-state drive to the system board .
2. Slide and remove the M.2 2230 solid-state drive from the solid-state drive slot on the system board.

## Installing the 2230 solid-state drive—SSD1 slot

### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

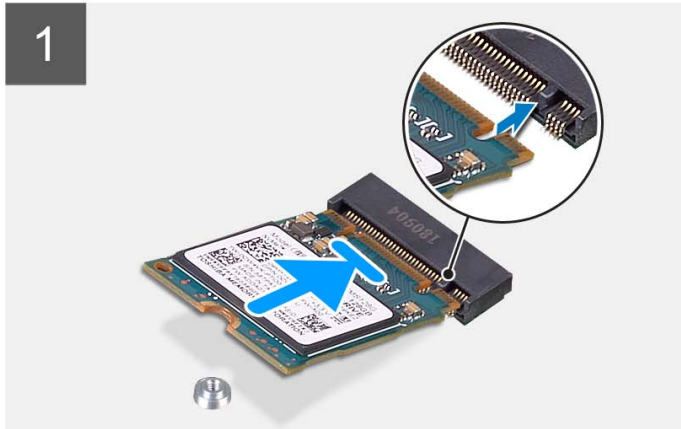
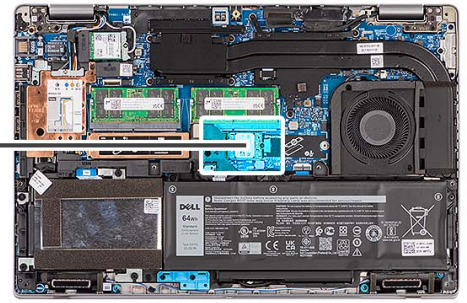
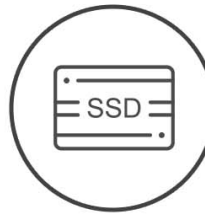
### About this task

- NOTE:** Solid-state drives are fragile. Exercise care when handling the solid-state drive.
- NOTE:** Depending on the configuration ordered, your computer may support a 2230 solid-state drive, or a 2280 solid-state drive in M.2 slot.
- NOTE:** This procedure applies only if you are installing a 2230 solid-state drive in M.2 slot.

The following images indicate the location of the 2230 solid-state drive that is installed in M.2 slot and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



1x  
M2x4



### Steps

1. Align the notch on the M.2 2230 solid-state drive with the tab on the solid-state drive slot.
2. Slide the M.2 2230 solid-state drive into the M.2 2230 solid-state drive slot on the system board.
3. Replace the single screw (M2x4) that secures the solid-state drive to the system board.

### Next steps

1. Install the [microSD card](#).
2. Install the [SIM card](#).
3. Install the [base cover](#).
4. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## Removing the 2280 solid-state drive—SSD1 slot

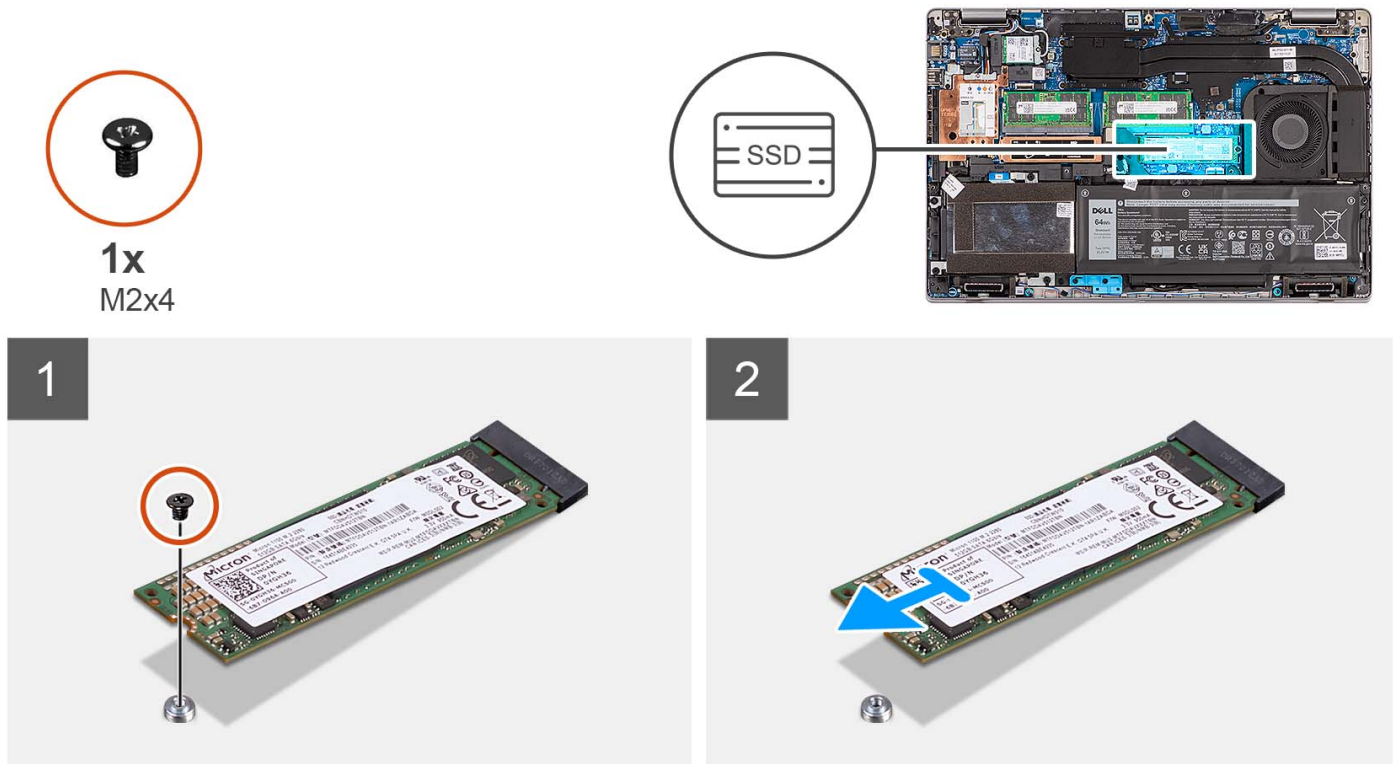
### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
  - NOTE:** Solid-state drives are fragile. Exercise care when handling the solid-state drive.
  - NOTE:** To avoid data loss, do not remove the solid-state drive while the computer is in sleep or on state.
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).

### About this task

- NOTE:** Depending on the configuration ordered, your computer may support a 2280 solid-state drive, or a 2280 solid-state drive in M.2 slot.
- NOTE:** This procedure applies only to computers shipped with a 2280 solid-state drive installed in M.2 slot.

The following image indicates the location of the 2280 solid-state drive and provides a visual representation of the removal procedure.



### Steps

1. Remove the single screw (M2x4) that secures the M.2 2280 solid-state drive to the system board .
2. Slide and remove the M.2 2280 solid-state drive from the solid-state drive slot on the system board.

## Installing the 2280 solid-state drive—SSD1 slot

### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

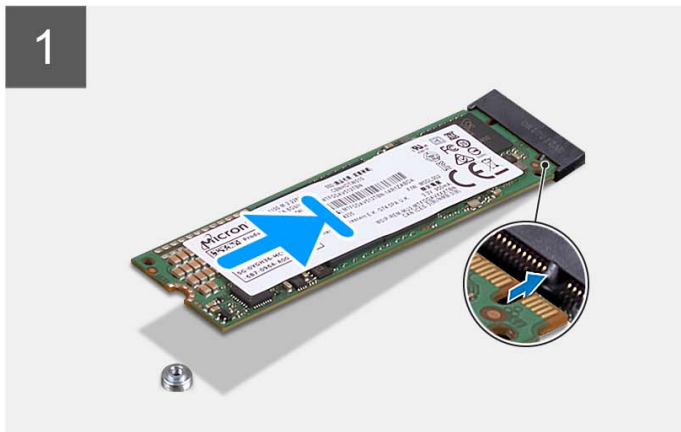
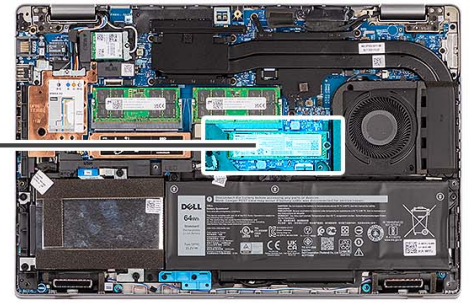
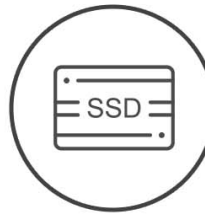
### About this task

- NOTE:** Solid-state drives are fragile. Exercise care when handling the solid-state drive.
- NOTE:** Depending on the configuration ordered, your computer may support a 2280 solid-state drive, or a 2280 solid-state drive in M.2 slot.
- NOTE:** This procedure applies only if you are installing a 2280 solid-state drive in M.2 slot.

The following images indicate the location of the 2280 solid-state drive that is installed in M.2 slot and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



1x  
M2x4



### Steps

1. Align the notch on the M.2 2280 solid-state drive with the tab on the solid-state drive slot.
2. Slide the M.2 2280 solid-state drive into the M.2 2280 solid-state drive slot on the system board.
3. Replace the single screw (M2x4) that secures the solid-state drive to the system board.

### Next steps

1. Install the [microSD card](#).
2. Install the [SIM card](#).
3. Install the [base cover](#).
4. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## Removing the 2230 solid-state drive—SSD2 slot

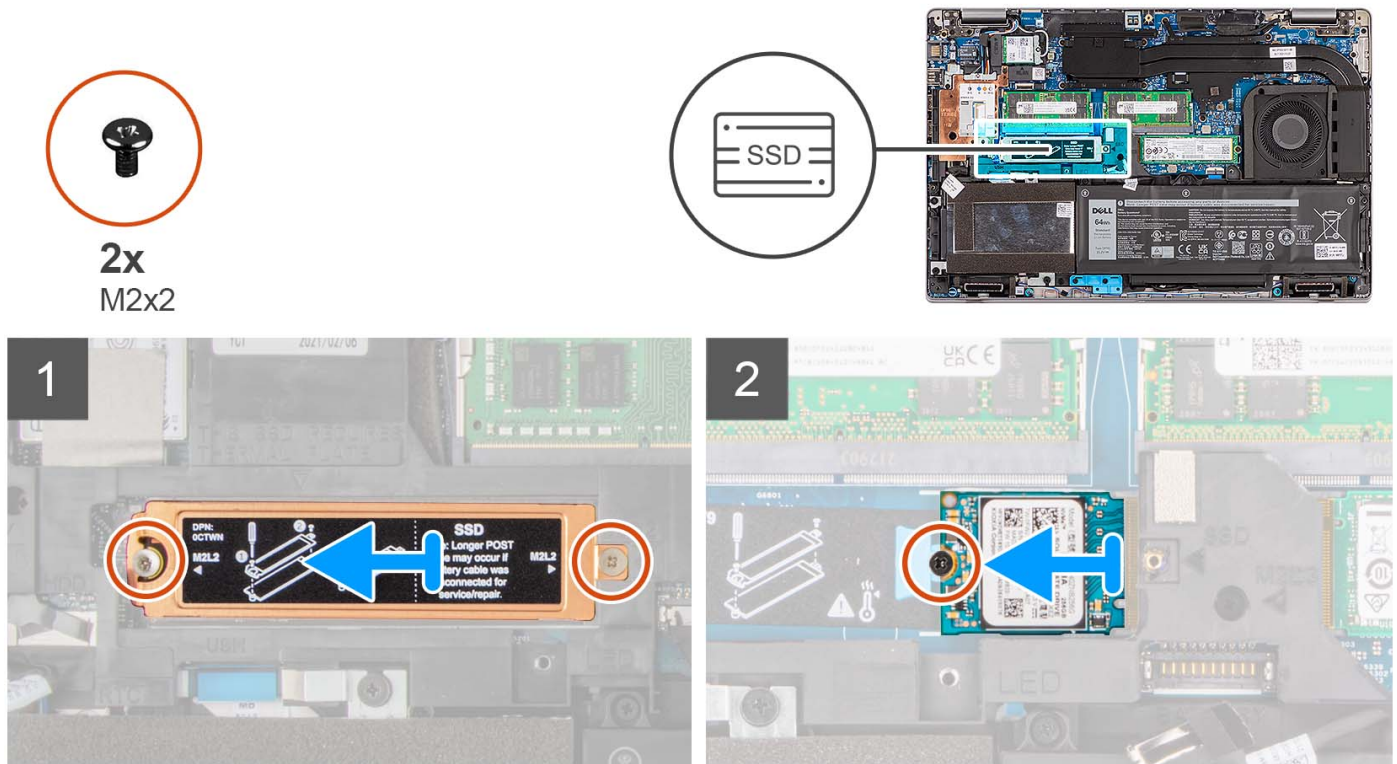
### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
  - NOTE:** Solid-state drives are fragile. Exercise care when handling the solid-state drive.
  - NOTE:** To avoid data loss, do not remove the solid-state drive while the computer is in sleep or on state.
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).

### About this task

- NOTE:** Depending on the configuration ordered, your computer may support a 2230 solid-state drive, or a 2280 solid-state drive in M.2 slot.
- NOTE:** This procedure applies only to computers shipped with a 2230 solid-state drive installed in M.2 slot.

The following image indicates the location of the 2230 solid-state drive that is installed and provides a visual representation of the removal procedure.



## Steps





1. Remove the two screws (M2x2) that secures the solid-state drive thermal plate to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
2. Remove the solid-state drive thermal plate out of the computer.
3. Remove the single screw (M2x4) that secures the solid-state drive holder and solid-state drive to the system board.
4. Slide and remove the 2230 solid-state drive from the M.2 solid-state drive slot on the system board.

## Installing the 2230 solid-state drive—SSD2 slot

### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

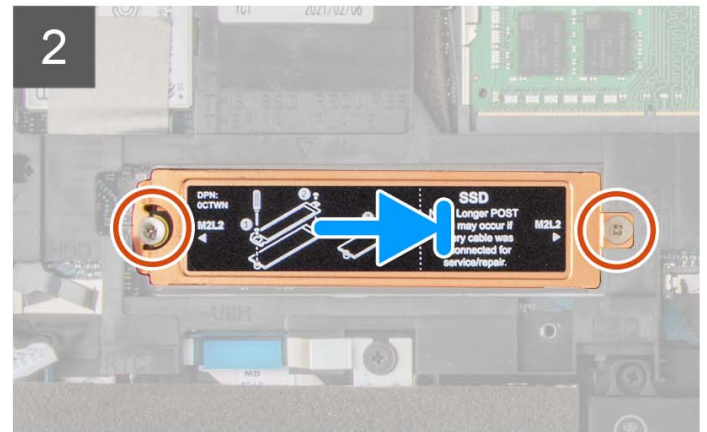
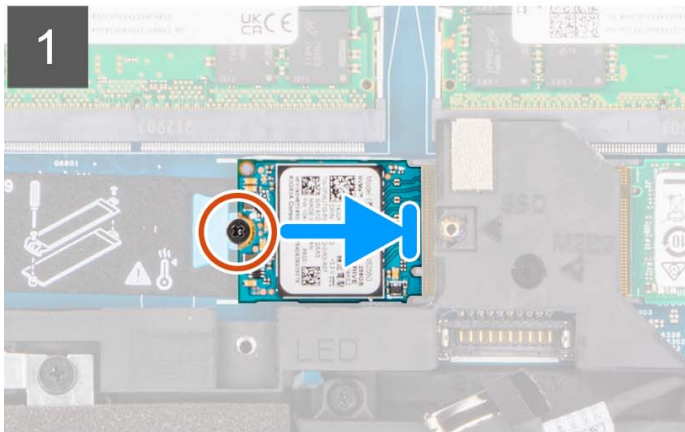
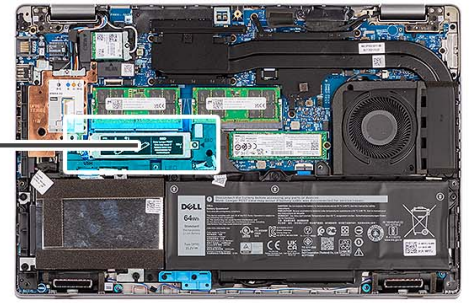
### About this task

-  **NOTE:** Solid-state drives are fragile. Exercise care when handling the solid-state drive.
-  **NOTE:** Depending on the configuration ordered, your computer may support a 2230 solid-state drive, or a 2280 solid-state drive in M.2 slot.
-  **NOTE:** This procedure applies only if you are installing a 2230 solid-state drive in M.2 slot. When you install the M.2 2230 solid-state drive after purchase, you must purchase a customer kit that includes holder and a screw to install the M.2 2230 solid-state drive,
-  **NOTE:** While installing M.2 PCIe 4.0 2230 solid-state drive on SSD2 slot, ensure you install the heat sink and thermal pad.

The following images indicate the location of the 2230 solid-state drive and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



**2x**  
M2x2



## Steps

1. Align and insert the solid-state drive holder on the system board to accommodate the M.2 2230 solid-state drive.
2. Align the notch on the M.2 2230 solid-state drive with the tab on the solid-state drive slot.
3. Slide the M.2 2230 solid-state drive into the solid-state drive slot on the system board
4. Replace the single screw (M2x4) that secures the solid-state drive to the holder and system board.

**i NOTE:** If the computer is not shipped with a M.2 2230 solid-state drive, you must obtain a customer kit that includes holder and a screw to install the M.2 2230 solid-state drive.

5. Align and place the solid-state drive thermal plate on the 2230 solid-state drive slot.
6. Replace the two screws (M2x2) that secure the solid-state drive thermal plate to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

## Next steps

1. Install the [microSD card](#).
2. Install the [SIM card](#).
3. Install the [base cover](#).
4. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

# Removing the 2280 solid-state drive—SSD2 slot

## Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).

**i NOTE:** Solid-state drives are fragile. Exercise care when handling the solid-state drive.

**i NOTE:** To avoid data loss, do not remove the solid-state drive while the computer is in sleep or on state.

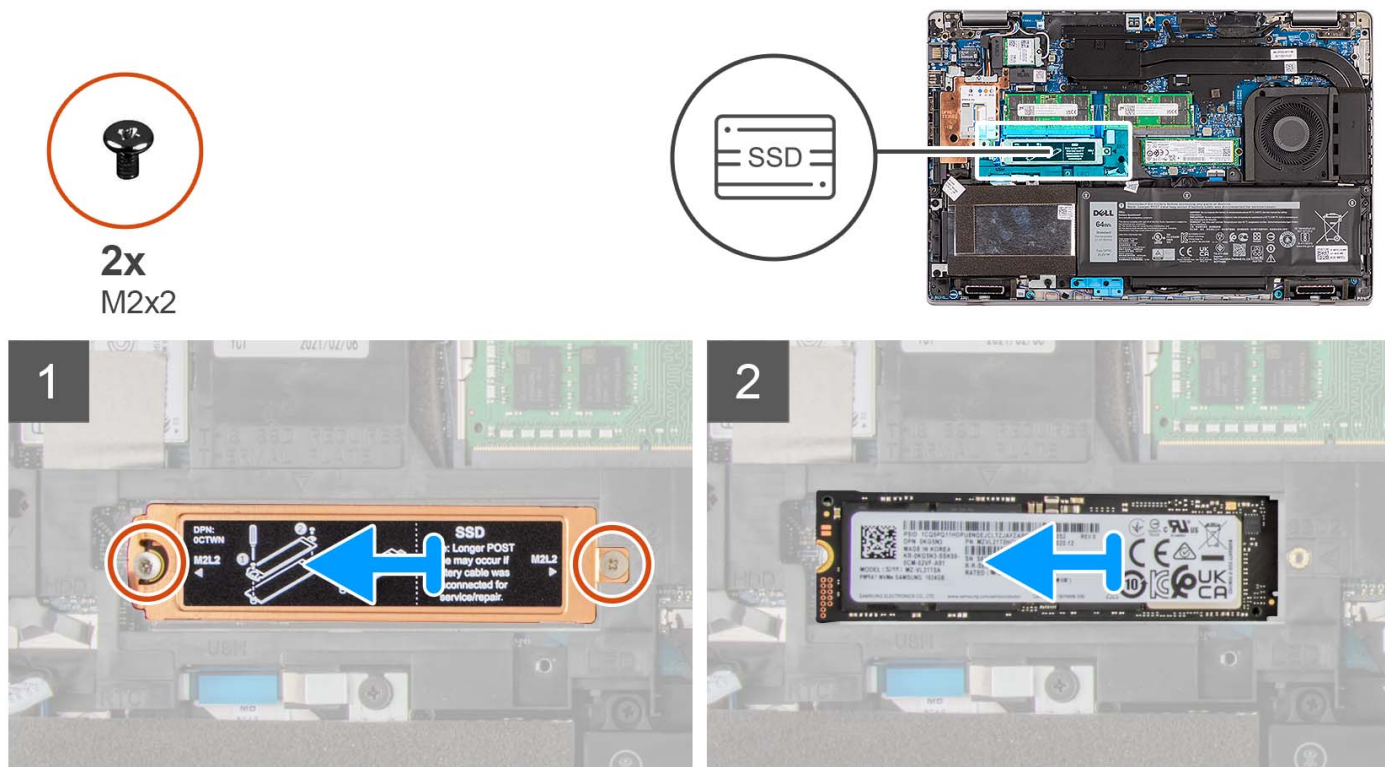
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).

### About this task

**NOTE:** Depending on the configuration ordered, your computer may support a 2280 solid-state drive, or a 2230 solid-state drive in M.2 slot.

**NOTE:** This procedure applies only to computers shipped with a 2280 solid-state drive installed in M.2 slot.

The following image indicates the location of the 2280 solid-state drive that is installed in M.2 slot and provides a visual representation of the removal procedure.



### Steps

1. Remove the two screws (M2x2) that secure the solid-state drive thermal plate to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
2. Remove the solid-state drive thermal plate out of the computer.
3. Slide and remove the 2280 solid-state drive from the M.2 solid-state drive slot on the system board.

## Installing the 2280 solid-state drive—SSD2 slot

### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

### About this task

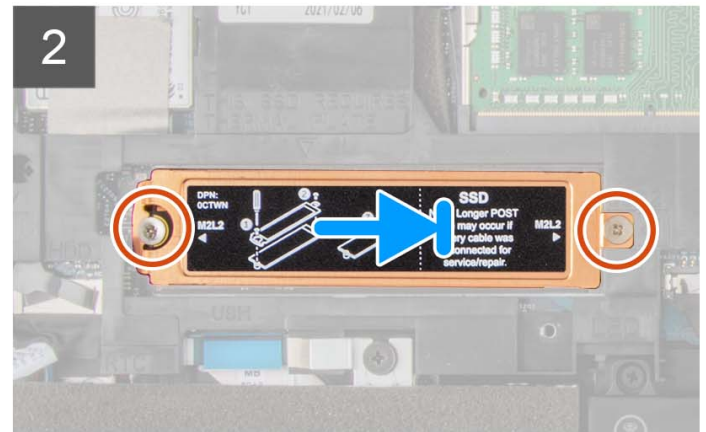
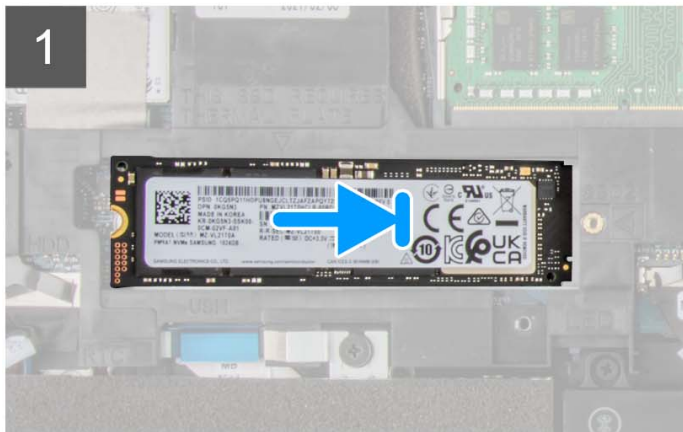
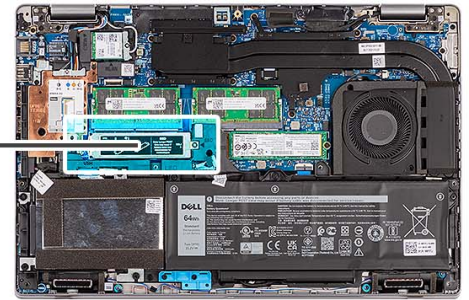
**NOTE:** Solid-state drives are fragile. Exercise care when handling the solid-state drive.

**NOTE:** Depending on the configuration ordered, the computer one may support a 2280 solid-state drive, or a 2230 solid-state drive in M.2 slot.

**NOTE:** This procedure is applicable if you are installing a 2280 solid-state drive in M.2 slot.

**NOTE:** While installing M.2 PCIe 4.0 2280 solid-state drive on SSD2 slot, ensure you install the heat sink and thermal pad.

The following images indicate the location of the 2280 solid-state drive that is installed in M.2 slot and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



## Steps

1. Align the notch on the M.2 2280 solid-state drive with the tab on the M.2 solid-state drive slot.
2. Slide the M.2 2280 solid-state drive into the M.2 solid-state drive slot on the system board.
3. Place the solid-state drive thermal plate over the solid-state drive.
4. Align the screw holes on the solid-state drive and thermal plate with the screw hole on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
5. Replace the two screws (M2x2) that secure the 2280 solid-state drive and thermal plate to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

## Next steps

1. Install the [microSD card](#).
2. Install the [SIM card](#).
3. Install the [base cover](#).
4. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

# Memory

## Removing the memory modules

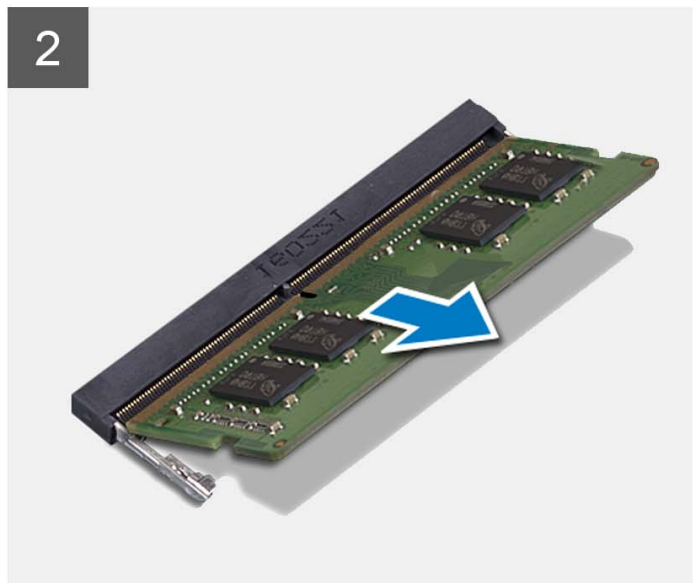
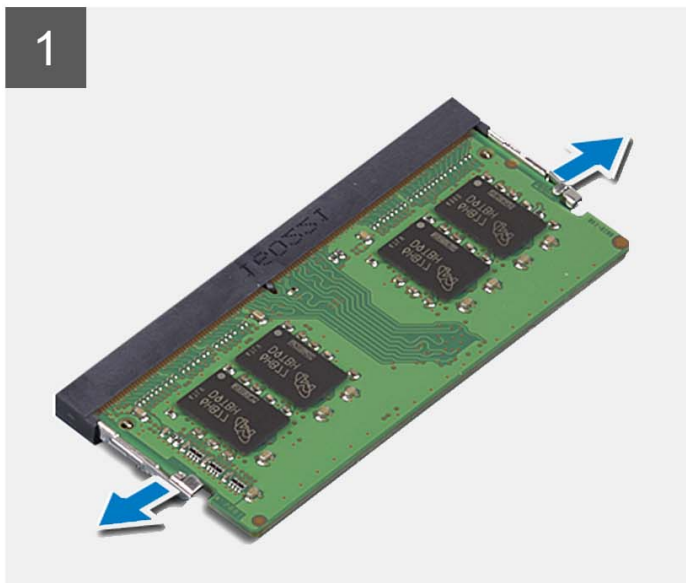
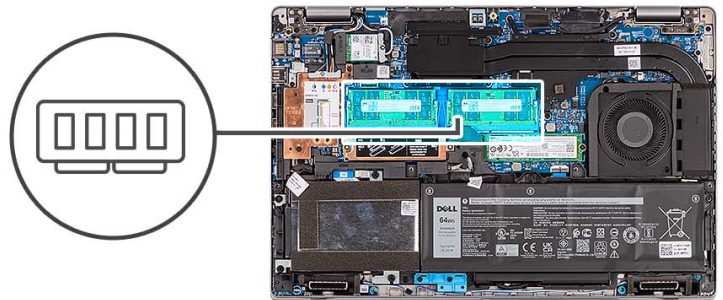
### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).

### About this task

**i** **NOTE:** Latitude 5531 supports two memory slots.

The following image indicates the location of the memory module and provides a visual representation of the removal procedure.



### Steps

1. Using your fingertips, spread apart the securing clips on the memory-module slot until the memory module pops up.
2. Slide and remove the memory module from the memory-module slot.

**i** **NOTE:** Repeat step 1 to step 2 to remove any other memory modules installed in your computer.

## Installing the memory module

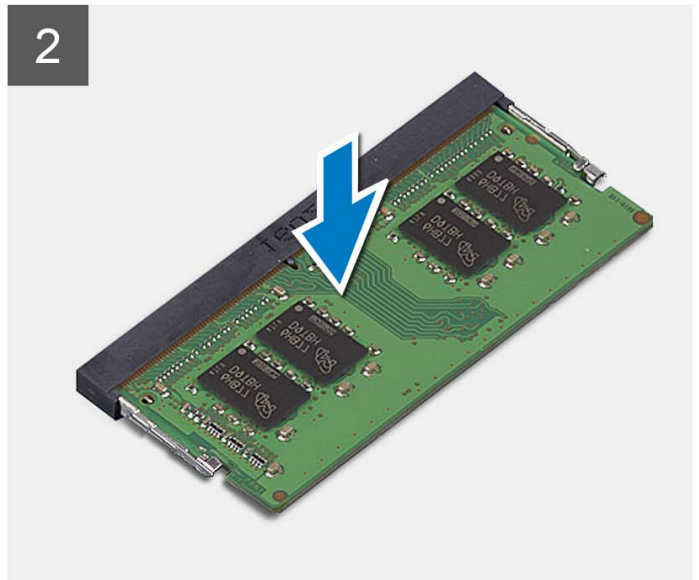
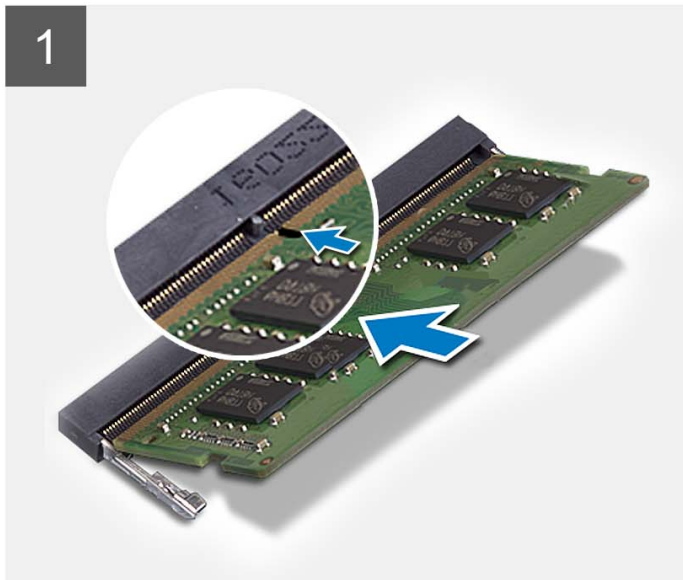
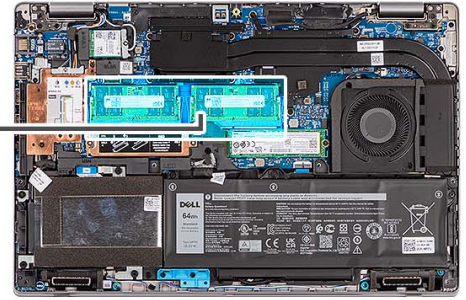
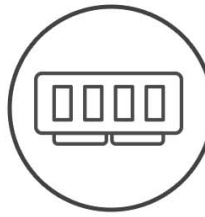
### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

### About this task

**i** **NOTE:** Latitude 5531 supports two memory slots.

The following images indicate the location of the memory module and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.



## Steps

1. Align the notch on the memory module with the tab on the memory-module slot.
2. Slide the memory module firmly into the slot at an angle and press the memory module down until it clicks into place.
  - NOTE:** If you do not hear the click, remove the memory module and reinstall it.
  - NOTE:** Repeat step 1 to step 4 to install any other memory modules in your computer.
  - NOTE:** For 4G/5G WWAN configuration, the re-usable absorbers need to be transferred to the DIMM1/DIMM2 slot while replacing the system board.

## Next steps

1. Install the [base cover](#).
2. Install the [microSD card](#).
3. Install the [SIM tray](#).
4. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

# Dummy hard-drive filler

## Removing the dummy hard-drive filler

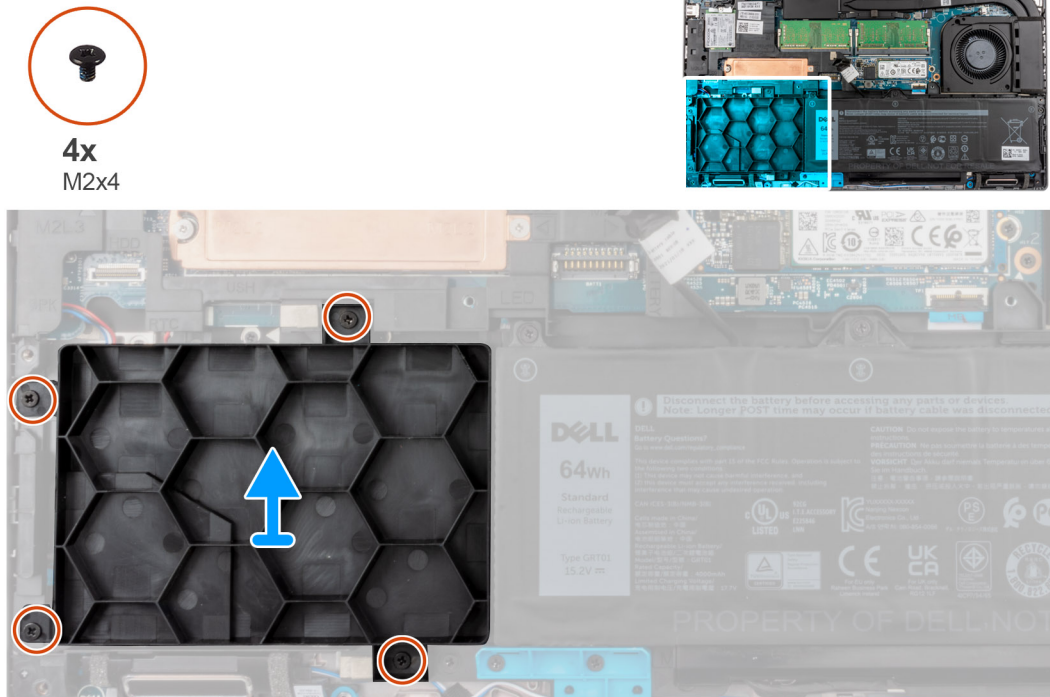
### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).

2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).

#### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the dummy hard-drive filler and provides a visual representation of the removal procedure.



#### Steps

1. Remove the four screws (M2x4) that secure the dummy hard-drive filler to the system board.
2. Remove the dummy hard-drive filler from the computer.

## Installing the dummy hard-drive filler

#### Prerequisites

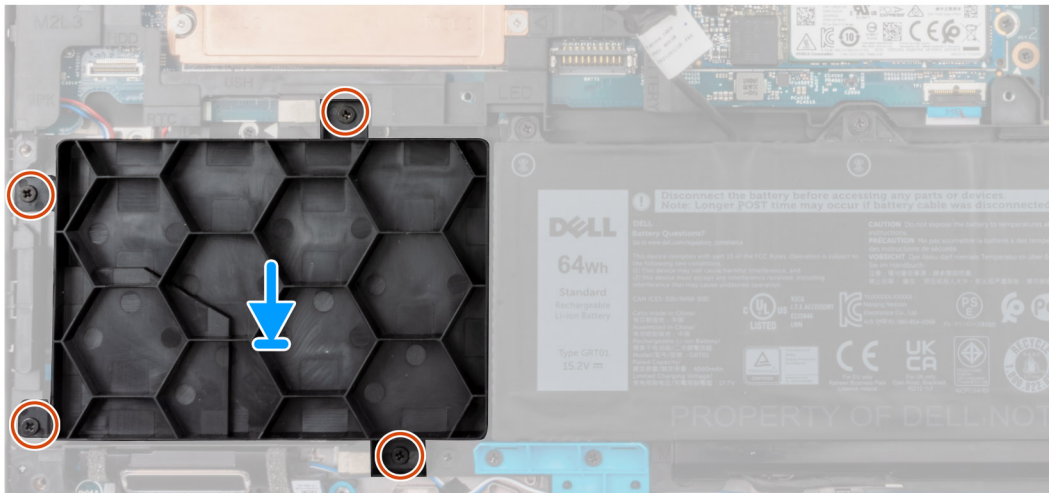
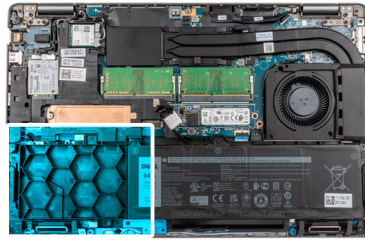
If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

#### About this task

The figure indicates the location of the dummy hard-drive filler and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



**4x**  
M2x4



### Steps

1. Align the screw holes on the dummy hard-drive filler with the screw holes on the palm-rest assembly.
2. Replace the four screws (M2x4) that secure the dummy hard-drive filler to the computer.

### Next steps

1. Install the [base cover](#).
2. Install the [microSD card](#).
3. Install the [SIM card](#).
4. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## Hard-drive assembly

### Removing the hard-drive assembly

#### Prerequisites

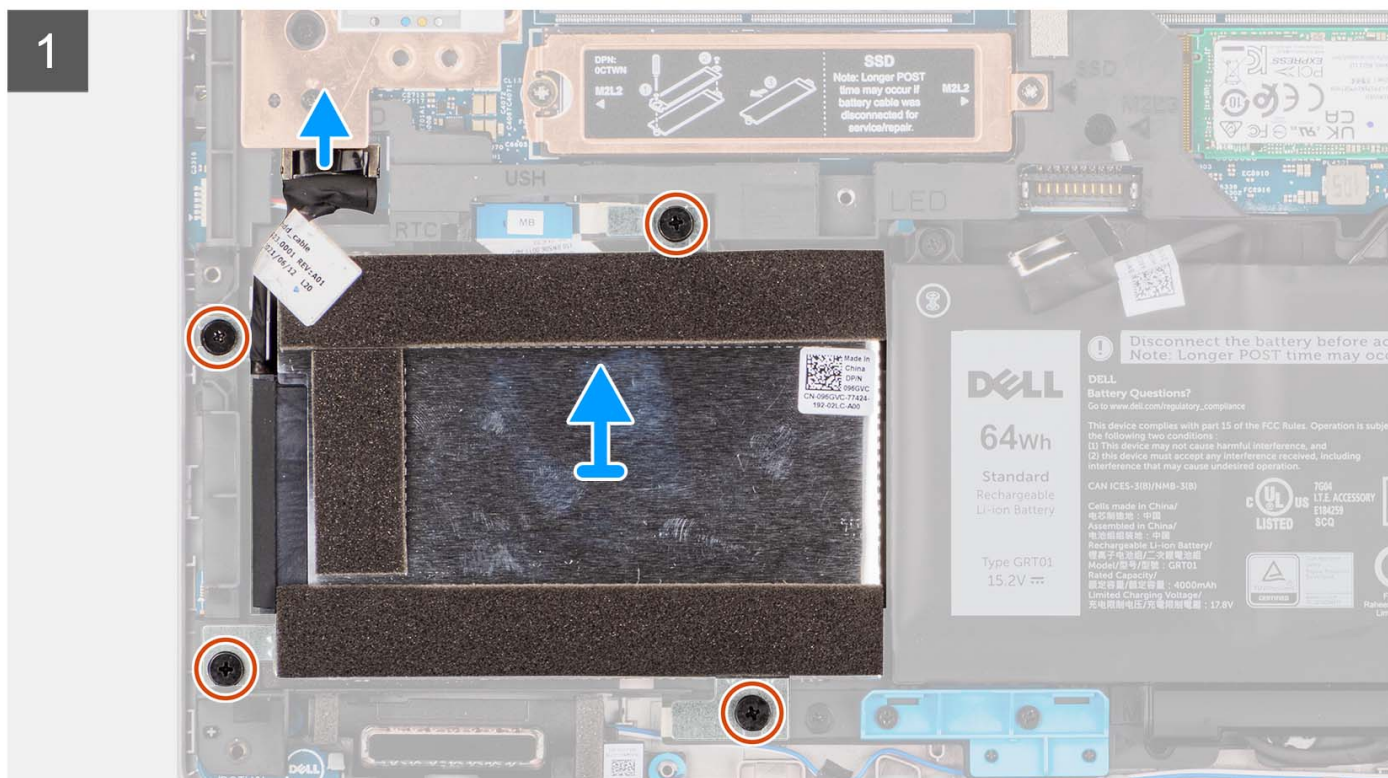
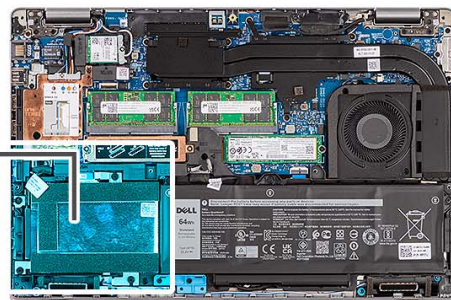
1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the hard drive and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



4x  
M2x4



## Steps

1. Disconnect the hard-drive cable from the connector on the system board.
2. Remove the four screws (M2x4) that secure the hard drive to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
3. Lift and remove the hard drive from the computer.

## Installing the hard drive

### Prerequisites

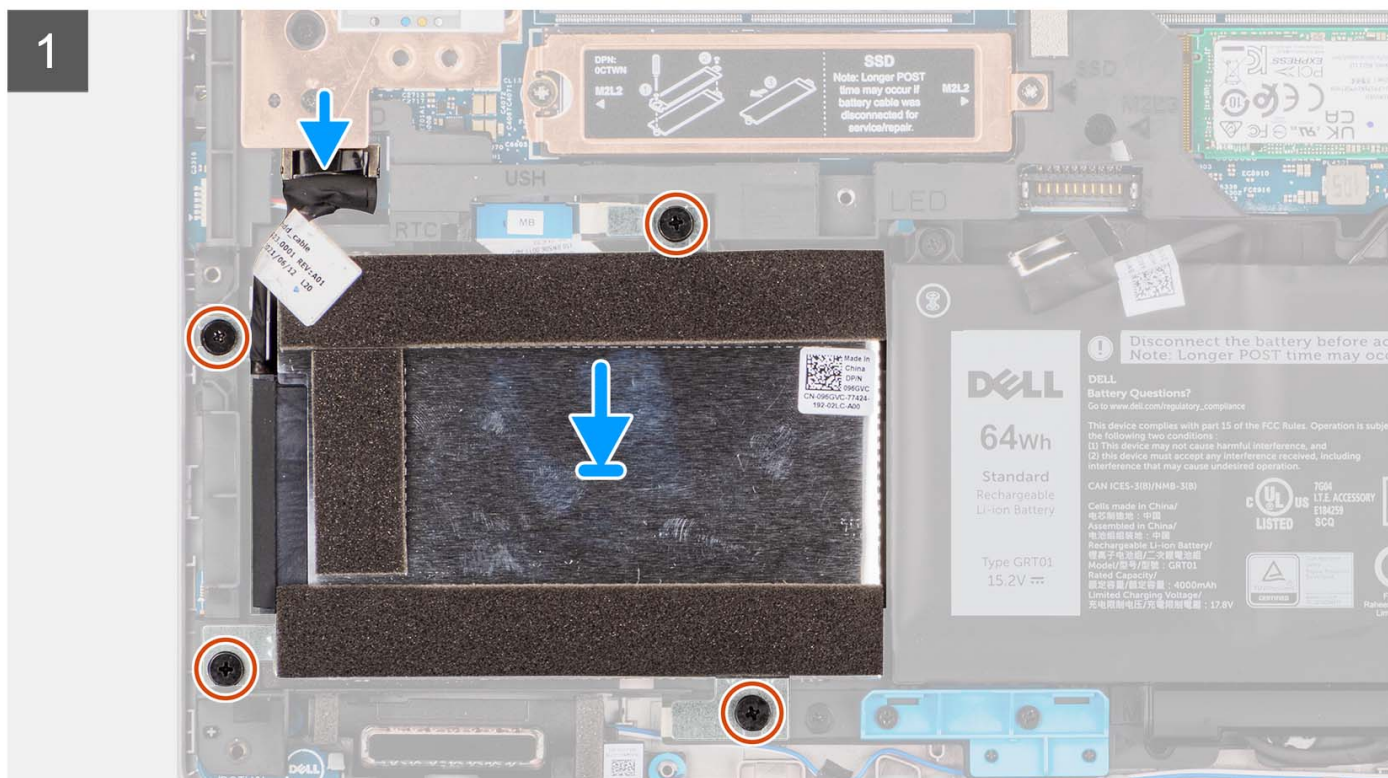
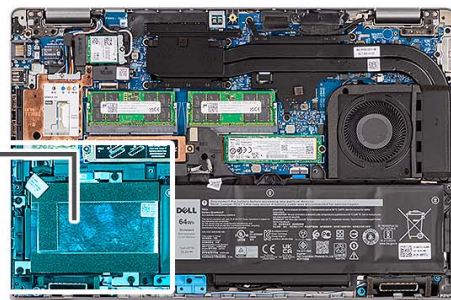
If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the hard drive and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.



4x  
M2x4



## Steps

1. Align the screw holes on hard drive with the screw holes on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
2. Replace the four screws (M2x4) that secure the hard drive to the computer.
3. Connect the hard drive cable to the connector on the system board.

## Next steps

1. Install the [base cover](#).
2. Install the [microSD card](#).
3. Install the [SIM tray](#).
4. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

# Hard drive

## Removing the hard-drive assembly

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).

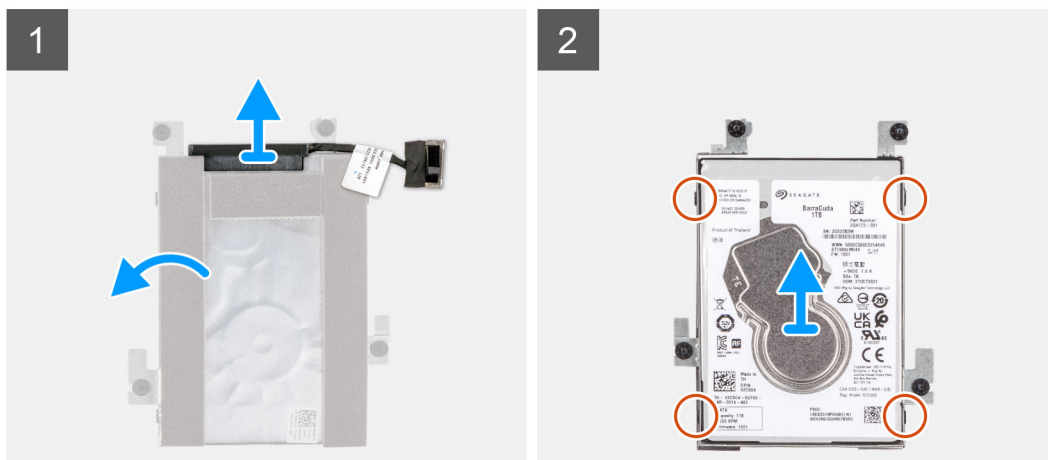
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [hard drive](#).

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the hard drive and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



4x  
M3x3



#### Steps

1. Disconnect the interposer from connector on the hard drive.
2. Flip the hard-drive assembly.
3. Remove the four screws (M3x3) that secure the hard drive to the hard-drive bracket.
4. Lift the hard-drive assembly away from the hard-drive bracket.

## Installing the hard drive

#### Prerequisites

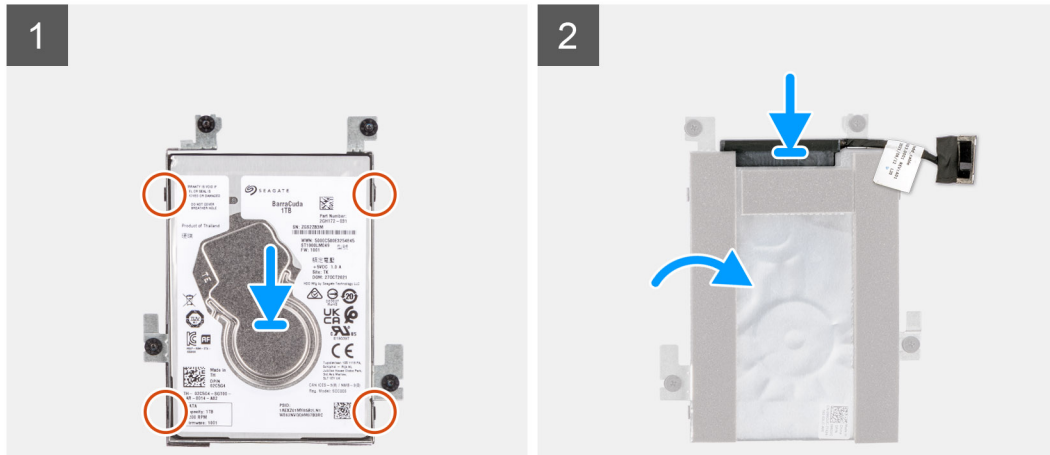
If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the hard drive and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.



4x  
M3x3



### Steps

1. Align the screw holes on hard drive with the screw holes on the hard-drive bracket.
2. Replace the four screws (M3x3) to secure the hard drive to the hard-drive bracket.
3. Flip the hard-drive assembly, and connect the interposer to the connector on the hard drive.

### Next steps

1. Install the [hard drive](#).
2. Install the [base cover](#).
3. Install the [microSD card](#).
4. Install the [SIM card](#).
5. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## Battery

### Lithium-ion battery precautions

#### ⚠ CAUTION:

- Exercise caution when handling Lithium-ion batteries.
- Discharge the battery completely before removing it. Disconnect the AC power adapter from the system and operate the computer solely on battery power—the battery is fully discharged when the computer no longer turns on when the power button is pressed.
- Do not crush, drop, mutilate, or penetrate the battery with foreign objects.
- Do not expose the battery to high temperatures, or disassemble battery packs and cells.
- Do not apply pressure to the surface of the battery.
- Do not bend the battery.
- Do not use tools of any kind to pry on or against the battery.
- Ensure any screws during the servicing of this product are not lost or misplaced, to prevent accidental puncture or damage to the battery and other system components.

- If the battery gets stuck inside your computer as a result of swelling, do not try to release it as puncturing, bending, or crushing a lithium-ion battery can be dangerous. In such an instance, contact Dell technical support for assistance. See [www.dell.com/contactdell](http://www.dell.com/contactdell).
- Always purchase genuine batteries from [www.dell.com](http://www.dell.com) or authorized Dell partners and resellers.
- Swollen batteries should not be used and should be replaced and disposed properly. For guidelines on how to handle and replace swollen Lithium-ion batteries, see [Handling swollen Lithium-ion batteries](#).

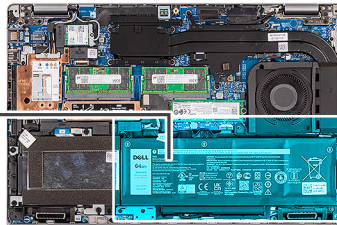
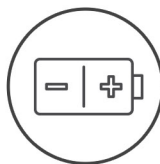
## Removing the 4-cell battery

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).

### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the 4-cell (64 Wh) battery and provides a visual representation of the removal procedure.



### Steps

1. Disconnect the battery cable from the connector on the system board, if it was not disconnected earlier.
2. Remove the three screws (M2x4) that secure the 4-cell battery to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
3. Lift the 4-cell battery, along with its cable, off the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

# Installing the 4-cell battery

## Prerequisites

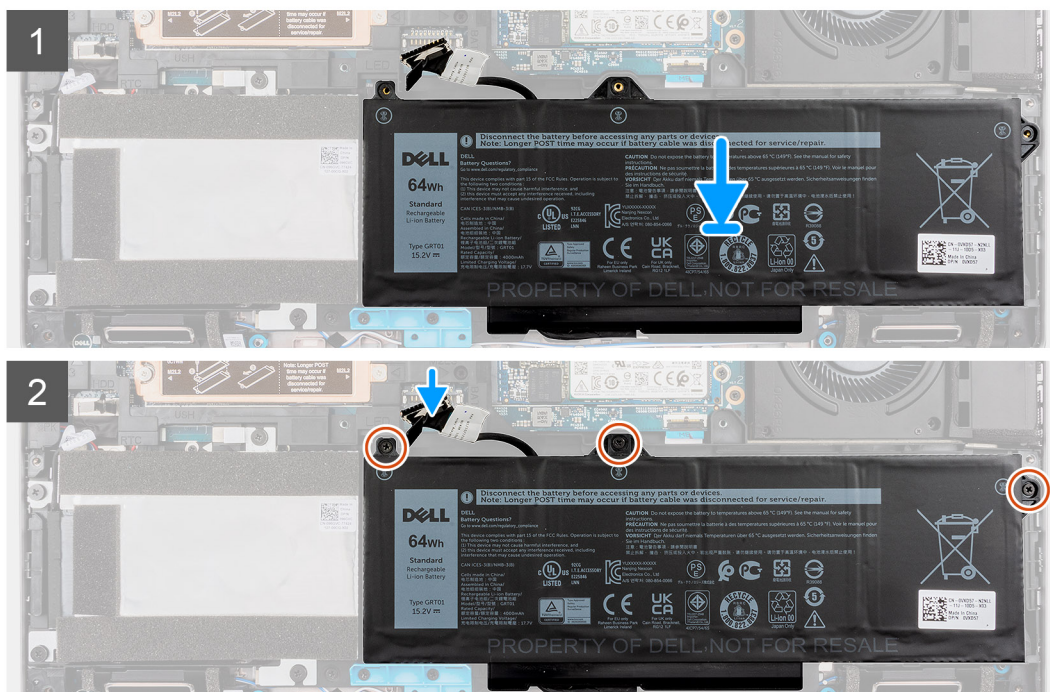
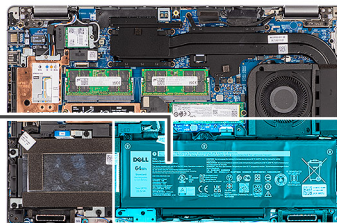
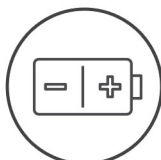
If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

## About this task

The following images indicate the location of the 4-cell (64 Wh) battery and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.



3x  
M2x4



## Steps

1. Align the screw holes on the 4-cell battery with the screw holes on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
2. Replace the three screws (M2x4) that secure the 4-cell battery to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
3. Connect the battery cable to the connector on the system board.

## Next steps

1. Install the [base cover](#).
2. Install the [microSD card](#).
3. Install the [SIM tray](#).
4. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

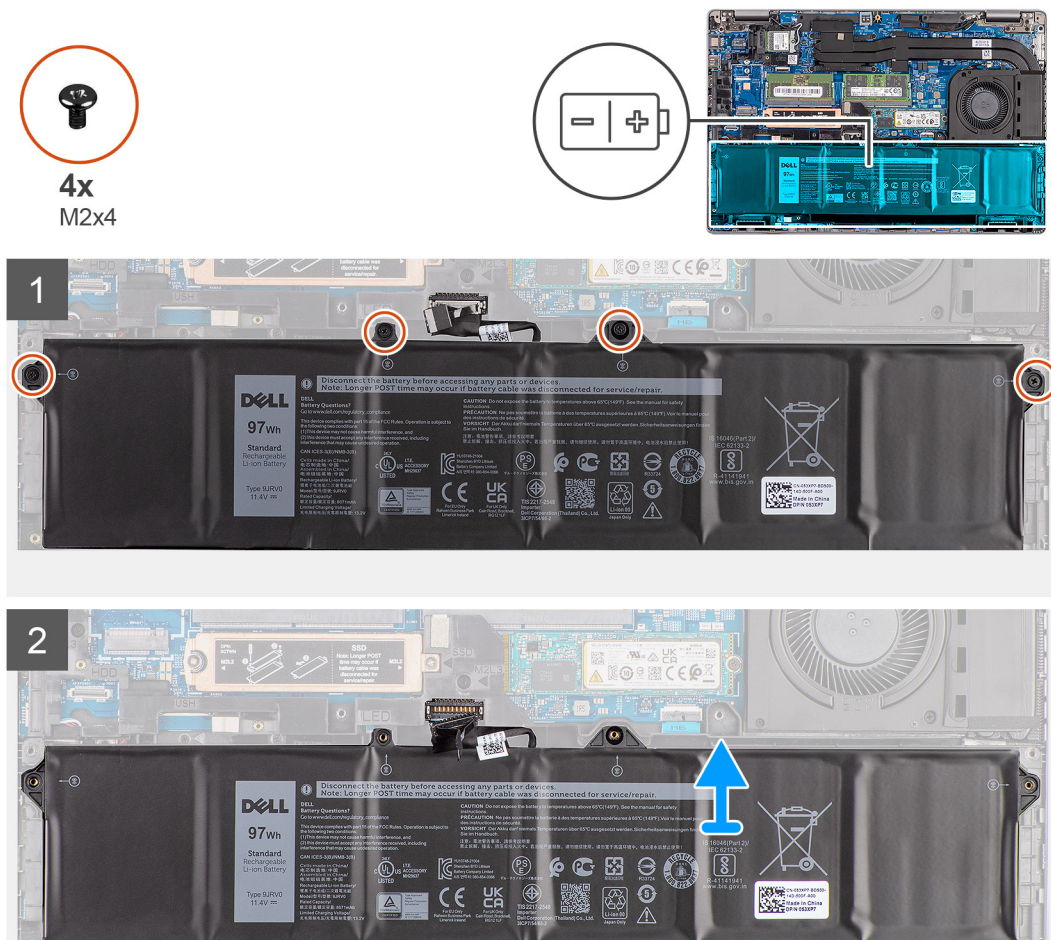
# Removing the 6-cell battery

## Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).

## About this task

The following images indicate the location of the 6-cell (97 Wh) battery and provides a visual representation of the removal procedure.



## Steps

1. Disconnect the battery cable from the connector on the system board, if it was not disconnected earlier.
2. Remove the four screws (M2x4) that secure the 6-cell battery to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
3. Lift the 6-cell battery, along with its cable, off the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

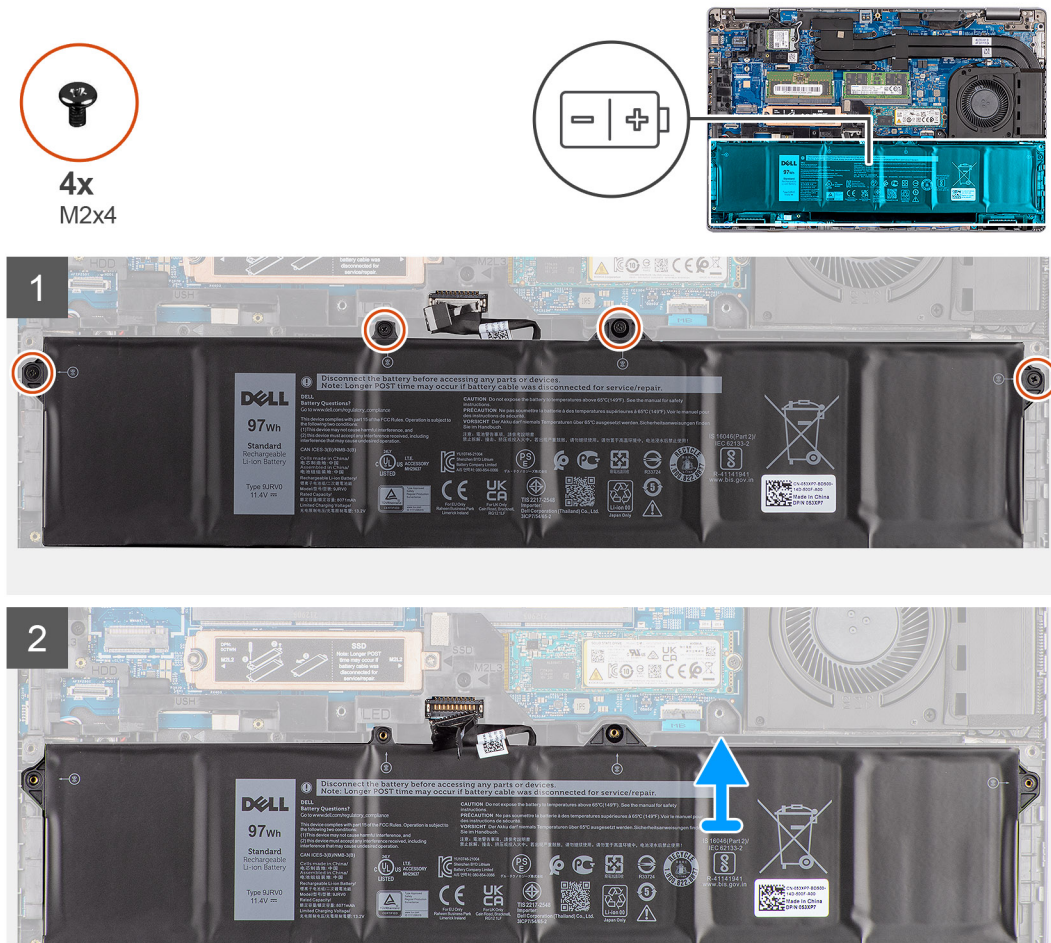
# Installing the 6-cell battery

## Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

## About this task

The following images indicate the location of the 6-cell (97 Wh) battery and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.



## Steps

1. Align the screw holes on the 6-cell battery with the screw holes on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
2. Replace the four screws (M2x4) that secure the 6-cell battery to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
3. Connect the battery cable to the connector on the system board.

## Next steps

1. Install the [base cover](#).
2. Install the [microSD card](#).
3. Install the [SIM tray](#).
4. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

# Battery cable

## Removing the 4-cell battery cable

### Prerequisites

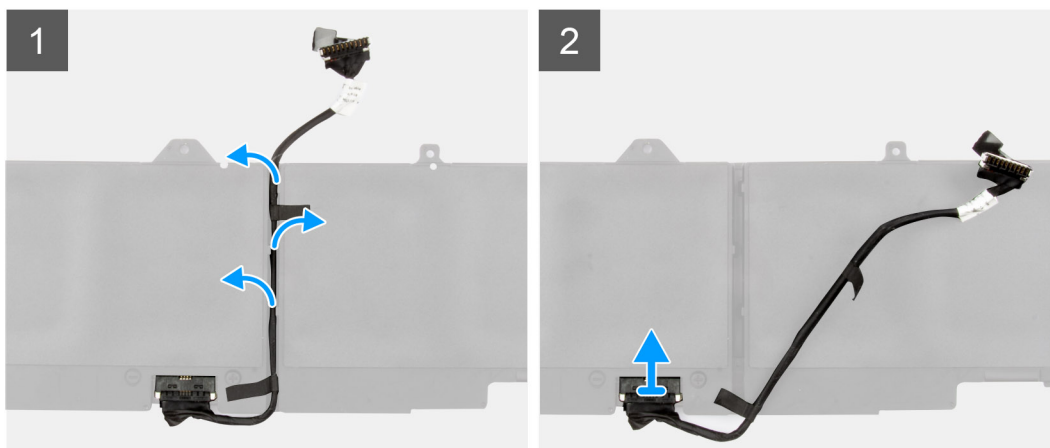
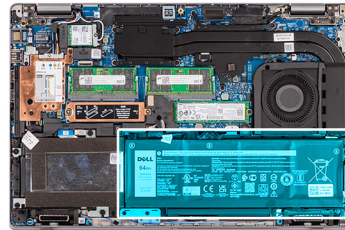
1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).

4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [battery](#).

**NOTE:** If battery is disconnected from system board for service, then there is a delay during system boot as the system undergoes RTC battery reset.

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the battery cable and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



#### Steps

1. Flip the battery and unroute the battery cable from the routing guides on the battery.
2. Disconnect the battery cable from the connector on the battery.
3. Lift the battery cable away from the battery.

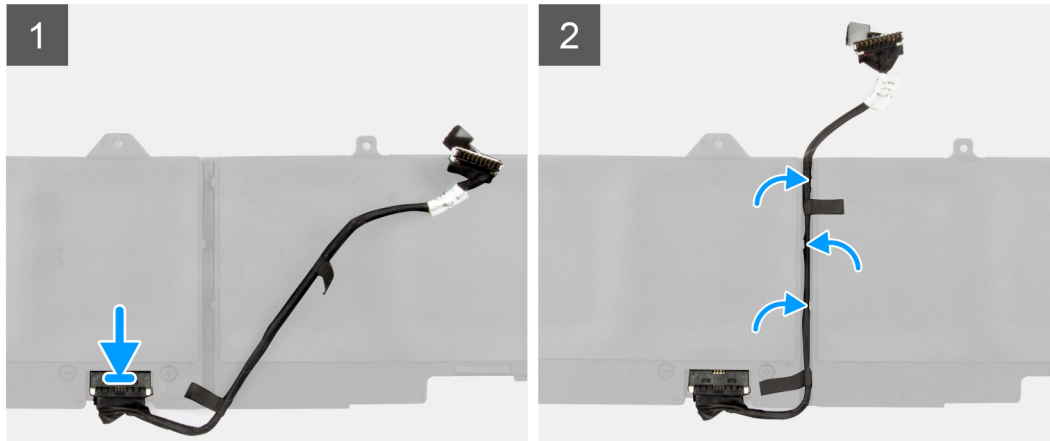
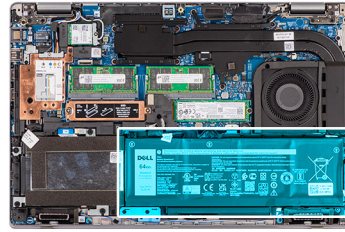
## Installing the 4-cell battery cable

#### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the battery cable and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.



### Steps

1. Connect the battery cable to the connector on the battery.
2. Route the battery cable through the routing guides on the battery.

### Next steps

1. Install the [battery](#).
2. Install the [base cover](#).
3. Install the [microSD card](#).
4. Install the [SIM tray](#).
5. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## Removing the 6-cell battery cable

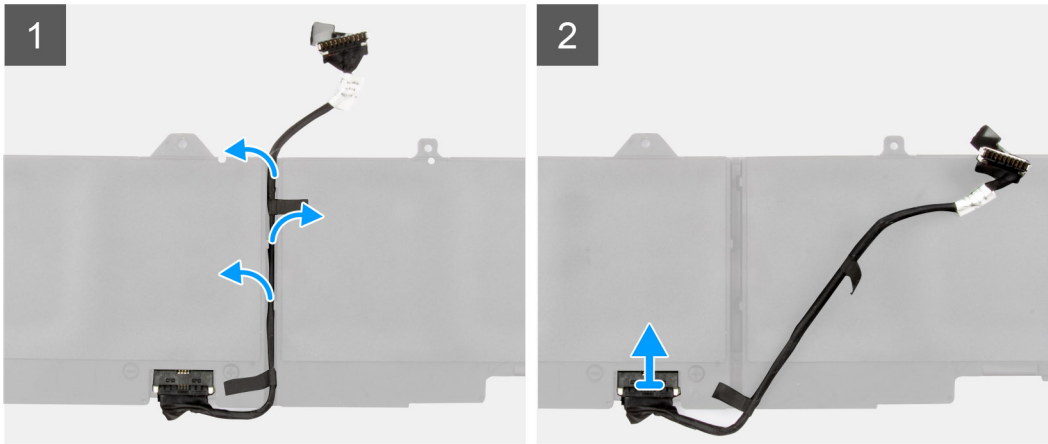
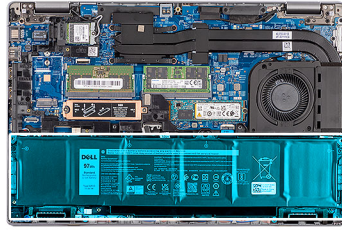
### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [battery](#).

**NOTE:** If battery is disconnected from system board for service, then there is a delay during system boot as the system undergoes RTC battery reset.

### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the battery cable and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



### Steps

1. Flip the battery and unroute the battery cable from the routing guides on the battery.
2. Disconnect the battery cable from the connector on the battery.
3. Lift the battery cable away from the battery.

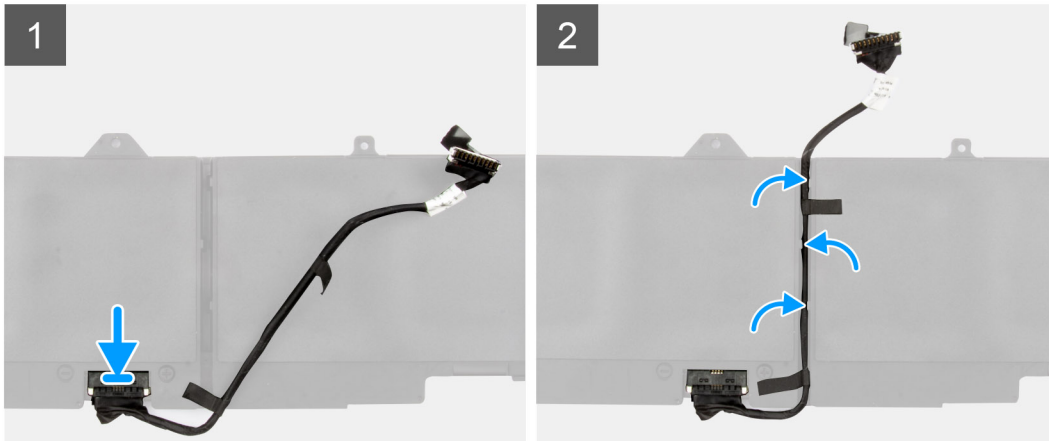
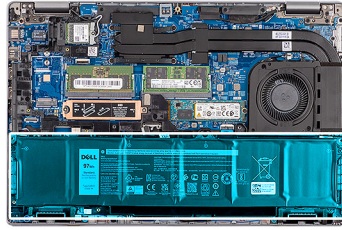
## Installing the 6-cell battery cable

### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the battery cable and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.



### Steps

1. Connect the battery cable to the connector on the battery.
2. Route the battery cable through the routing guides on the battery.

### Next steps

1. Install the [battery](#).
2. Install the [base cover](#).
3. Install the [microSD card](#).
4. Install the [SIM tray](#).
5. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## Assembly inner frame

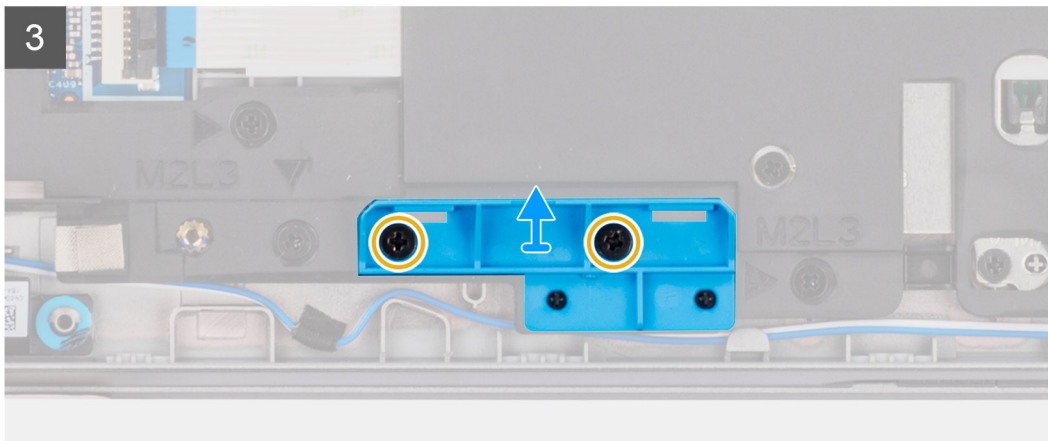
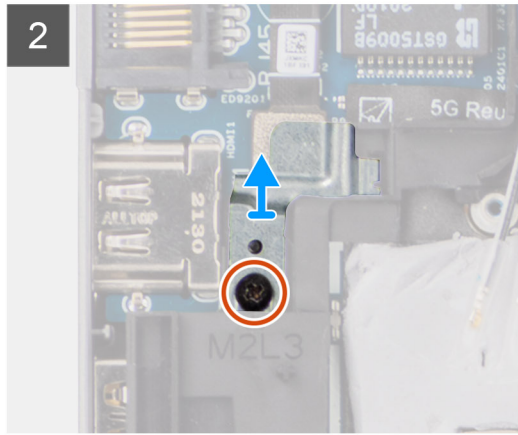
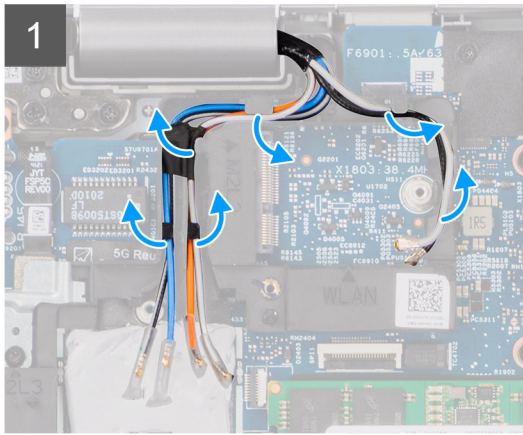
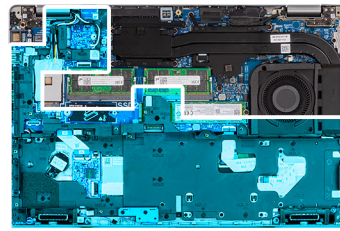
### Removing the assembly inner frame

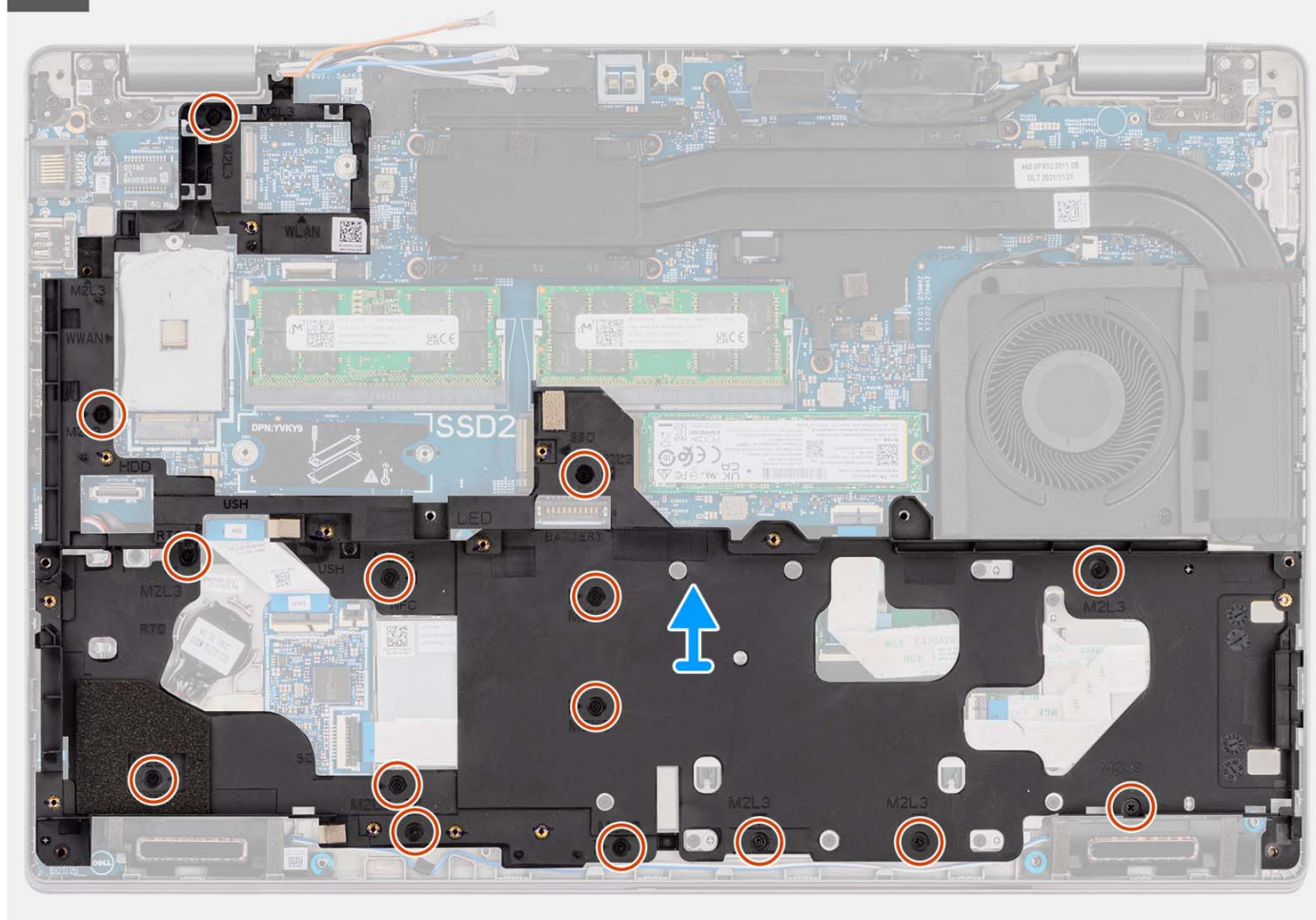
#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [battery](#).
6. Remove the [hard drive](#).
7. Remove the [wireless card](#).
8. Remove the [WWAN card](#).

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the assembly inner frame and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.





### Steps

1. Unroute the antenna cables from the routing guides on the assembly inner frame.
2. Remove the single screw (M2x3) that secures the fingerprint bracket to the assembly inner frame.
3. Remove the two screws (M2x4) that secure the 4-cell support frame to the assembly inner frame.
4. Remove the fifteen screws (M2x3) that secure the assembly inner frame to the system board and the palm-rest assembly.
5. Lift the assembly inner frame off the system board and the palm-rest assembly.

## Installing the assembly inner frame

### Prerequisites

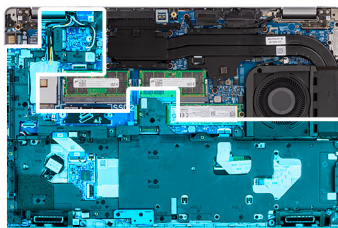
If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

### About this task

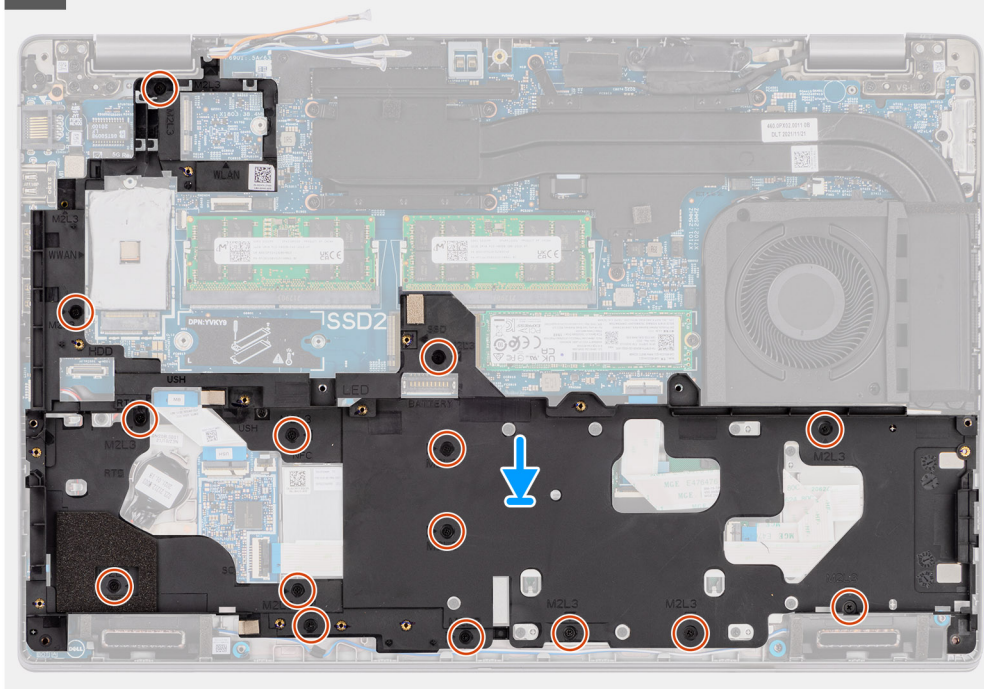
The following image indicates the location of the assembly inner frame and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.

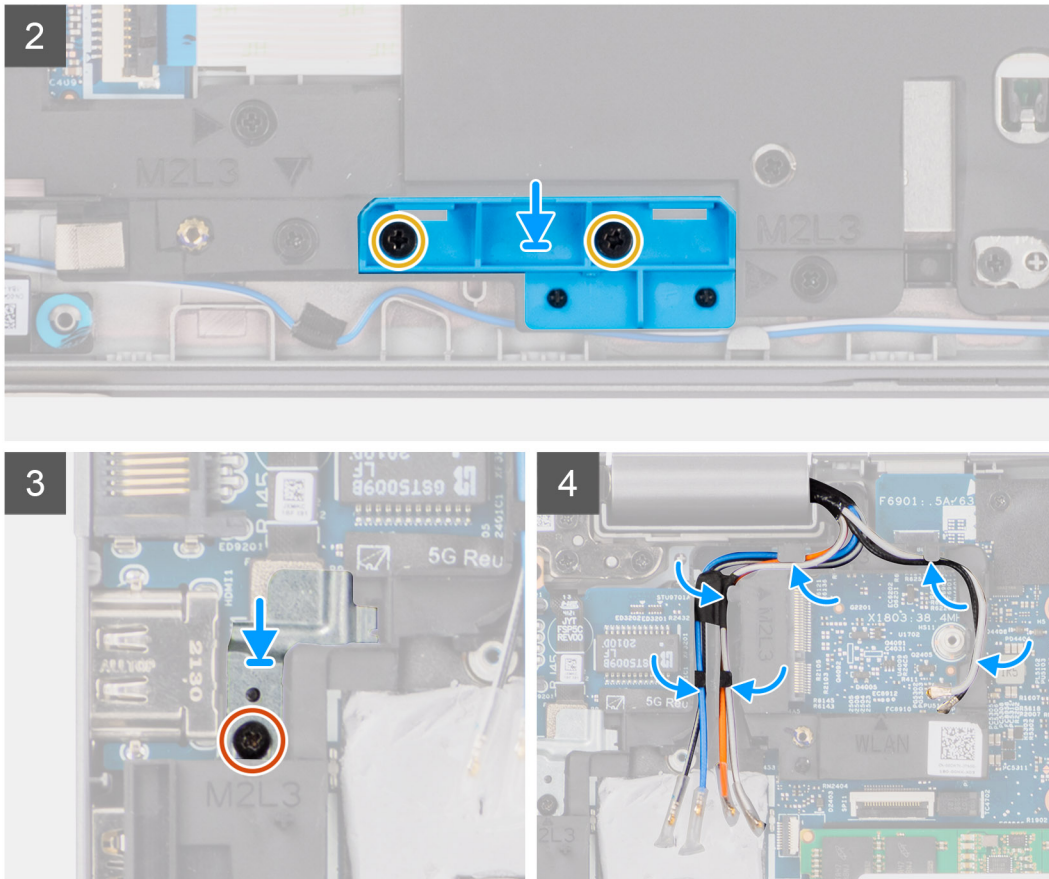


**16x**  
M2x3



1





## Steps

1. Align the screw holes on the assembly inner frame with the screw holes on the system board and the palm-rest assembly.  
**i NOTE:** Ensure that the tab on the top-left corner of the assembly inner frame is installed underneath the tab on the palm-rest assembly.
2. Replace the fifteen screws (M2x3) that secure the assembly inner frame to the system board and the palm-rest assembly.
3. Replace the two screws (M2x4) to secure the 4-cell support frame to the assembly inner frame.
4. Align and place the fingerprint bracket on the assembly inner frame.
5. Replace the single screw (M2x3) to secure the fingerprint bracket to the assembly inner frame.
6. Route the antennas cable through the routing guides on the assembly inner frame.

## Next steps

1. Install the [battery](#).
2. Install the [hard drive](#).
3. Install the [WWAN card](#).
4. Install the [wireless card](#).
5. Install the [base cover](#).
6. Install the [microSD card](#).
7. Install the [SIM tray](#).
8. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

# LED board

## Removing the LED board

### Prerequisites

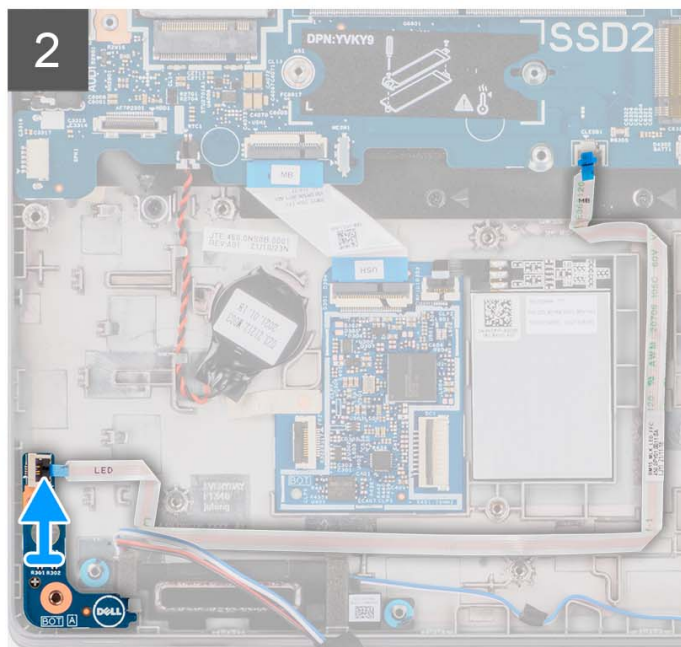
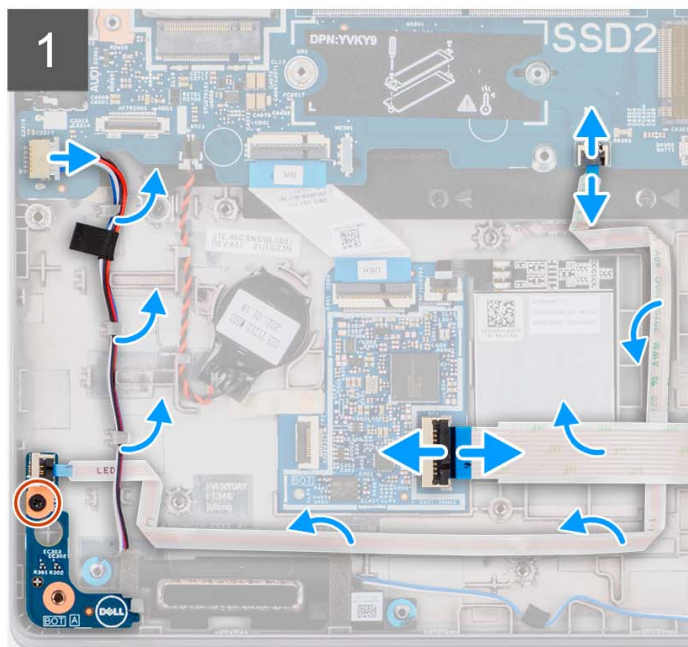
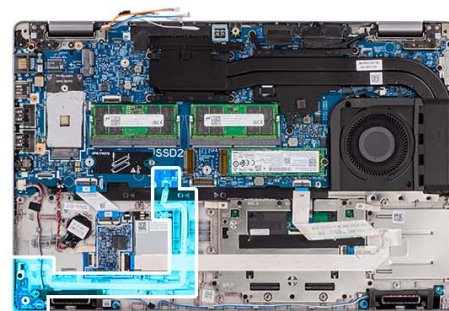
1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [2280 solid-state drive](#) or [2230 solid-state drive](#).
6. Remove the [battery](#).
7. Remove the [hard drive](#).
8. Remove the [wireless card](#).
9. Remove the [WWAN card](#).
10. Remove the [assembly inner frame](#).

### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the LED board and provides a visual representation of the removal procedure.



1x  
M2x3



### Steps

1. Open the latch and disconnect the smartcard reader cable from the connector on the USH-daughter board.
2. Remove the smartcard reader cable away from the USH-daughter board.

3. Disconnect the LED-board cable from the connector on the system board.
4. Peel the LED-board cable from the computer.
5. Remove the single screw (M2x3) that secures the LED board to the palm-rest assembly.
6. Lift the LED board and cable away from the palm-rest assembly.

## Installing the LED board

### Prerequisites

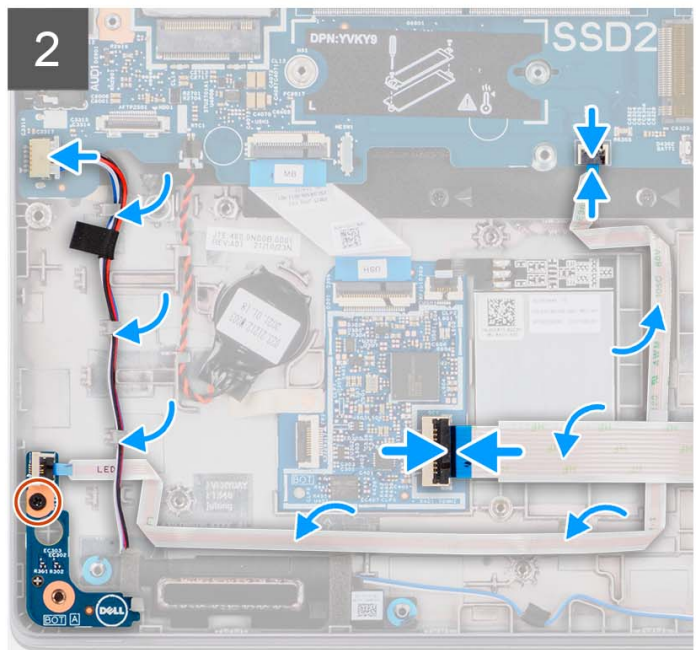
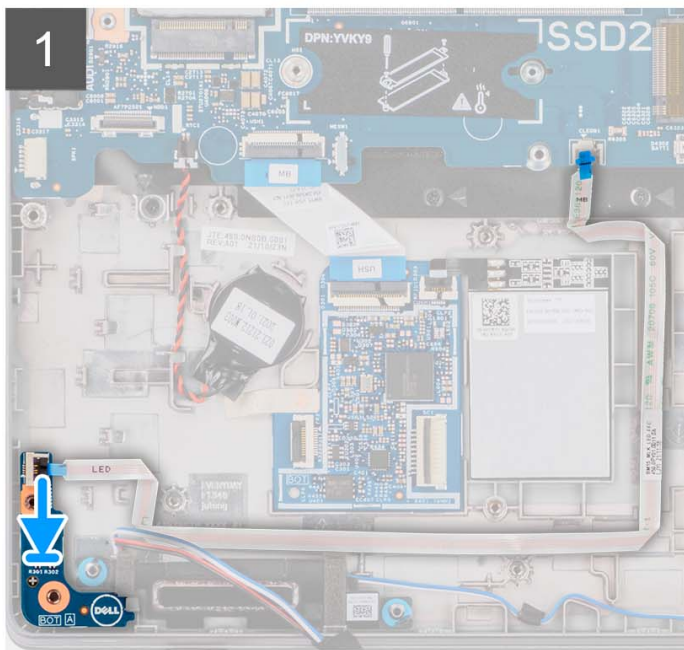
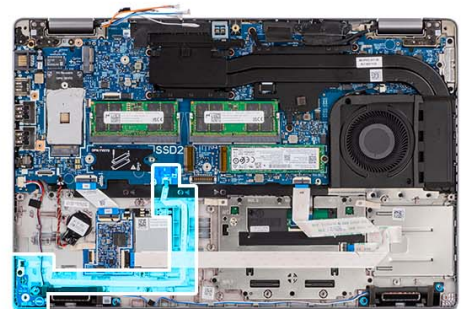
If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the LED board and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.



1x  
M2x3



### Steps

1. Align the screw hole on the LED board with the screw hole on the palm-rest assembly.
2. Replace the single screw (M2x3) to secure the LED board to the palm-rest assembly.
3. Route the LED-board cable and connect the cable to the connector on the system board.

**CAUTION:** Do not route the LED-board cable under the coin-cell battery. Incorrect routing of the LED-board cable may damage the LED board, LED-board cable, and system board.

4. Route the smartcard reader cable on the palm-rest assembly.
5. Connect the smartcard reader cable to the connector on the USH-daughter board and close the latch.

### Next steps

1. Install the [assembly inner frame](#).
2. Install the [battery](#).
3. Install the [hard drive](#).
4. Install the [WWAN card](#).
5. Install the [wireless card](#).
6. Install the [2280 solid-state drive](#) or [2230 solid-state drive](#).
7. Install the [base cover](#).
8. Install the [microSD card](#).
9. Install the [SIM tray](#).
10. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## Heat sink

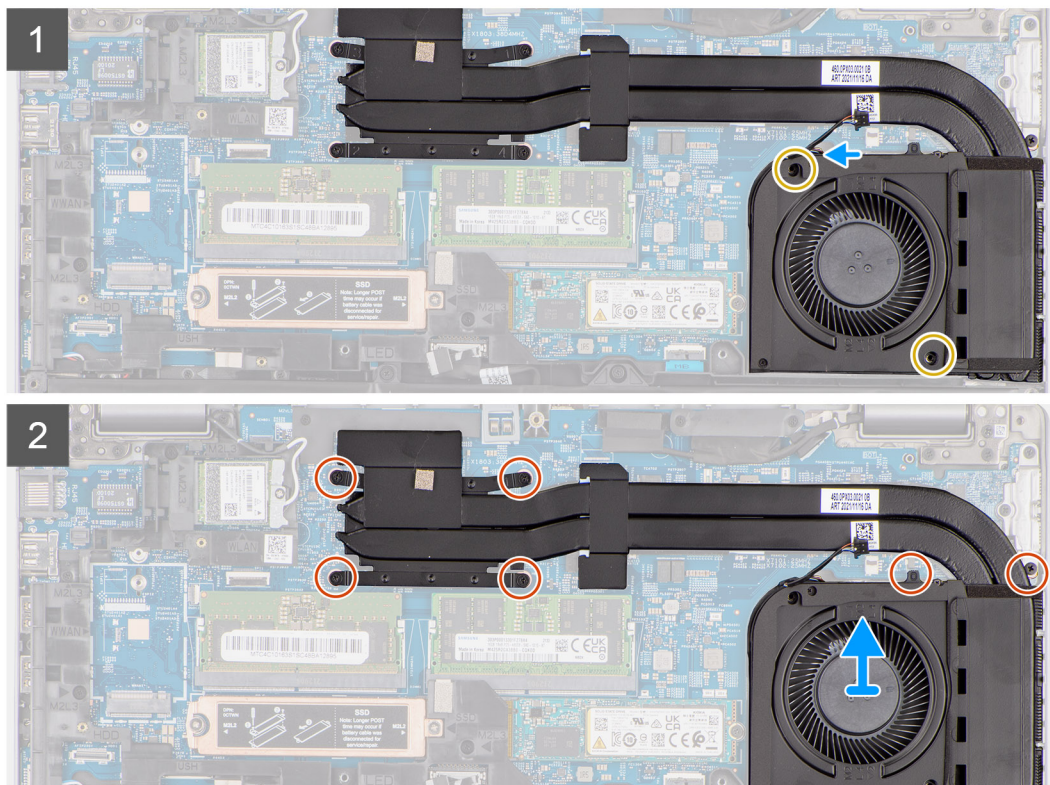
### Removing the heat sink and fan assembly - UMA

#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the heat sink and fan assembly and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



## Steps

1. Disconnect the system fan cable from the connector on the system board.
2. Remove the two screws (M2x4) that secure the system fan to the system board.
3. In reverse sequential order (as indicated on the heat sink), loosen the six captive screws that secure the heat sink and fan assembly to the system board.
4. Lift the heat sink and fan assembly off the system board.

## Installing the heat sink and fan assembly - UMA

### Prerequisites

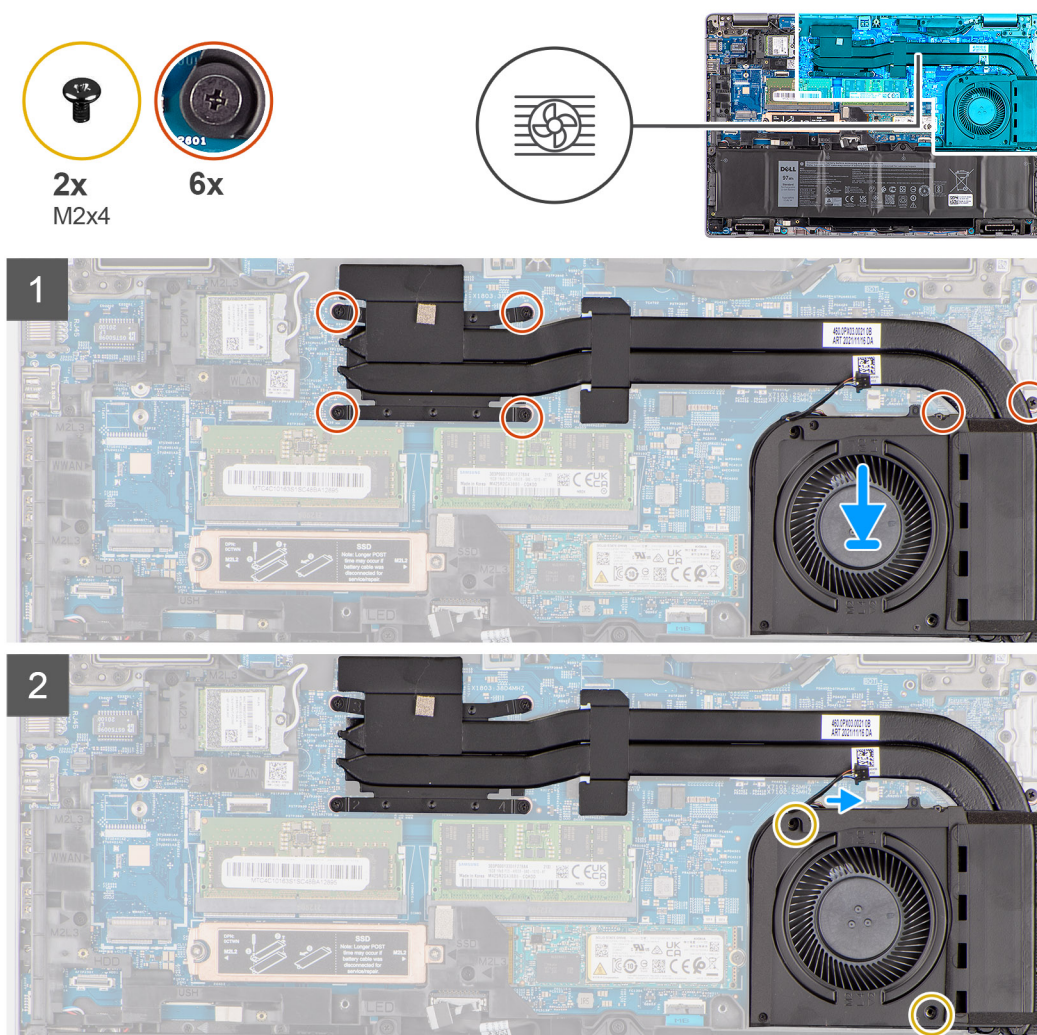
If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

**CAUTION:** Incorrect alignment of the heat sink can damage the system board and processor.

**NOTE:** If either the system board or the heat sink is replaced, use the thermal pad/paste provided in the kit to ensure that thermal conductivity is achieved.

### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the heat sink and fan assembly and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.



### Steps

1. Align the screw holes on the heat sink and fan assembly with the screw holes on the system board.
2. In sequential order (as indicated on the heat sink), tighten the six captive screws that secure the heat sink and fan assembly to the system board.
3. Replace the two screws (M2x4) that secure the system fan to the frame.
4. Connect the system fan cable to the connector on the system board.

### Next steps

1. Install the [base cover](#).
2. Install the [microSD card](#).
3. Install the [SIM card](#).
4. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

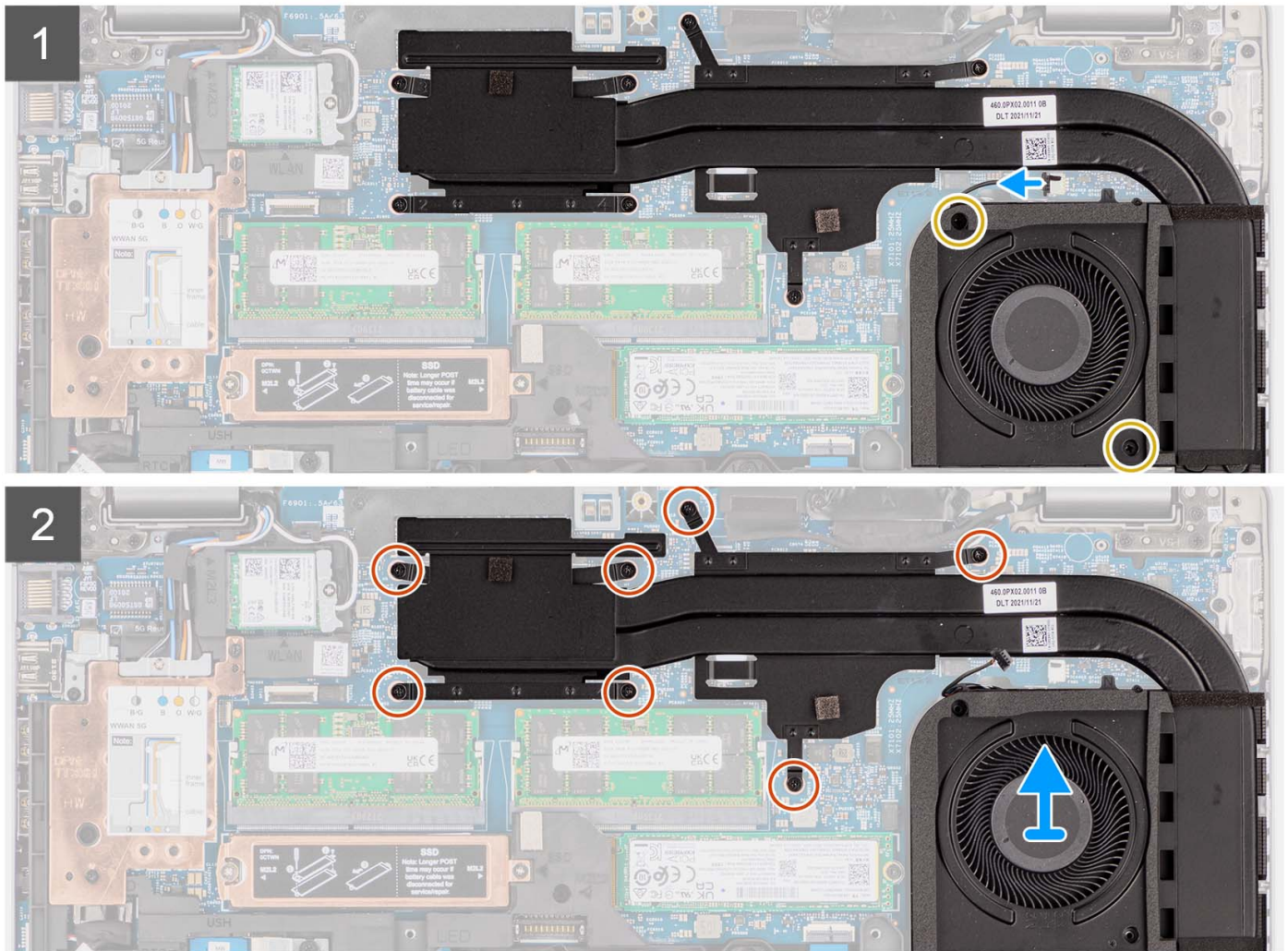
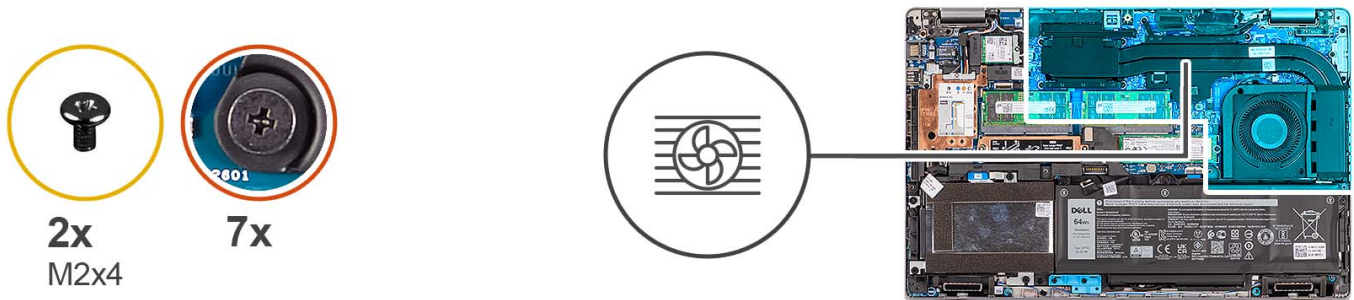
## Removing the heat sink and fan assembly—discrete

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).

## About this task

The following images indicate the location of the heat sink and fan assembly and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



## Steps

1. Disconnect the system fan cable from the connector on the system board.
2. Remove the two screws (M2x4) that secure the system fan to the system board.
3. In reverse sequential order (as indicated on the heat sink), loosen the seven captive screws that secure the heat sink and fan assembly to the system board.
4. Lift the heat sink and fan assembly off the system board.

## Installing the heat sink and fan assembly—discrete

### Prerequisites

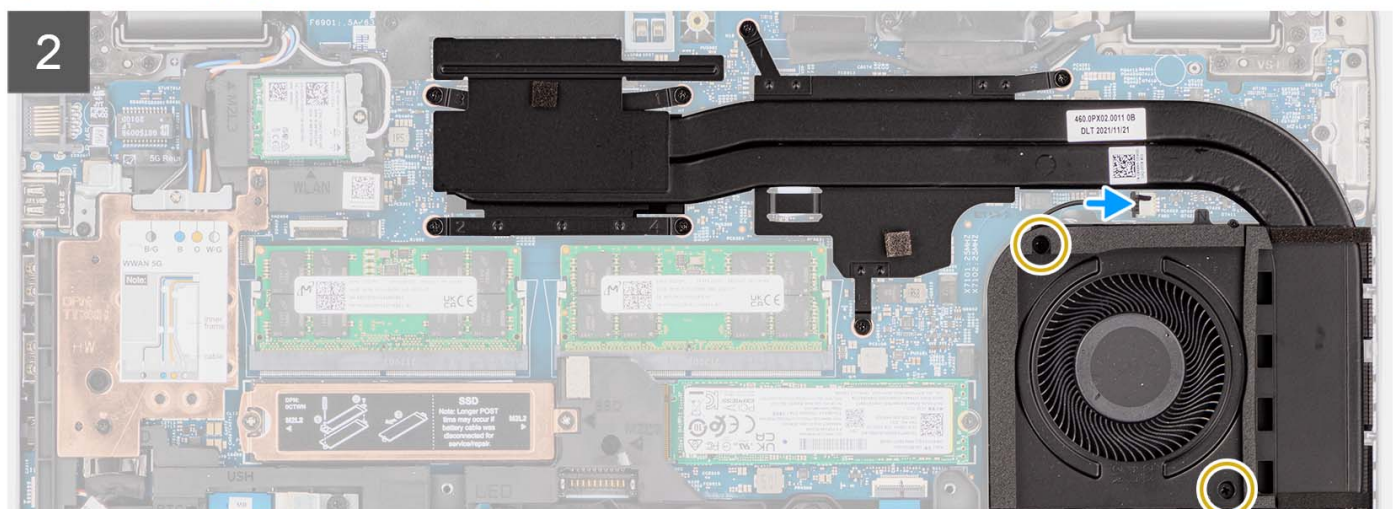
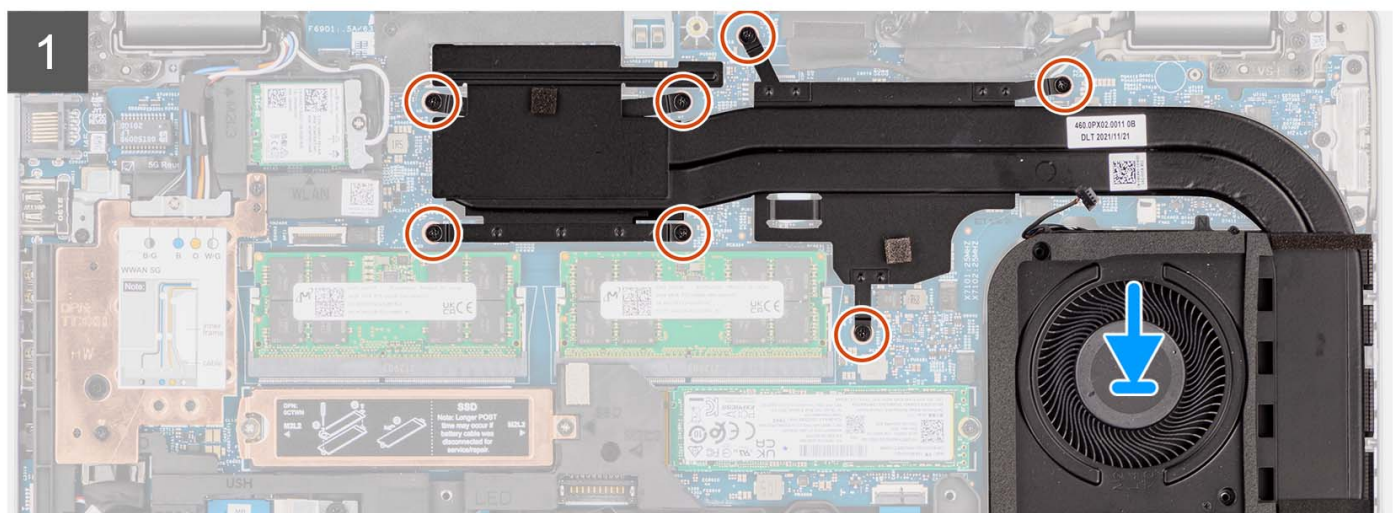
If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

**CAUTION:** Incorrect alignment of the heat sink can damage the system board and processor.

**NOTE:** If either the system board or the heat sink is replaced, use the thermal pad/paste provided in the kit to ensure that thermal conductivity is achieved.

### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the heat sink and fan assembly and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.



### Steps

1. Align the screw holes on the heat sink and fan assembly with the screw holes on the system board.
2. In sequential order (as indicated on the heat sink), tighten the seven captive screws that secure the heat sink and fan assembly to the system board.
3. Replace the two screws (M2x4) that secure the system fan to the frame.
4. Connect the system fan cable to the connector on the system board.

### Next steps

1. Install the [base cover](#).
2. Install the [microSD card](#).
3. Install the [SIM tray](#).
4. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## Speakers

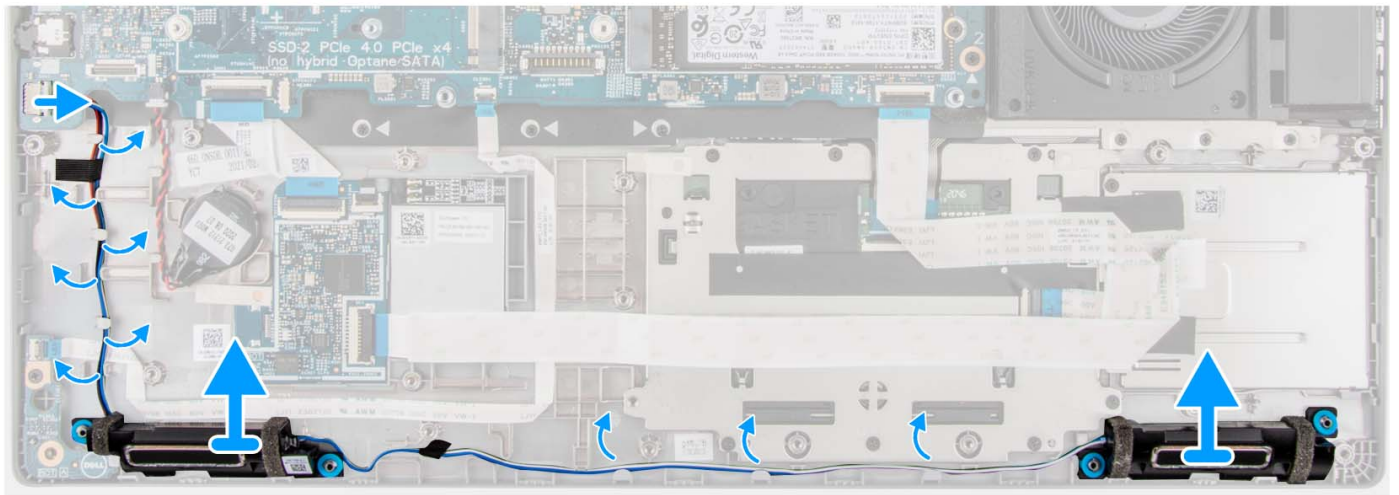
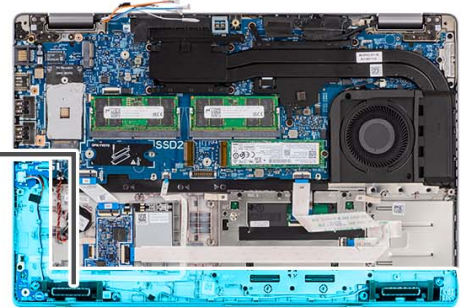
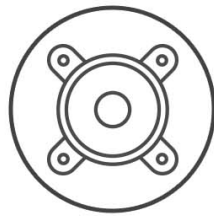
### Removing the speakers

#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [hard drive](#).
6. Remove the [battery](#).
7. Remove the [assembly inner frame](#).

#### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the speakers and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



### Steps

1. Disconnect the speaker cable from the connector on the system board.
2. Peel the tape that secures the speaker cable to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
3. Note the speaker cable routing, and unroute the speaker cable from the routing guides on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
4. Lift the speakers, along with the cable, off the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

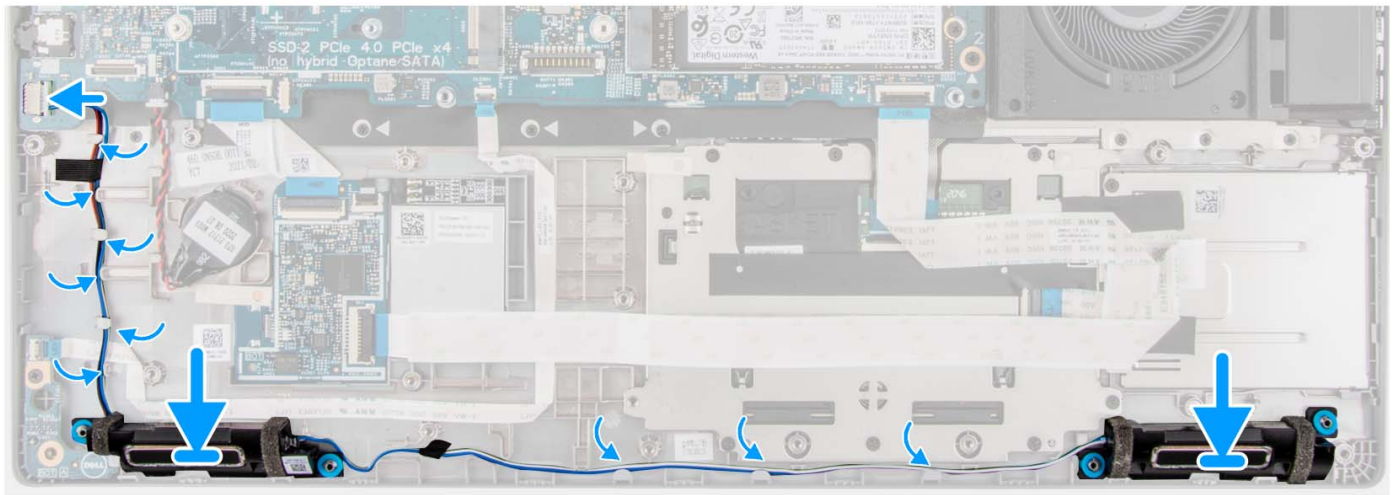
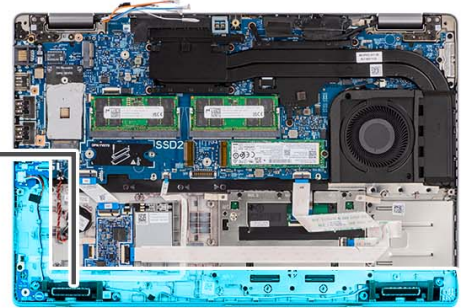
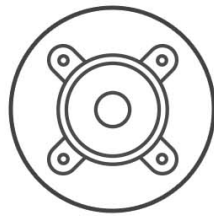
## Installing the speakers

### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the speaker and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



### Steps

1. Using the alignment posts and rubber grommets, place the speakers on the slots of the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
2. Route the speaker cable through the bottom-left corner of the system and ensure that the speaker cables are routed firmly into the routing guides on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
3. Connect the speaker cable to the connector on the system board.

### Next steps

1. Install the [assembly inner frame](#).
2. Install the [battery](#).
3. Install the [hard drive](#).
4. Install the [base cover](#).
5. Install the [microSD card](#).
6. Install the [SIM tray](#).
7. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## System board

### Removing the system board

#### Prerequisites

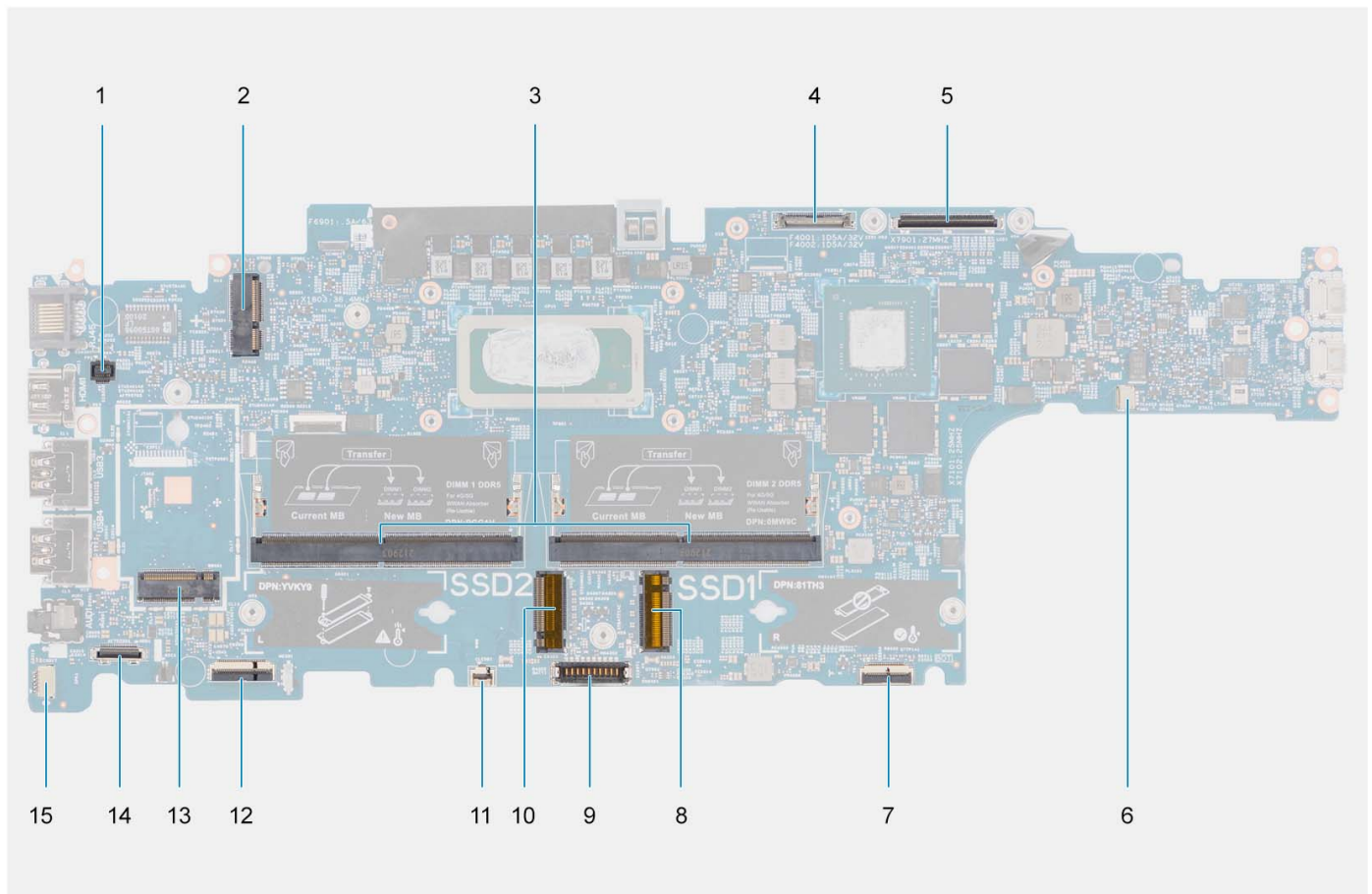
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2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
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4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [2280 solid-state drive](#) or [2230 solid-state drive](#).
6. Remove the [battery](#).

7. Remove the [hard drive](#).
8. Remove the [wireless card](#).
9. Remove the [WWAN card](#).
10. Remove the [assembly inner frame](#).
11. Remove the [heat sink](#).

### About this task

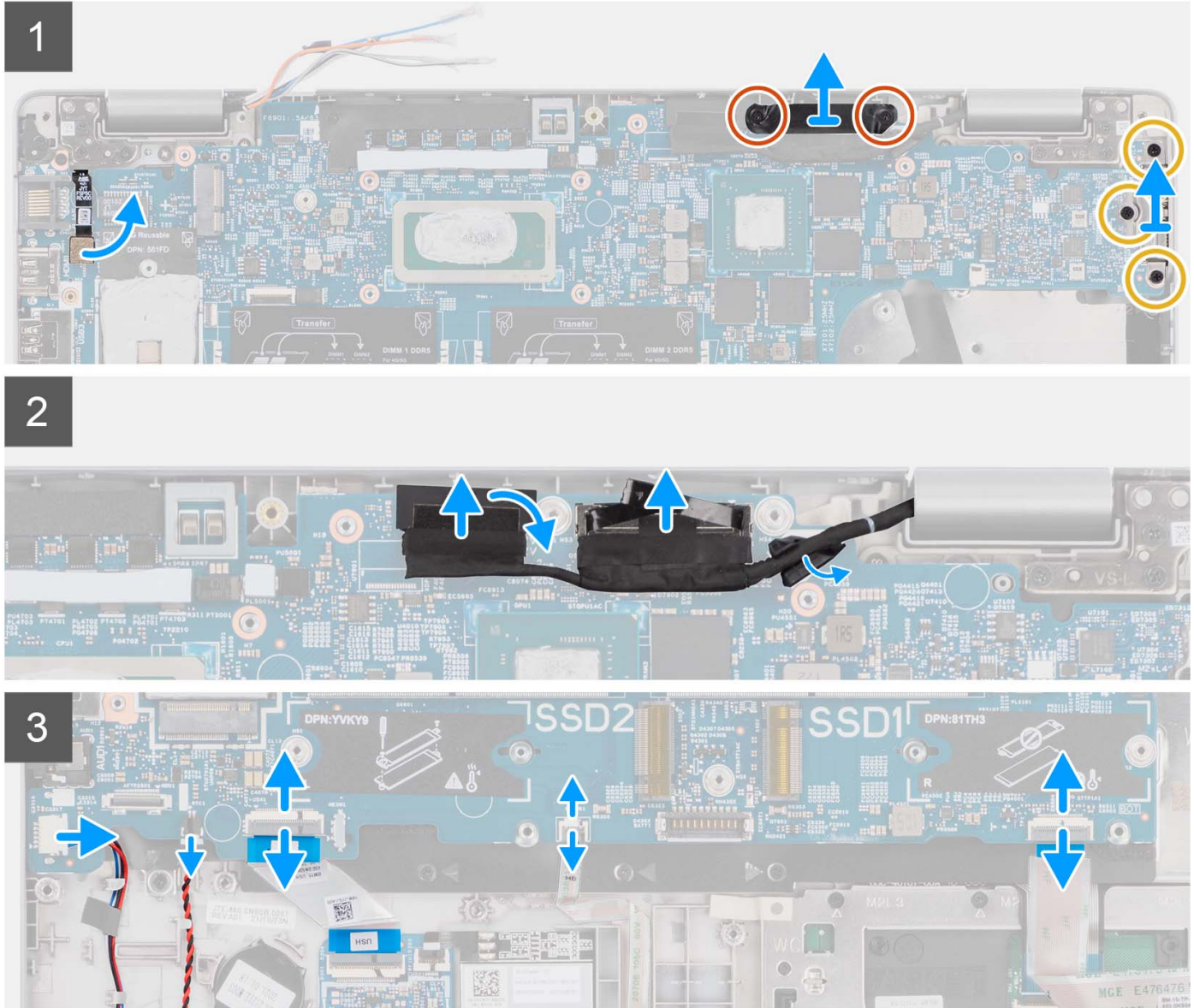
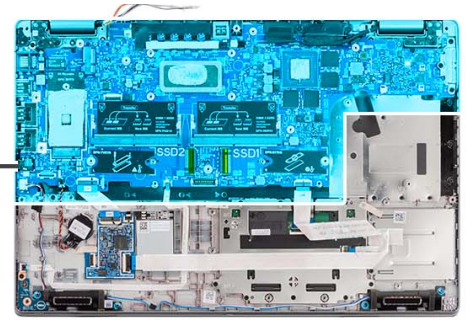
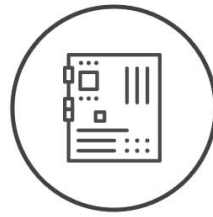
The following image indicates the connectors on your system board.

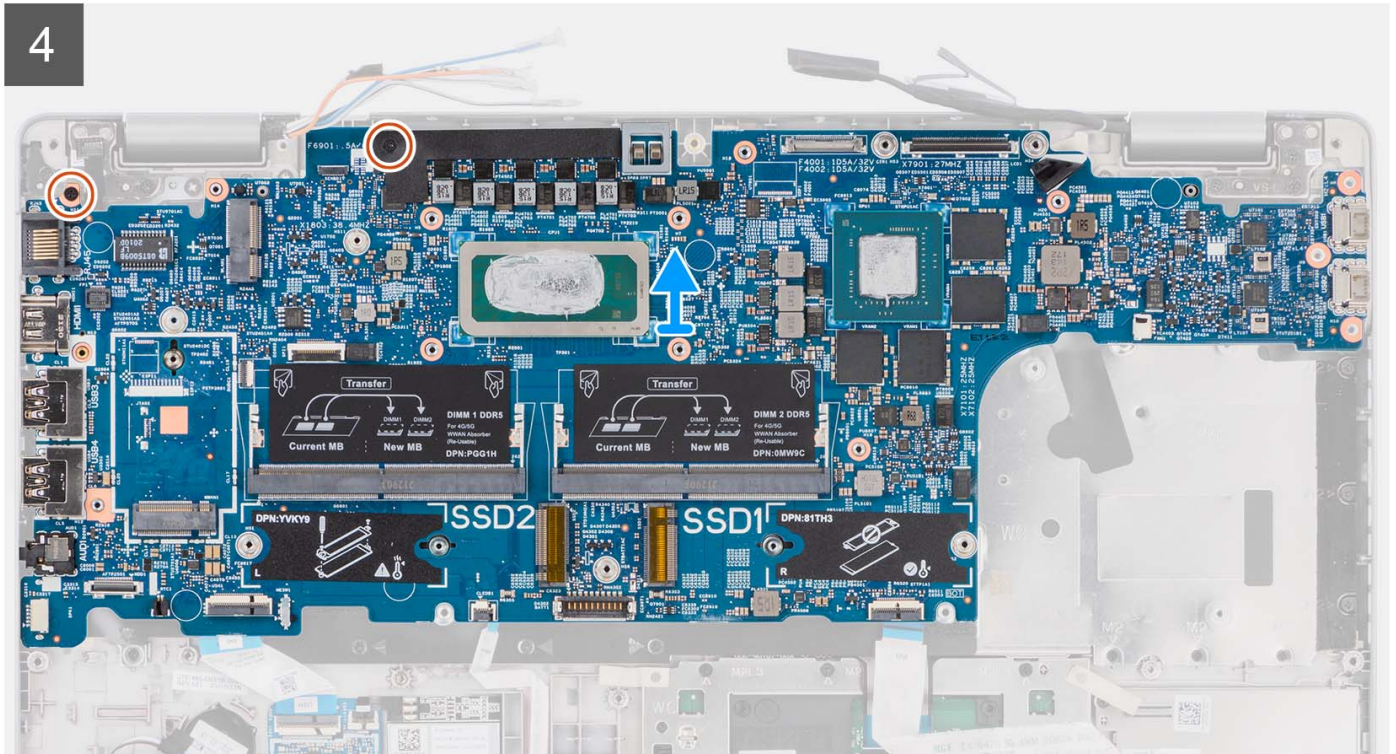
**Figure 1. System board connectors**



1. Fingerprint reader connector
2. Wireless connector
3. Memory modules
4. eDP cable connector
5. Display cable connector
6. System fan connector
7. Clickpad cable connector
8. Solid-state drive—slot 1
9. Battery cable connector
10. Solid-state drive—slot 2
11. LED cable connector
12. USB board connector
13. WWAN connector
14. Hard-drive cable connector
15. Speaker cable connector

The following images indicate the location of the system board and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.





## Steps

- NOTE:** The system board can be removed and installed with the heat sink attached in order to simplify the procedure and preserve the thermal bond between the system board and heat sink. In order to do so, technicians must also remove the two screws (M2x5) that secure the system fan to the system board.
  - NOTE:** For the models shipped with a fingerprint reader, disconnect the fingerprint reader cable from the connector on the system board before removing the system board from the palm-rest assembly and keyboard assembly.
1. Disconnect the fingerprint reader cable from the connector on the system board.
  2. Remove the three screws (M2x4) that secure the USB Type-C bracket to the system board.
  3. Remove the two screws (M2x3) that secure the eDP cable bracket to the system board.
  4. Lift the eDP cable bracket away from the computer.
  5. Peel the tape that secures the display cable to the system board.
  6. Using the pull tab, disconnect the display cable from the connector on the system board.
  7. Disconnect the eDP cable from the connector on the system board and unroute it from the routing guide.
  8. Disconnect IR camera cable from the connector on the system board (for models shipped with an IR camera).
  9. Disconnect the touchscreen cable from the connector on the system board (for models shipped with a touchscreen).
  10. Open the latch and disconnect the USH board cable from the connector on the system board.
  11. Open the latch and disconnect the clickpad cable from the connector on the system board.
  12. Open the latch and disconnect the LED board cable from the connector on the system board.
  13. Pry the coin-cell battery off the palm-rest assembly and remove it from the routing guides on the palm-rest assembly.
    - NOTE:** When you disconnect the coin-cell battery cable from the connector on the system board, the CMOS setting is cleared.
  14. Remove the two screws (M2x3) that secure the system board to the palm-rest assembly and keyboard assembly.
  15. Lift the system board off the palm-rest assembly and keyboard assembly.
    - NOTE:** Transfer the re-useable thermal pad (WWAN configuration only) and the DIMM absorbers over to the new replacement system board.

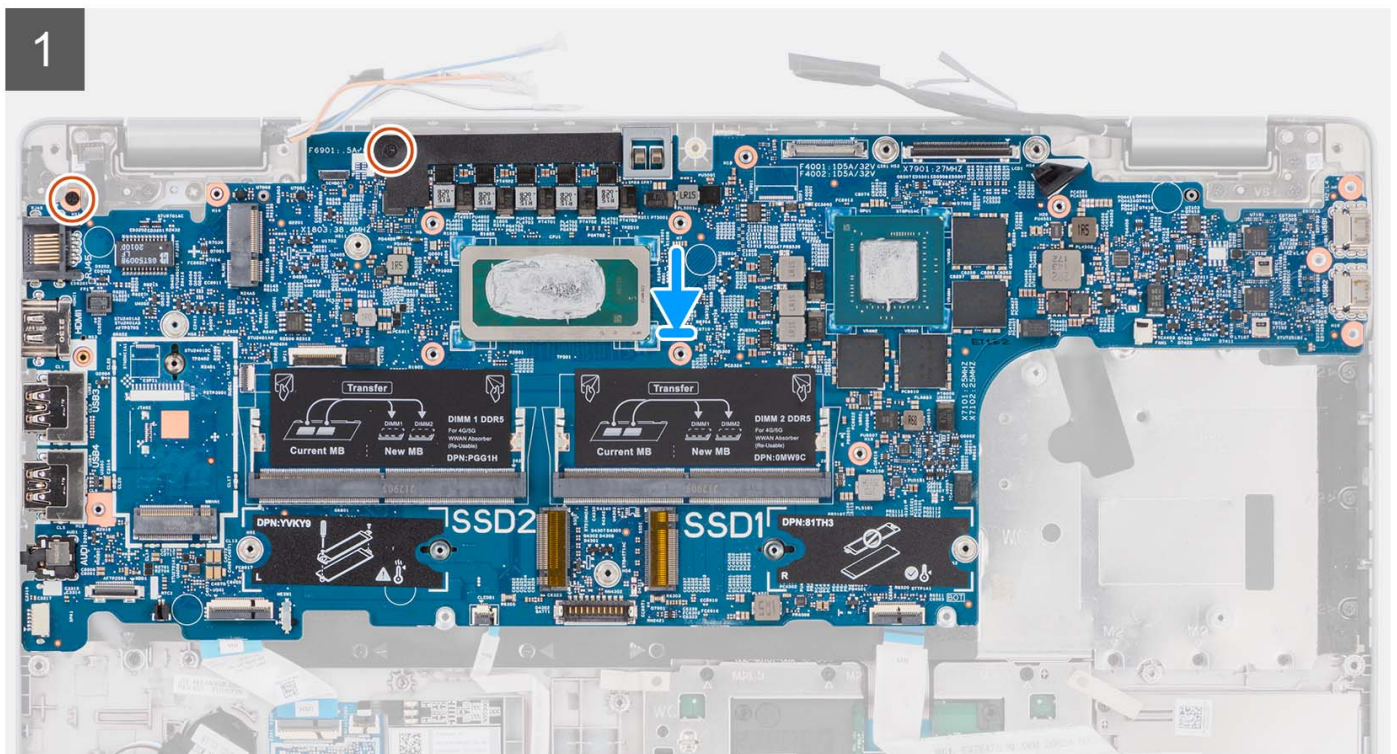
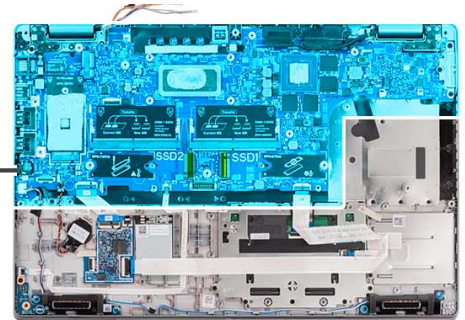
# Installing the system board

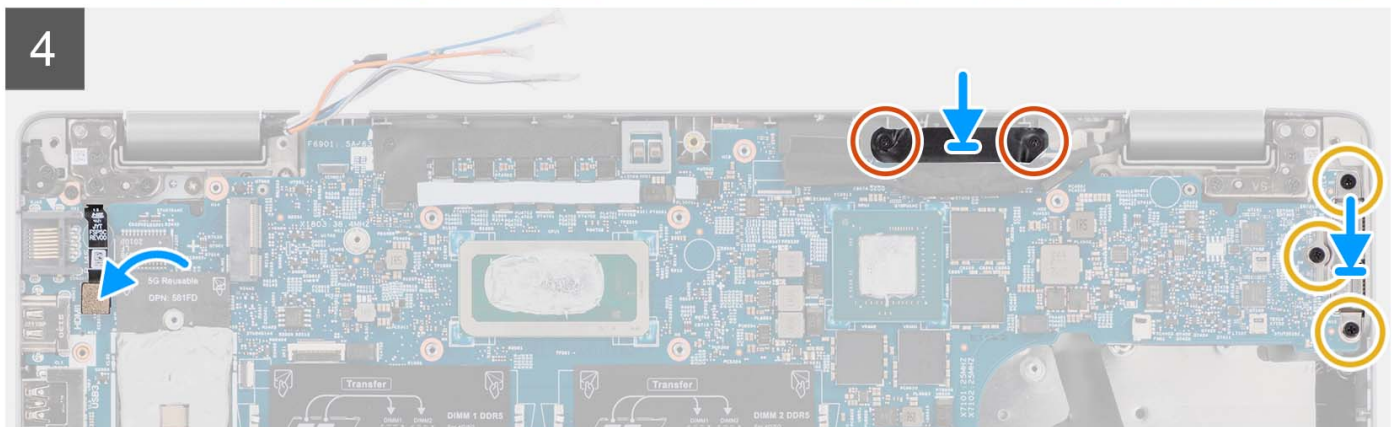
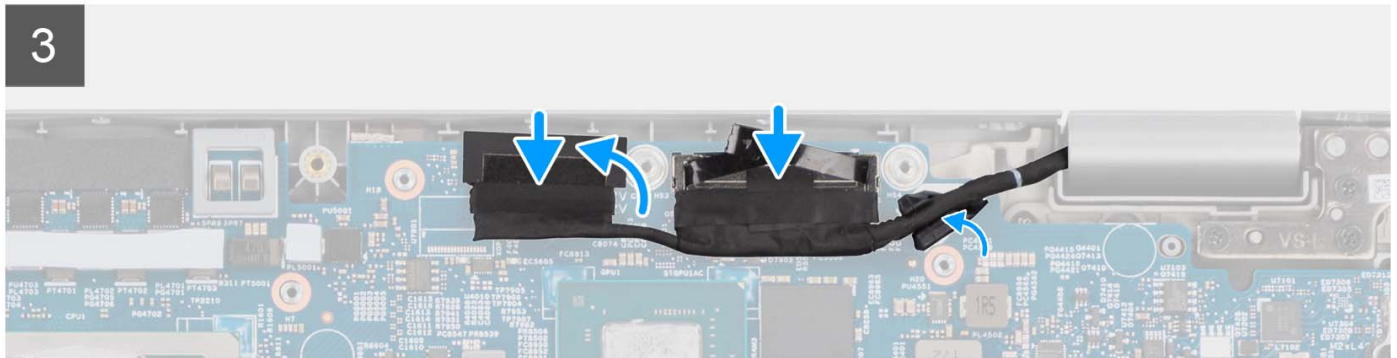
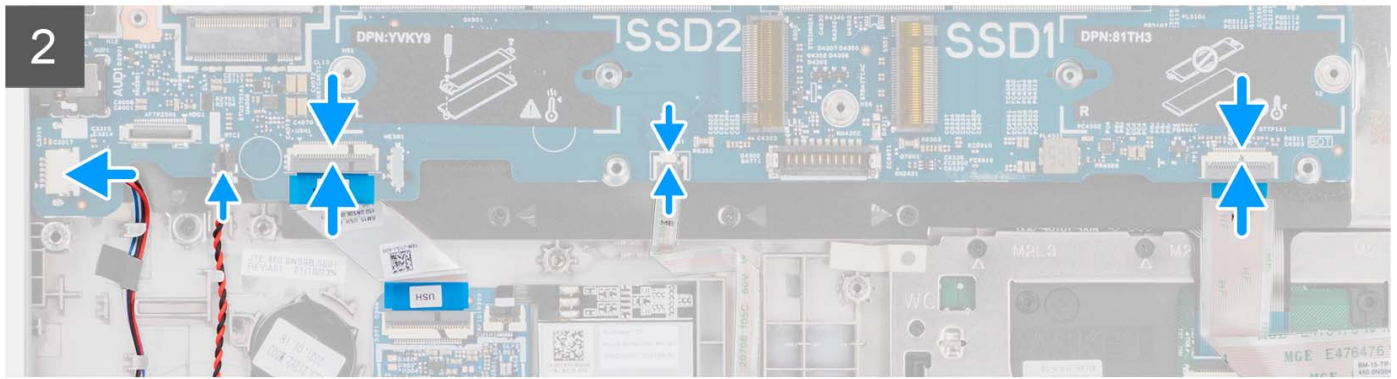
## Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

## About this task

The following images indicate the location of the system board and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.





## Steps


**NOTE:** The system board can be removed and installed with the heat sink attached in order to simplify the procedure and preserve the thermal bond between the system board and heat sink. In order to do so, technicians must also remove the two screws (M2x5) that secure the system fan to the system board.

1. Slide the system board to make the USB Type-C connector to toe-in to the hinge saddle and align the screw holes on the system board with the screw holes on the palm-rest assembly and keyboard assembly.
2. Replace the two screws (M2x3) to secure the system board to the palm-rest assembly and keyboard assembly.
3. Route the coin-cell battery cable through the routing guide on palm-rest assembly and adhere the coin-cell battery on the palm-rest assembly.
4. Connect the fingerprint reader cable to the connector on the system board.
5. Align and place the USB Type-C bracket on the system board.
6. Replace the three screws (M2x4) that secure the USB Type-C bracket to the system board.
7. Route the display and eDP cable through the routing guide on the system board.
8. Connect the eDP cable to the connector on the system board.
9. Connect the display cable to the connector on the system board.
10. Adhere the tape that secures the display cable to the system board.
11. Align the screw holes on the eDP cable bracket with the screw holes on the system board.

12. Replace the two screws (M2x3) that secure the eDP cable bracket to the system board.
13. Connect the touchscreen cable from the connector on the system board (for models shipped with a touchscreen).
14. Connect IR camera cable from the connector on the system board (for models shipped with an IR camera).
15. Connect the clickpad cable to the system board and close the latch to secure the cable to the system board.
16. Connect the USH board cable to the system board and close the latch to secure the cable to the system board.

### Next steps

1. Install the [heat sink](#).
2. Install the [assembly inner frame](#).
3. Install the [battery](#).
4. Install the [hard drive](#).
5. Install the [WWAN card](#).

 **NOTE:** For 4G/5G WWAN configurations, ensure that you transfer the absorbers to the new system board.


6. Install the [wireless card](#).
7. Install the [2280 solid-state drive](#) or [2230 solid-state drive](#).
8. Install the [base cover](#).
9. Install the [microSD card](#).
10. Install the [SIM card](#).
11. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## Power button with fingerprint reader

### Removing the power button with fingerprint reader

#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [2280 solid-state drive](#) or [2230 solid-state drive](#).
6. Remove the [memory modules](#).
7. Remove the [battery](#).
8. Remove the [hard drive](#).
9. Remove the [wireless card](#).
10. Remove the [WWAN card](#).
11. Remove the [assembly inner frame](#).
12. Remove the [system board](#).

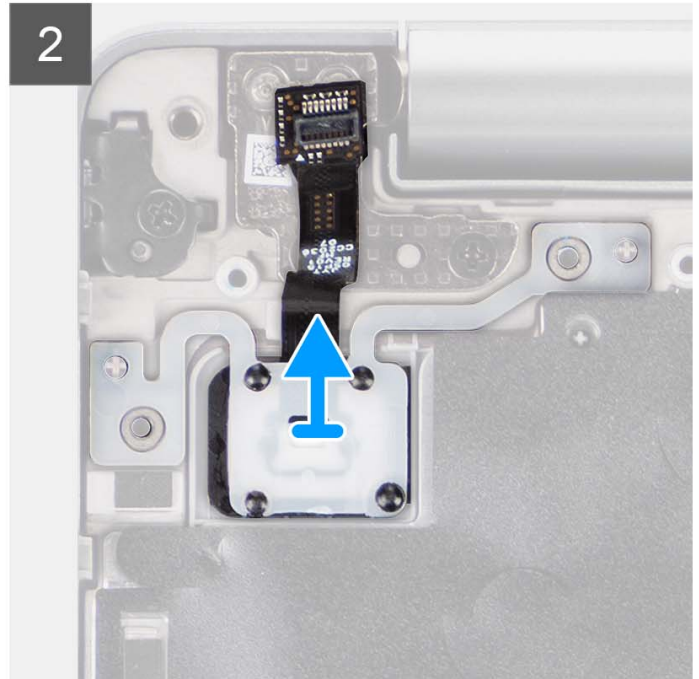
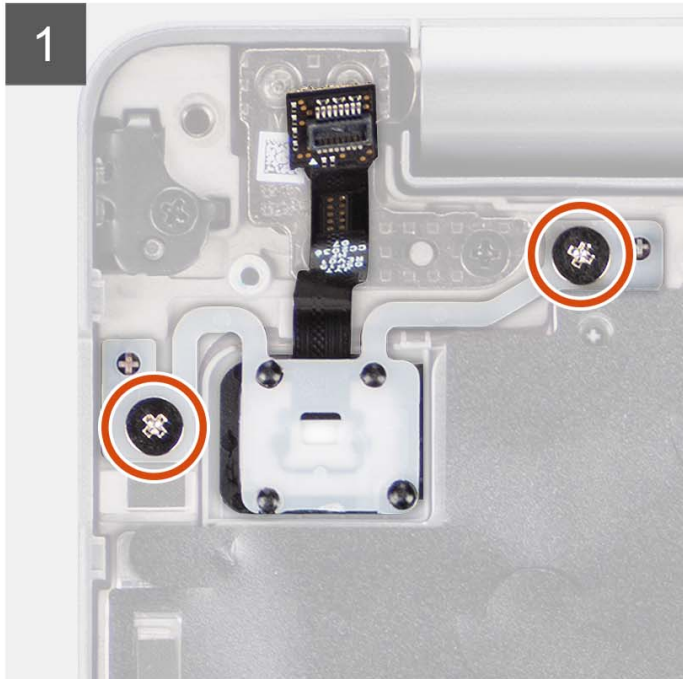
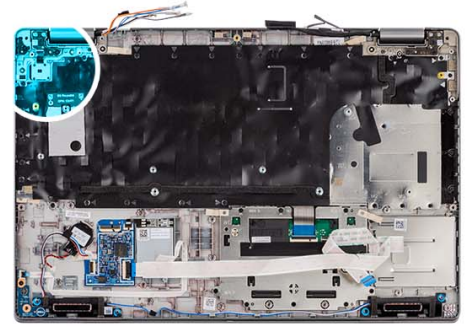
 **NOTE:** The system board can be removed with the heat sink attached in order to simplify the procedure and preserve the thermal bond between the system board and heat sink.

#### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the power-button board and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



**2x**  
M2x2



### Steps

1. Remove the two screws (M2x2) that secure the power-button board to the palm-rest assembly.
2. Lift the power-button board off the palm-rest assembly.

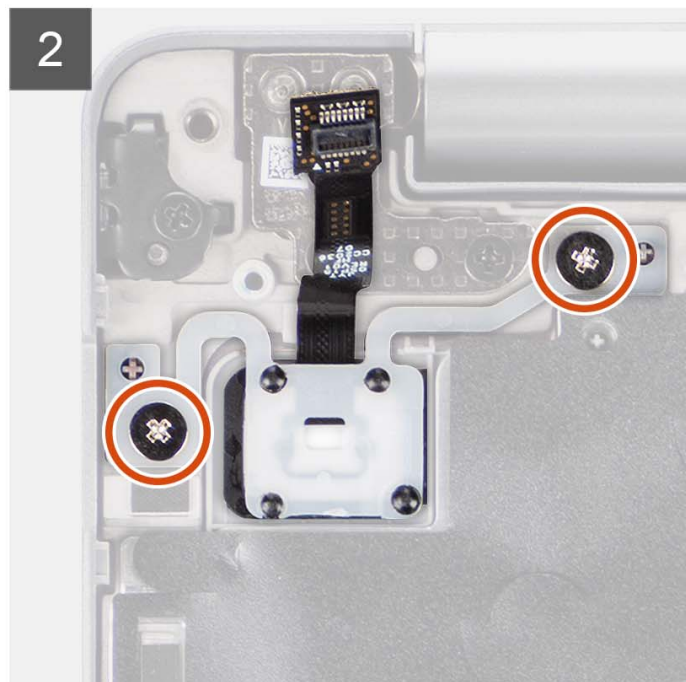
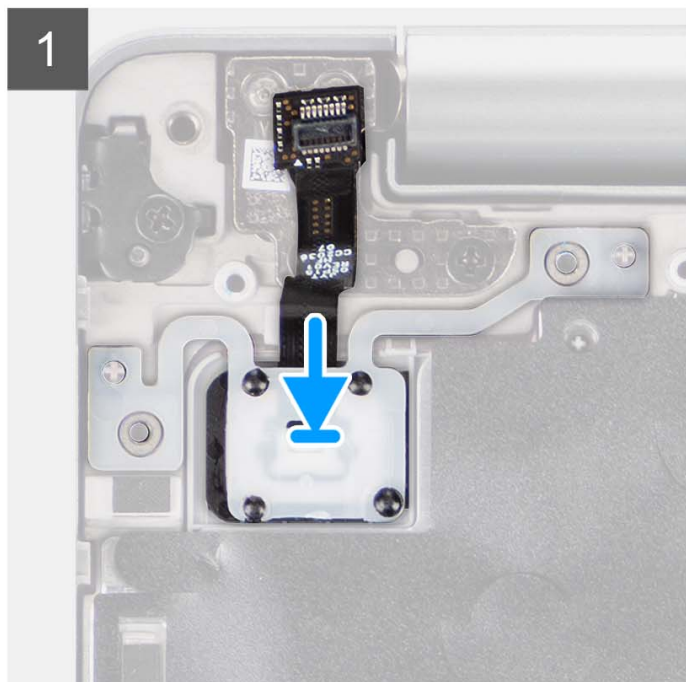
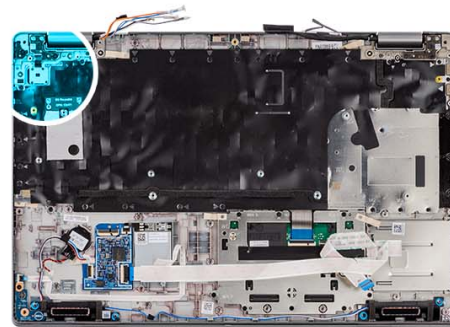
## Installing the power button with fingerprint reader

### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the power-button board and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.



**2x**  
M2x2



### Steps

1. Align and place the power-button board on the palm-rest assembly.
2. Replace the two screws (M2x2) that secure the power-button board to the palm-rest assembly.

### Next steps

1. Install the [system board](#).
2. Install the [assembly inner frame](#).
3. Install the [battery](#).
4. Install the [memory modules](#).
5. Install the [hard drive](#).
6. Install the [WWAN card](#).
7. Install the [wireless card](#).
8. Install the [2280 solid-state drive](#) or [2230 solid-state drive](#).
9. Install the [base cover](#).
10. Install the [microSD card](#).
11. Install the [SIM card](#).
12. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

# Smart card reader

## Removing the smart card reader

### Prerequisites

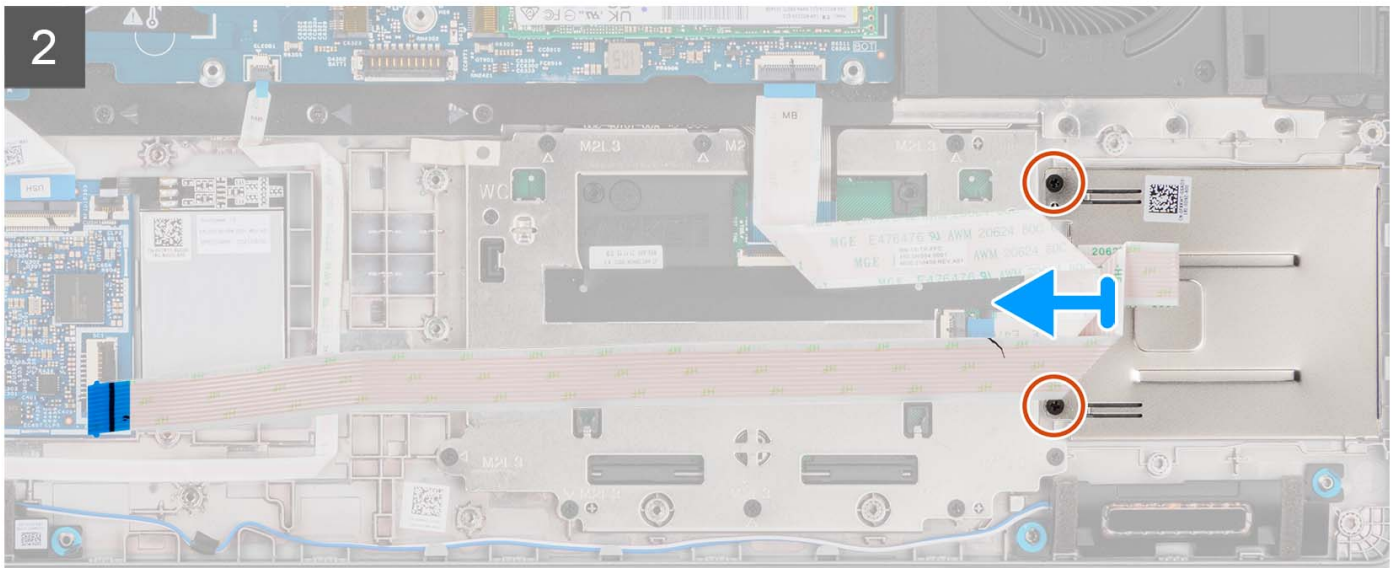
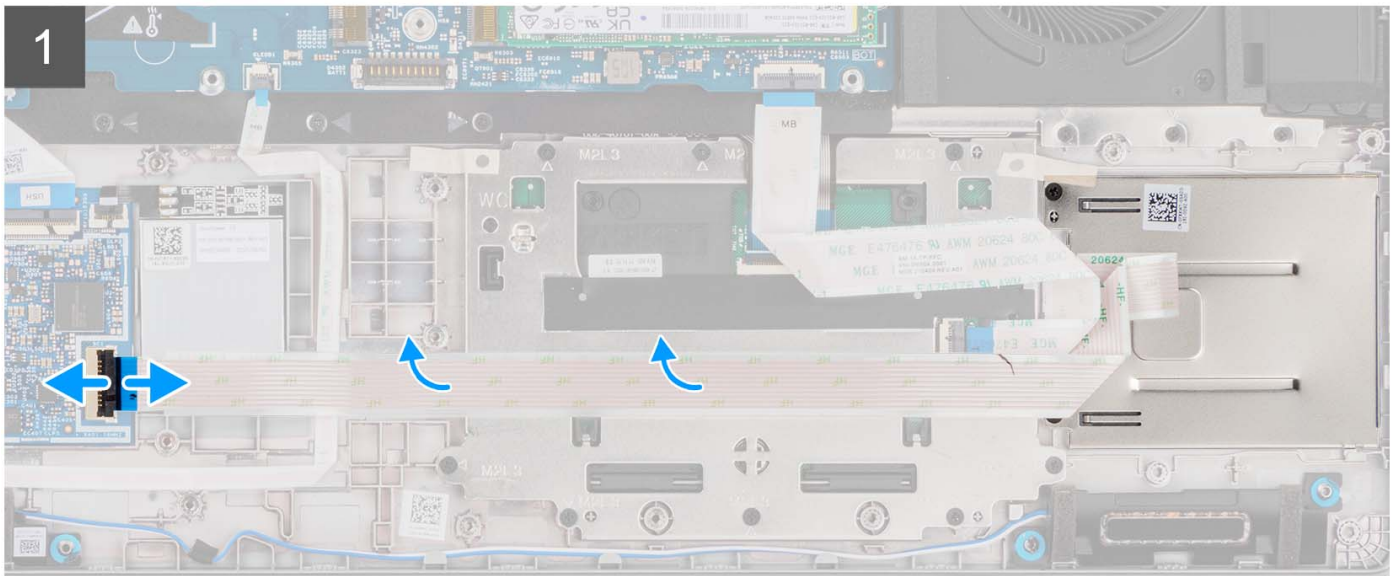
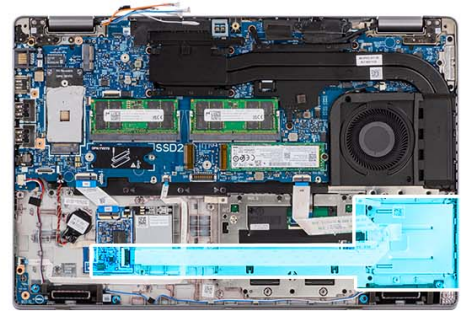
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2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [2280 solid-state drive](#) or [2230 solid-state drive](#).
6. Remove the [battery](#).
7. Remove the [hard drive](#).
8. Remove the [WLAN card](#).
9. Remove the [WWAN card](#).
10. Remove the [assembly inner frame](#).

### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the smart card reader and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



**2x**  
M2x3



### Steps

1. Open the latch and disconnect the smart card reader cable from the connector on the USH board.
2. Peel the smart card reader cable from the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
3. Remove the two screws (M2x3) that secure the smart card reader to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
4. Lift the smart card reader off the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

# Installing the smart card reader

## Prerequisites

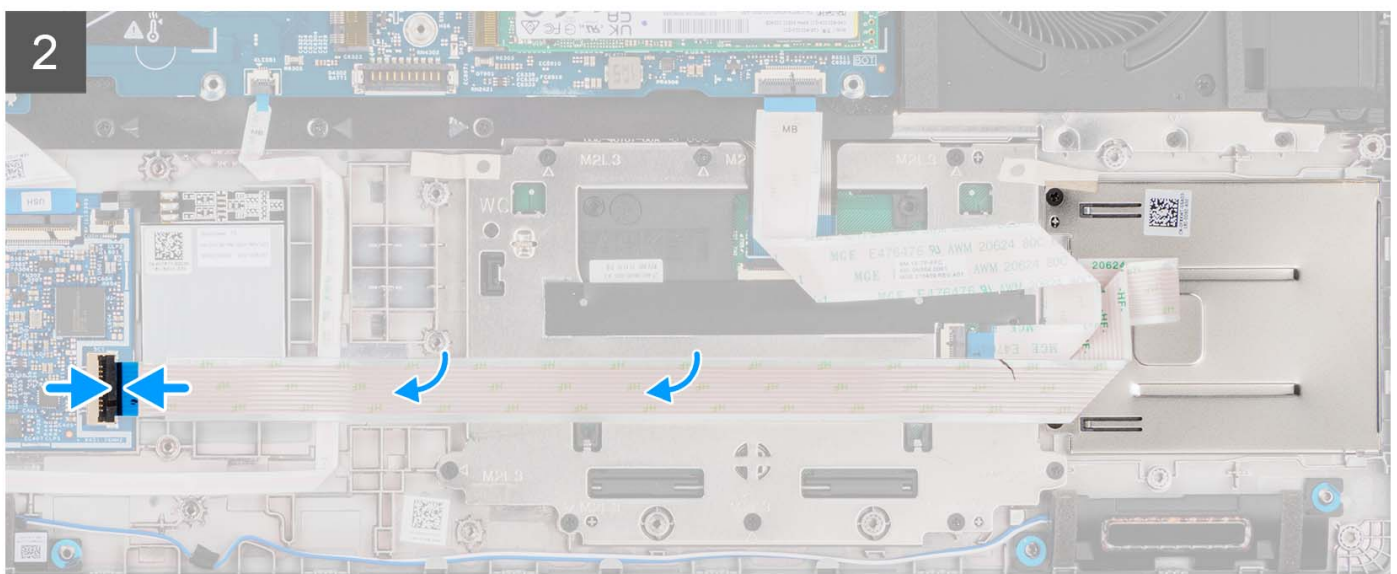
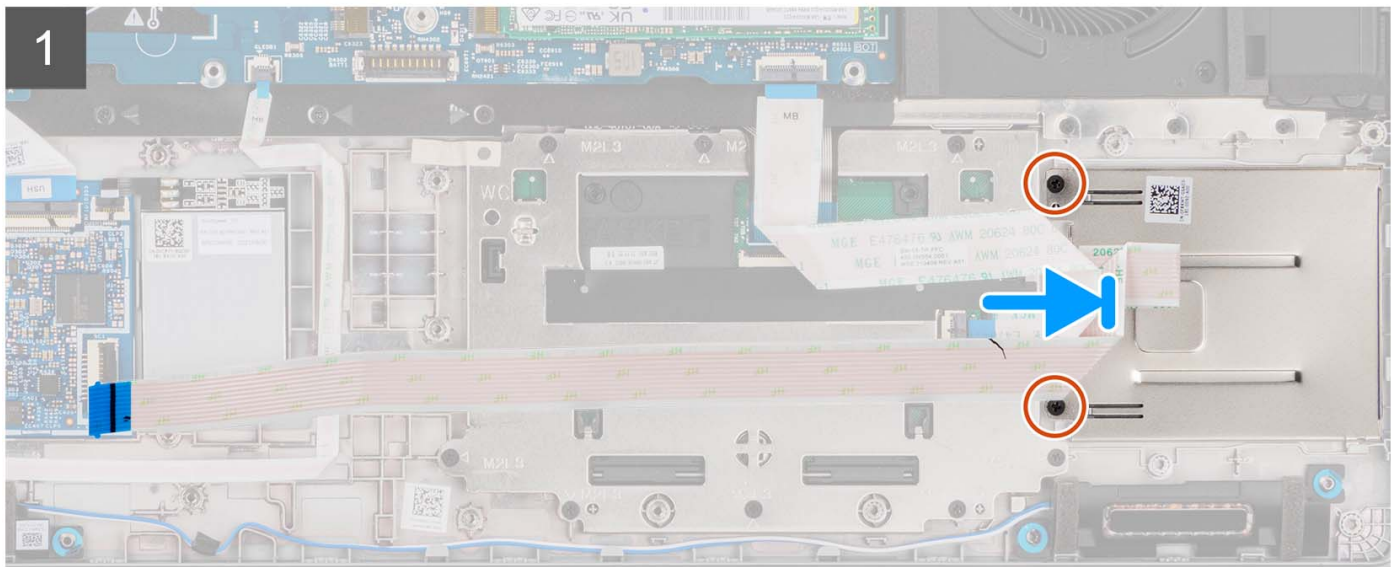
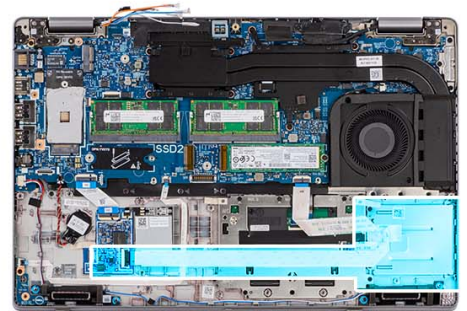
If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

## About this task

The following images indicate the location of the smart card reader and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.



**2x**  
M2x3



### Steps

1. Align and place the smart card reader on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
2. Replace the two screws (M2x3) that secure the smart card reader to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
3. Adhere the smart card reader cable on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
4. Connect the smart card reader cable to the connector on the USH board.

### Next steps

1. Install the [assembly inner frame](#).
2. Install the [battery](#).
3. Install the [hard drive](#).
4. Install the [WWAN card](#).
5. Install the [wireless card](#).
6. Install the [2280 solid-state drive](#) or [2230 solid-state drive](#).
7. Install the [base cover](#).
8. Install the [microSD card](#).
9. Install the [SIM card](#).
10. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## Coin-cell battery

### Removing the coin-cell battery

#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).

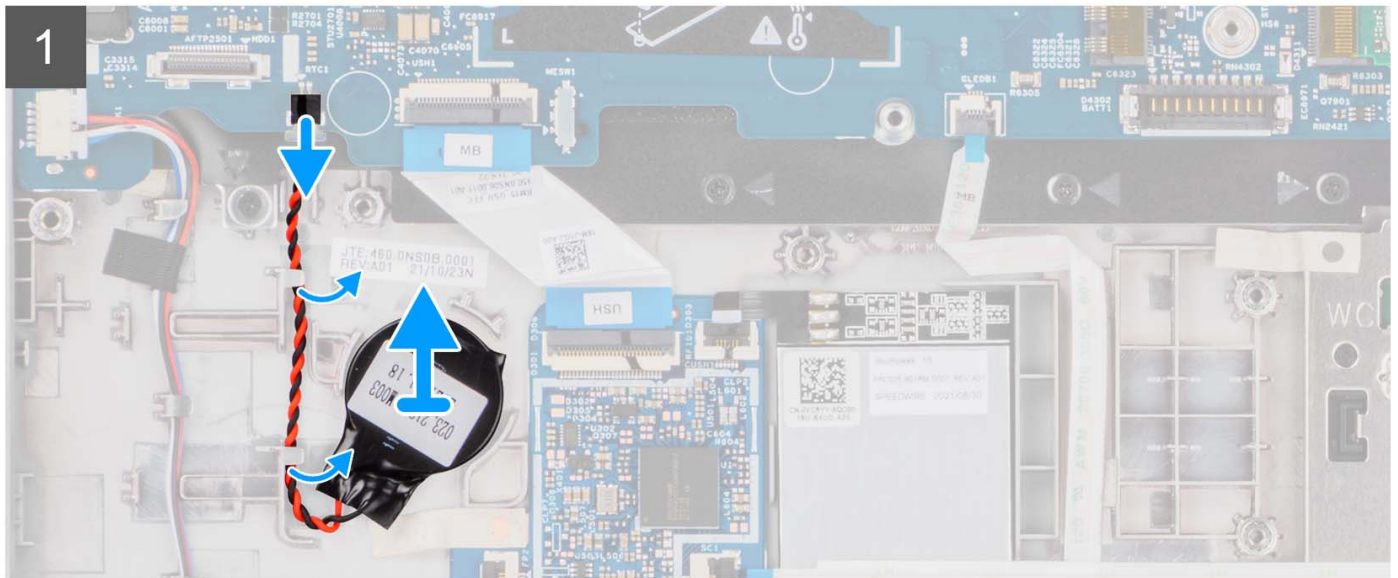
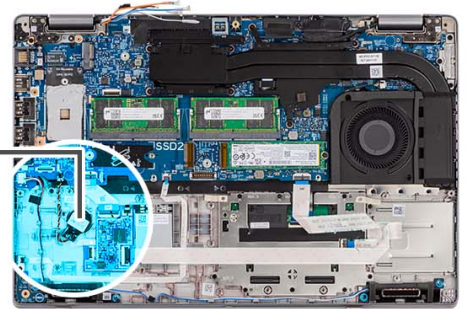
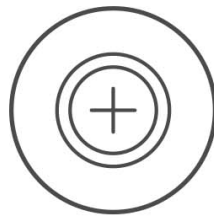


**CAUTION:** Removing the coin-cell battery resets the BIOS setup program's settings to default. It is recommended that you note the BIOS setup program's settings before removing the coin-cell battery.

2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [2280 solid-state drive](#) or [2230 solid-state drive](#).
6. Remove the [battery](#).
7. Remove the [hard drive](#).
8. Remove the [wireless card](#).
9. Remove the [WWAN card](#).
10. Remove the [assembly inner frame](#).

#### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the coin-cell battery and provides a visual representation of the removal procedure.



## Steps

1. Disconnect the coin-cell battery cable from the connector on the system board.
2. Unroute the coin-cell battery cable from the routing guides on the palm-rest assembly.
3. Pry and remove the coin-cell battery from the palm-rest assembly.

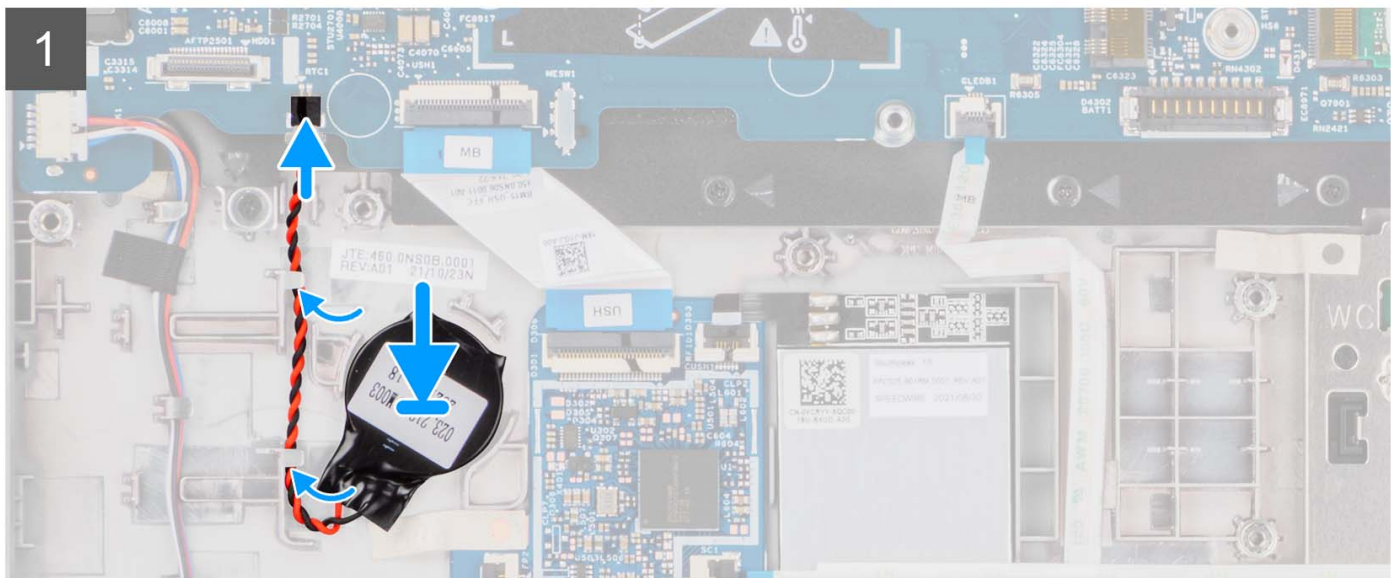
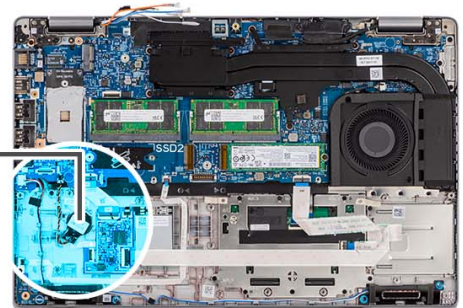
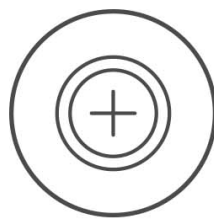
## Installing the coin-cell battery

### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the coin-cell battery and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



## Steps

1. Adhere the coin-cell battery to the slot on the palm-rest assembly.
2. Route the coin-cell battery cable through the routing guides on the palm-rest assembly.
3. Connect the coin-cell battery cable to the connector on the system board.

## Next steps

1. Install the [assembly inner frame](#).
2. Install the [battery](#).
3. Install the [hard drive](#).
4. Install the [WWAN card](#).
5. Install the [wireless card](#).
6. Install the [2280 solid-state drive](#) or [2230 solid-state drive](#).
7. Install the [base cover](#).
8. Install the [microSD card](#).
9. Install the [SIM card](#).
10. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).


# Keyboard assembly

## Removing the keyboard assembly

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).

2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [2280 solid-state drive](#) or [2230 solid-state drive](#).
6. Remove the [battery](#).
7. Remove the [hard drive](#).
8. Remove the [wireless card](#).
9. Remove the [WWAN card](#).
10. Remove the [assembly inner frame](#).
11. Remove the [system board](#).

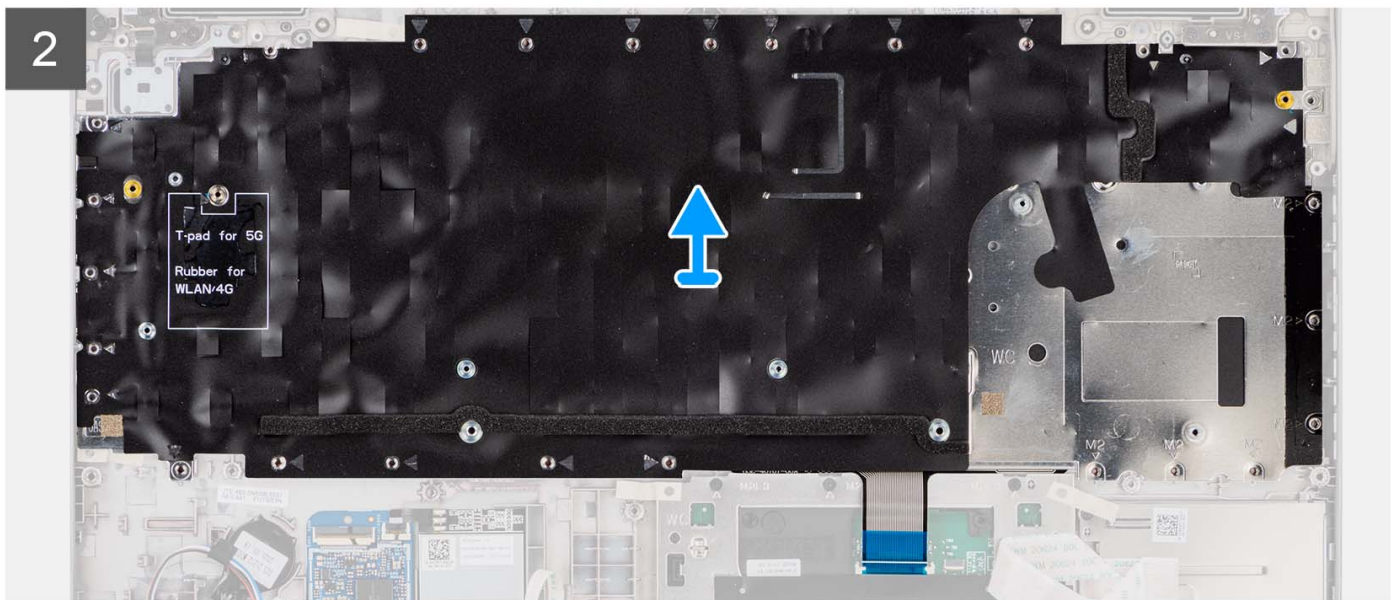
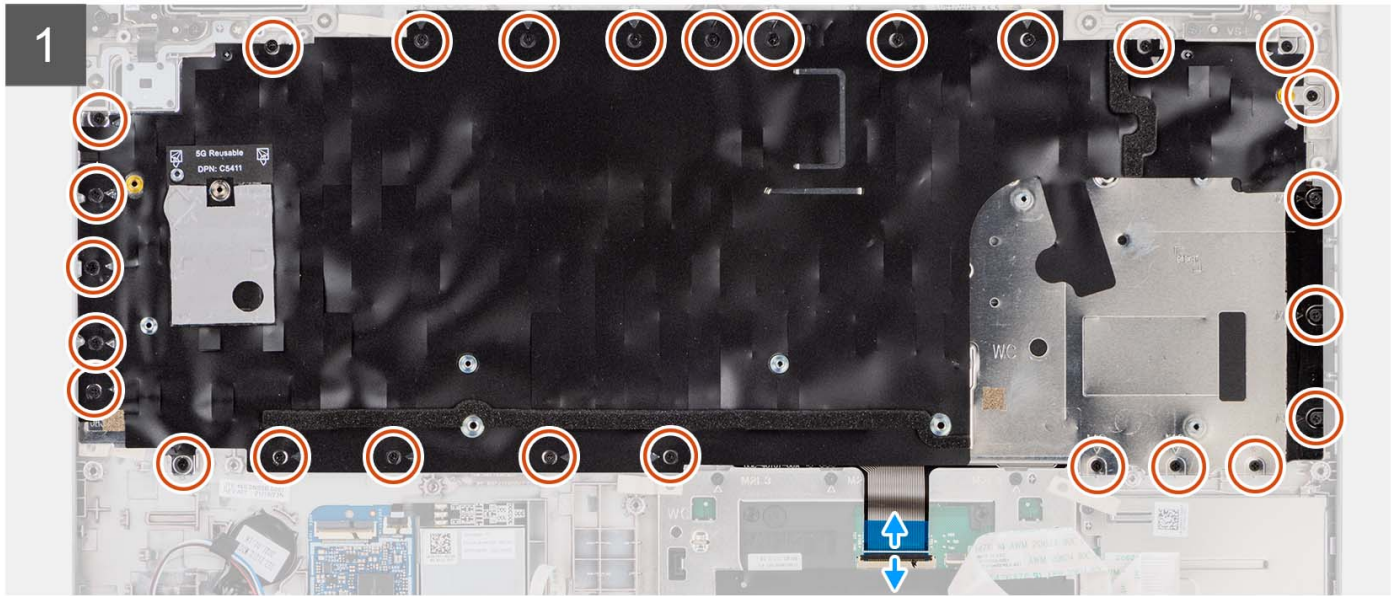
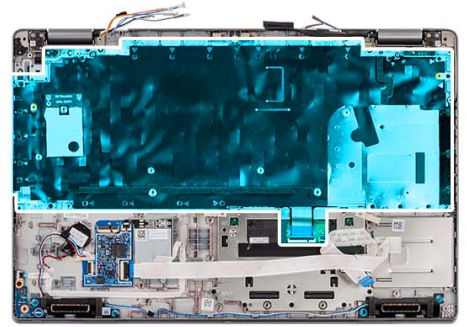
 **NOTE:** The system board can be removed with the heat sink attached in order to simplify the procedure and preserve the thermal bond between the system board and heat sink.

### About this task


The following images indicate the location of the keyboard assembly and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.




**27x**  
M2x2



## Steps

1.  **NOTE:** For models shipped with a USH module, disconnect the USH cable from the keyboard bracket.  
Open the latch and disconnect the backlight cable and the keyboard cable from the connector on the clickpad.
2. Remove the 27 screws (M2x2) that secure the keyboard assembly to the palm-rest assembly.
3. Remove the keyboard assembly off the palm-rest assembly.


 **NOTE:** If the keyboard support bracket is replaced, transfer the re-useable thermal pad (WWAN configuration only) over to the new replacement keyboard support bracket.

## Installing the keyboard assembly

### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

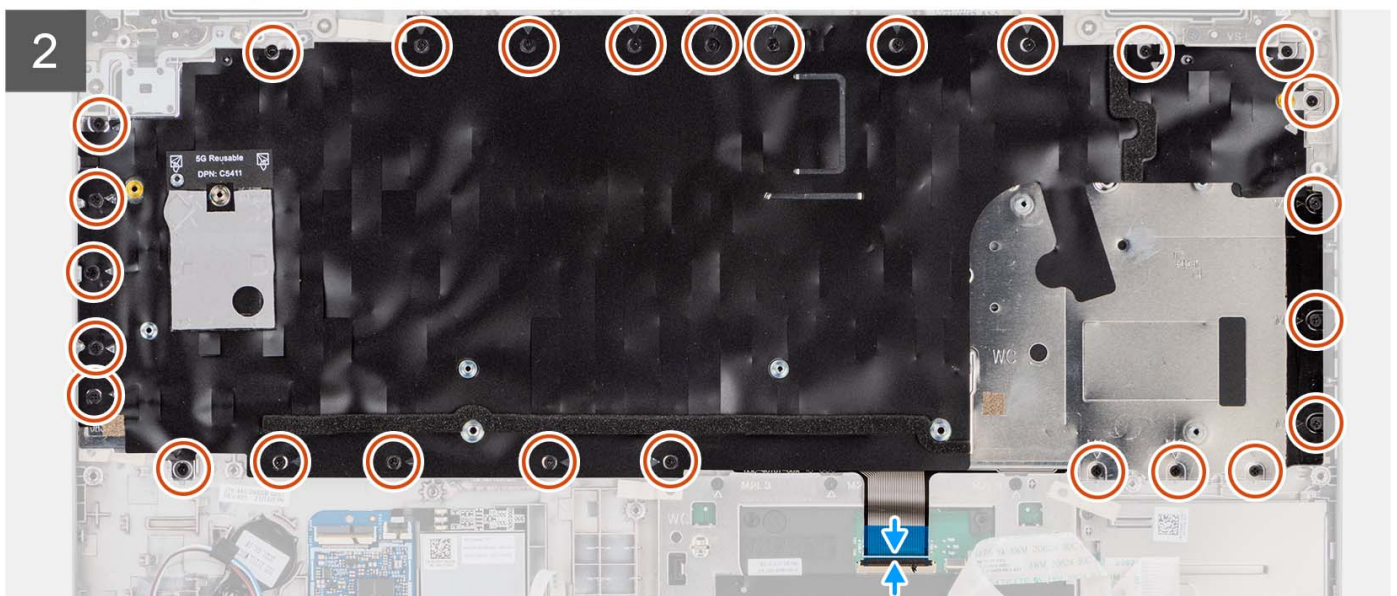
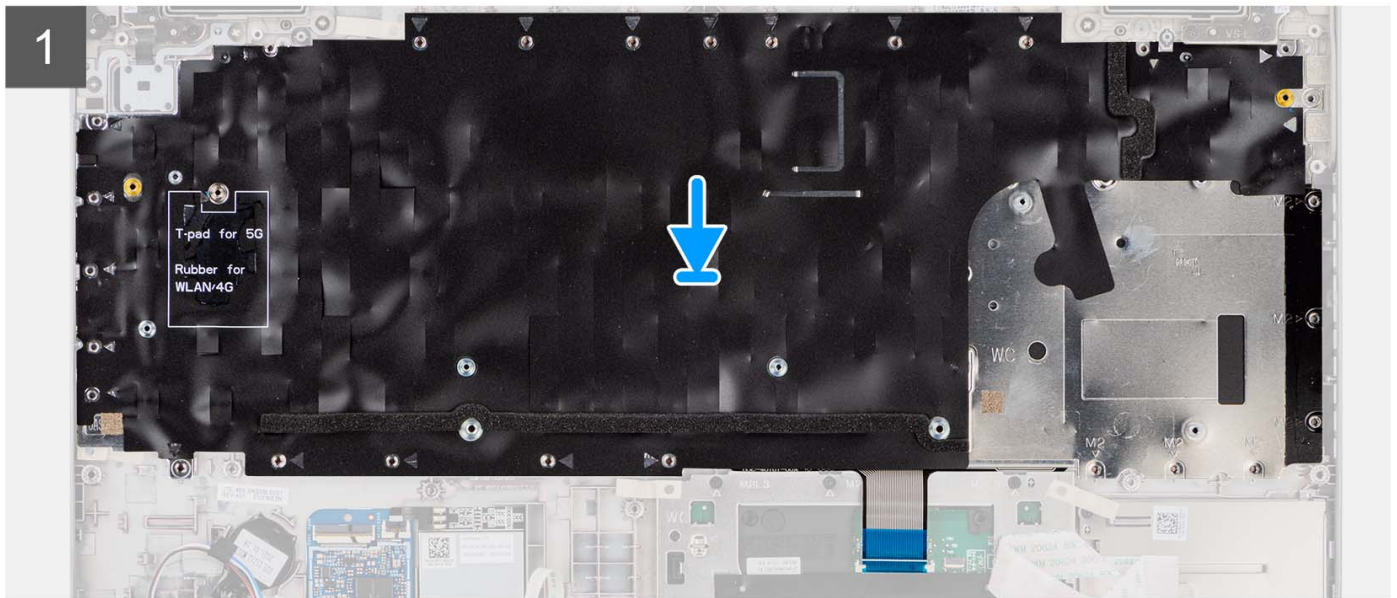
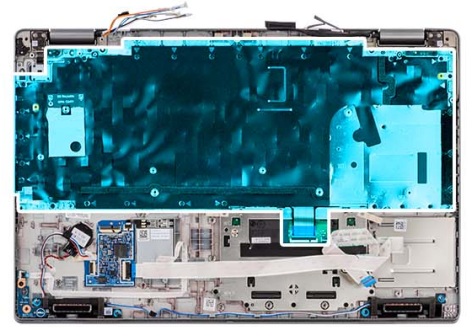
### About this task

 **NOTE:** The system board can be installed with the heat sink attached in order to simplify the procedure and preserve the thermal bond between the system board and heat sink.

The following images indicate the location of the keyboard assembly and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.



**27x**  
M2x2



## Steps

1. Align and place the keyboard assembly on the palm-rest assembly.
2. Replace the 27 screws (M2x2) that secure the keyboard assembly to the palm-rest assembly.
3. Connect the keyboard cable and keyboard backlit cable to the connectors on the clickpad.

**i NOTE:** For models shipped with a USH module, connect the USH cable to the keyboard bracket.

### Next steps


1. Install the [system board](#).
2. Install the [assembly inner frame](#).
3. Install the [battery](#).
4. Install the [hard drive](#).
5. Install the [WWAN card](#).
6. Install the [wireless card](#).
7. Install the [2280 solid-state drive](#) or [2230 solid-state drive](#).
8. Install the [base cover](#).
9. Install the [microSD card](#).
10. Install the [SIM card](#).
11. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## Keyboard bracket

### Removing the keyboard bracket

#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [2280 solid-state drive](#) or [2230 solid-state drive](#).
6. Remove the [battery](#).
7. Remove the [hard drive](#).
8. Remove the [WLAN card](#).
9. Remove the [WWAN card](#).
10. Remove the [assembly inner frame](#).
11. Remove the [system board](#).

 **NOTE:** The system board can be removed with the heat sink attached in order to simplify the procedure and preserve the thermal bond between the system board and heat sink.

12. Remove the [Keyboard assembly](#).

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the keyboard bracket and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



14x  
M2x2



## Steps

1. Remove the fourteen screws (M2x2) that secure the keyboard to the keyboard bracket.
2. Remove the keyboard from the keyboard bracket.

## Installing the keyboard bracket

### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

### About this task

**NOTE:** The system board can be installed with the heat sink attached in order to simplify the procedure and preserve the thermal bond between the system board and heat sink.

The following image indicates the location of the keyboard bracket and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



**14x**  
M2x2



## Steps

1. Align and place the keyboard on the keyboard bracket.
2. Replace the 14 screws (M2x2) to secure the keyboard to the keyboard bracket.

**NOTE:** For 5G WWAN configuration, ensure that you transfer the absorber to new keyboard bracket.

## Next steps

1. Install the [keyboard assembly](#).
2. Install the [system board](#).
3. Install the [assembly inner frame](#).
4. Install the [battery](#).
5. Install the [hard drive](#).
6. Install the [WWAN card](#).
7. Install the [wireless card](#).
8. Install the [2280 solid-state drive](#) or [2230 solid-state drive](#).
9. Install the [base cover](#).
10. Install the [microSD card](#).
11. Install the [SIM card](#).
12. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

# Display assembly

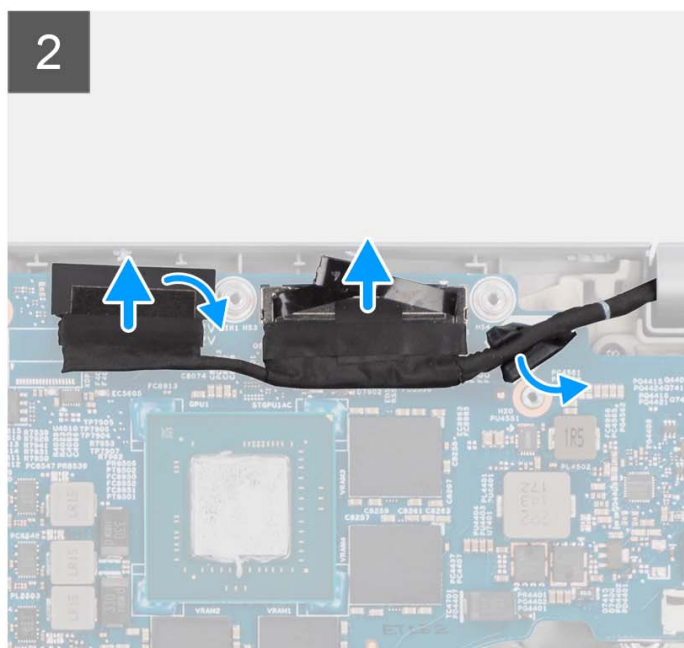
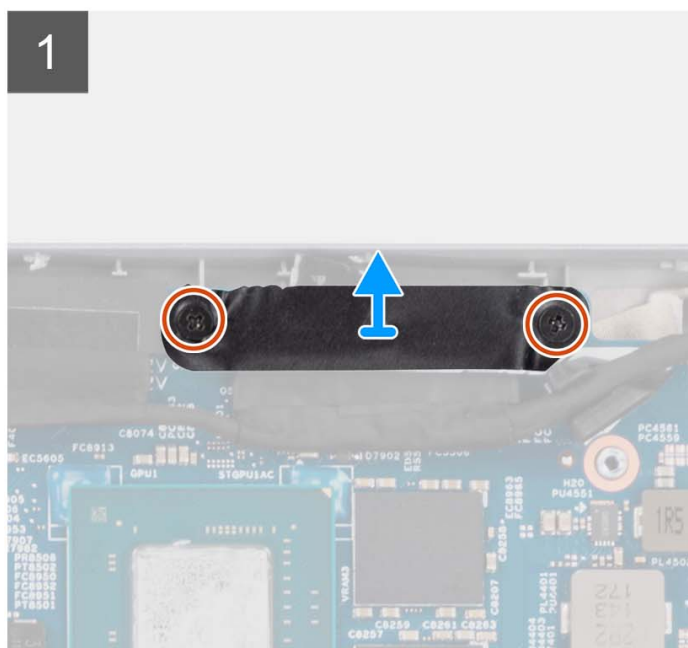
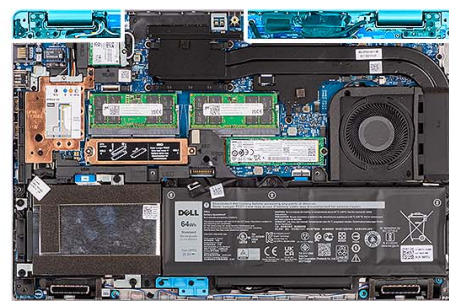
## Removing the display assembly

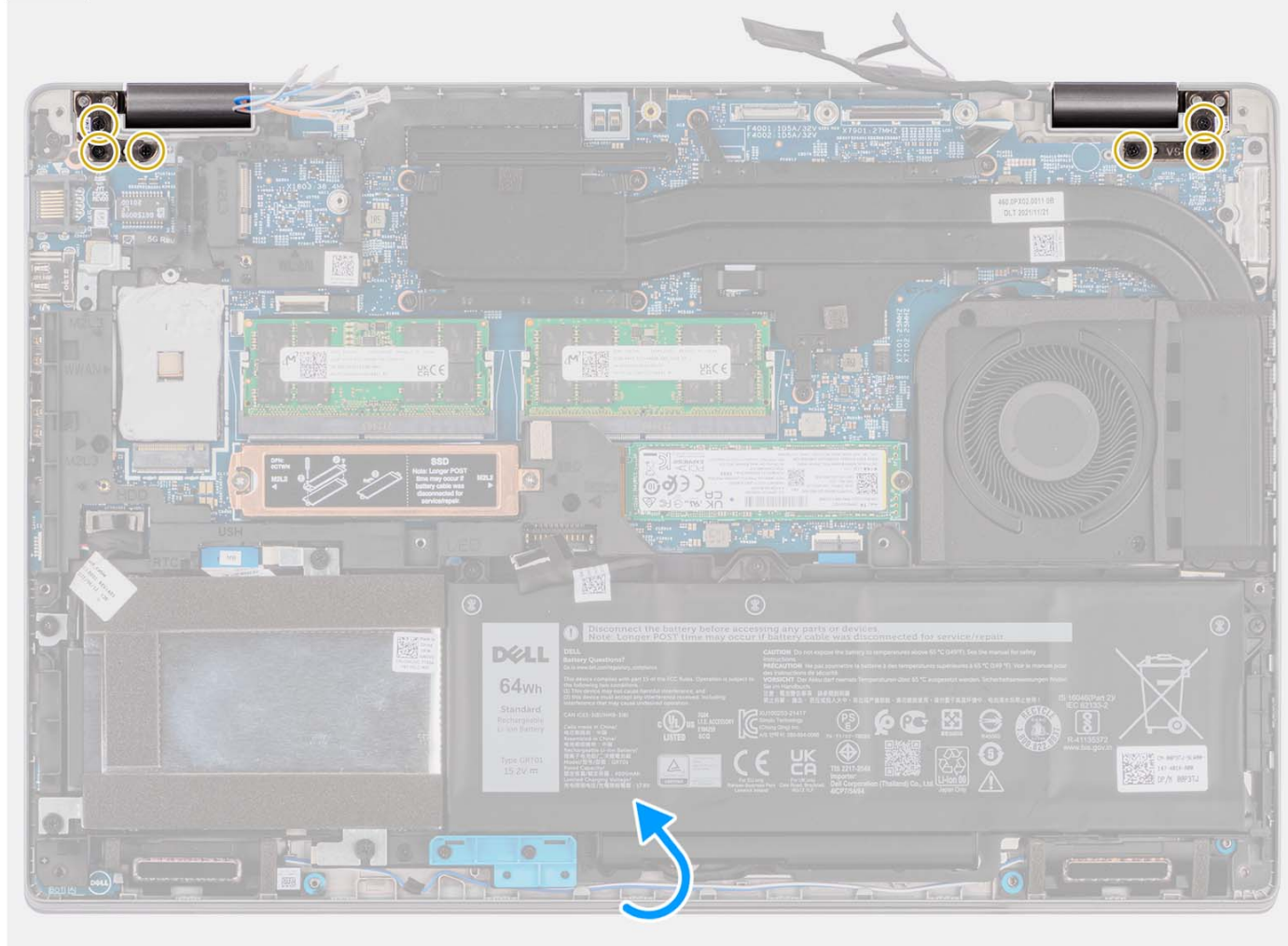
### Prerequisites

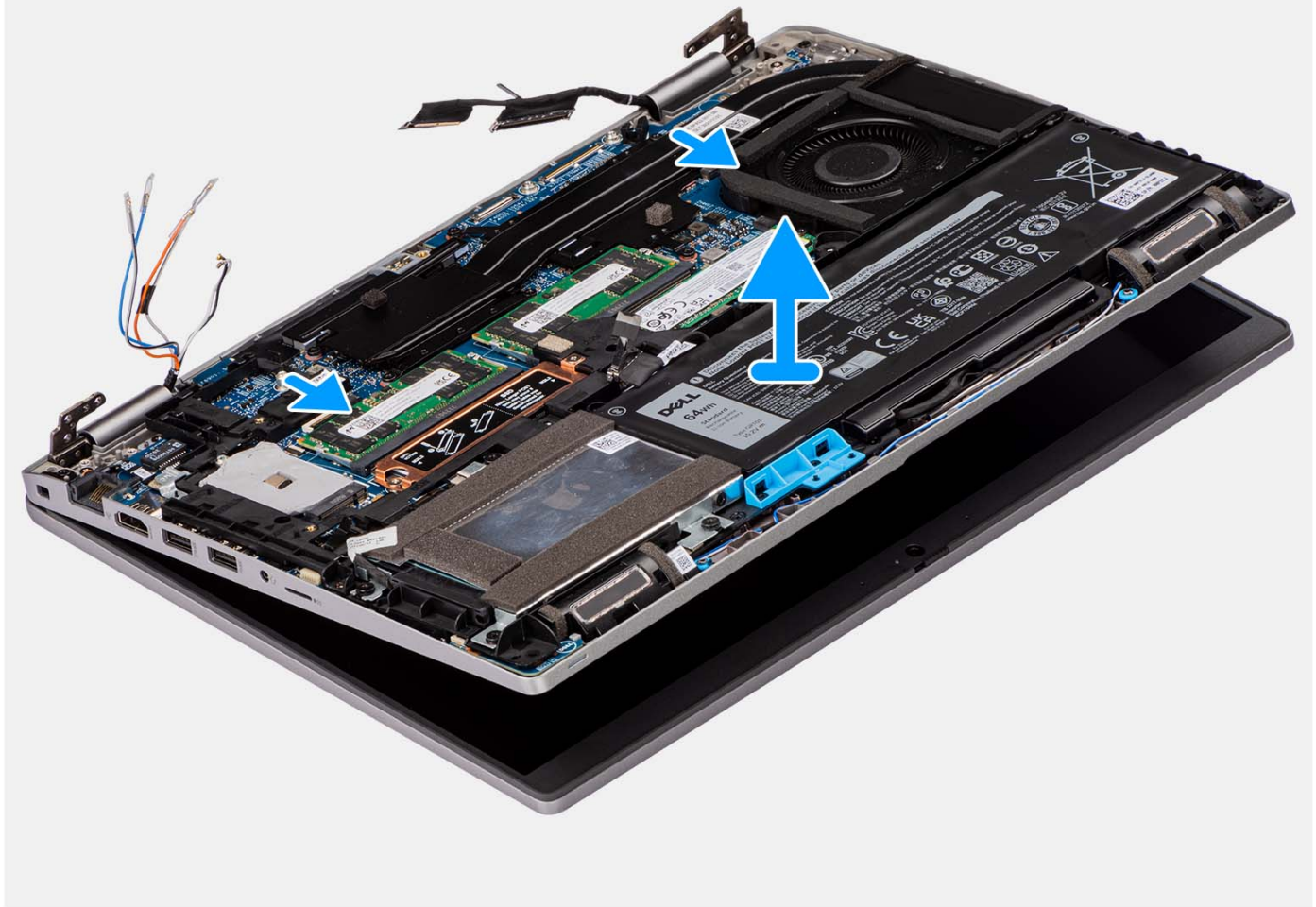
1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [Wireless card](#).
6. Remove the [WWAN card](#).

### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the display assembly and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.









### Steps

1. Remove the two screws (M2x3) that secure the eDP cable bracket to the system board.
2. Lift the eDP cable bracket away from the computer.
3. Peel the tape that secures the display cable to the system board.
4. Using the pull tab, disconnect the display cable from the connector on the system board.
5. Disconnect the eDP cable from the connector on the system board and unroute it from the routing guide.
6. Disconnect the IR camera cable from its connector on the system board (for models shipped with an IR camera).
7. Disconnect the touchscreen cable from its connector on the system board (for models shipped with a touchscreen).
8. Remove the six screws (M2.5x5) that secure the display hinges to the system board.
9. Lift the base assembly slightly at an angle.
10. Lift the base assembly away from the display assembly.

## Installing the display assembly

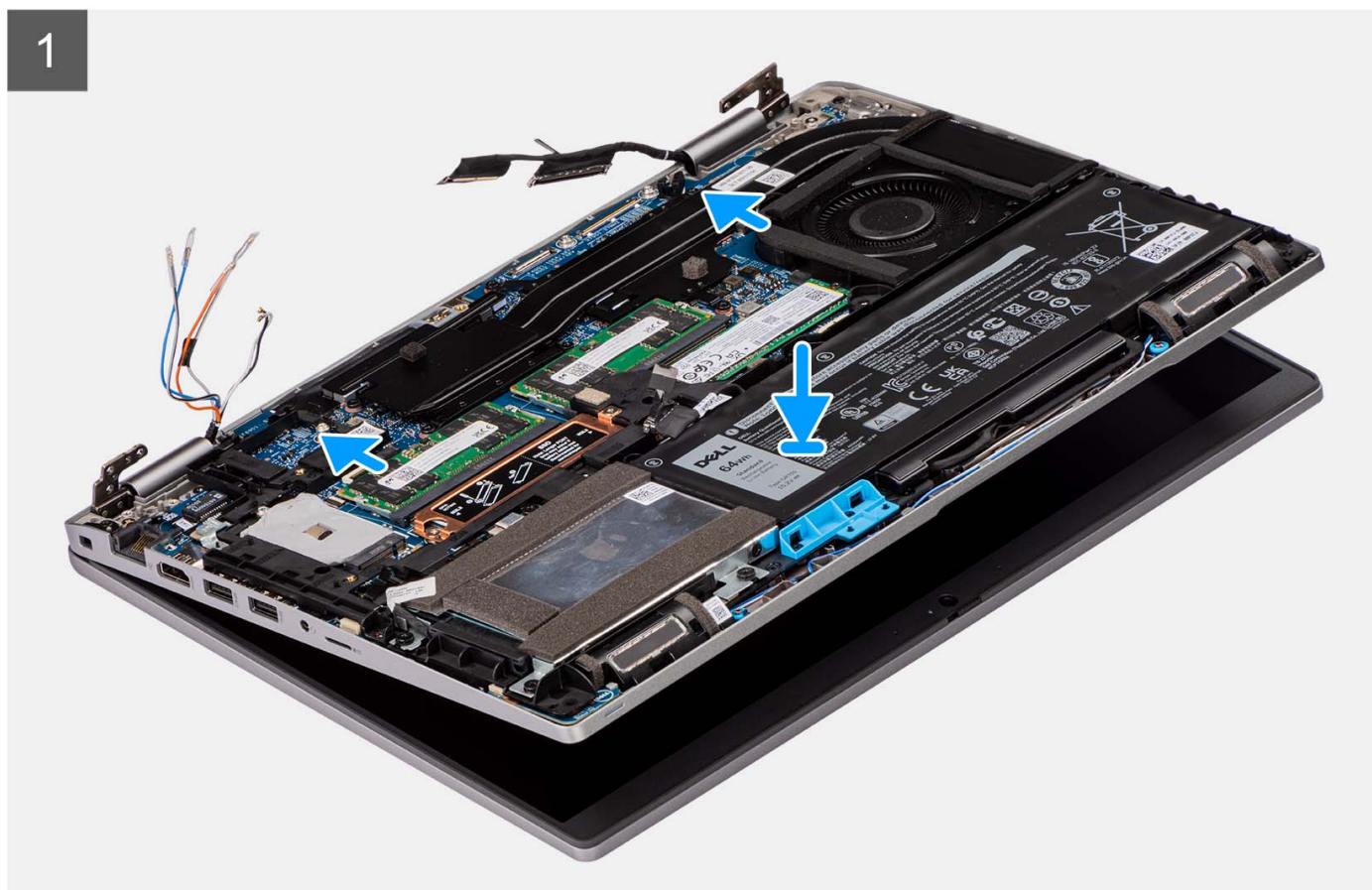
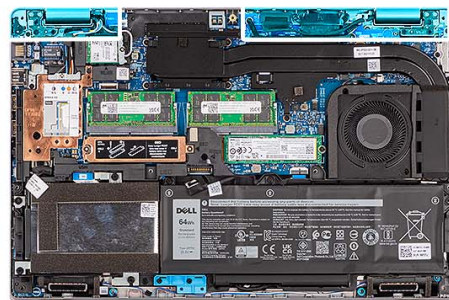
### Prerequisites

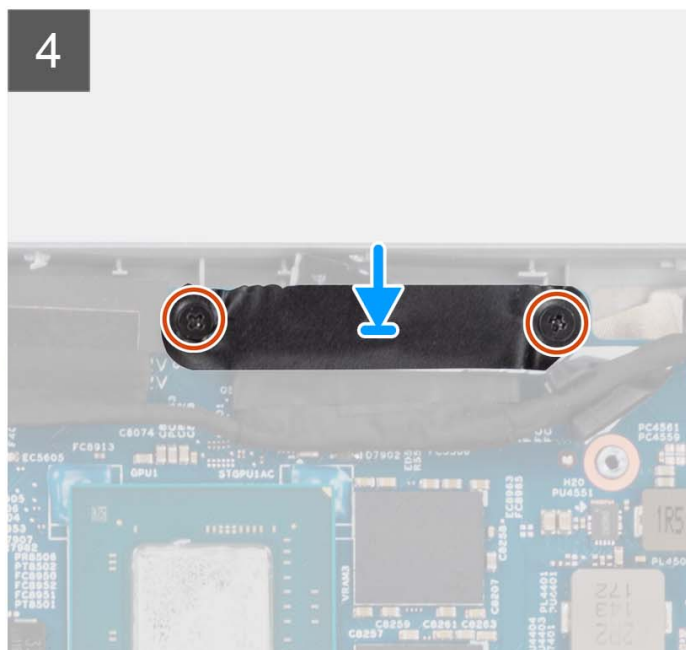
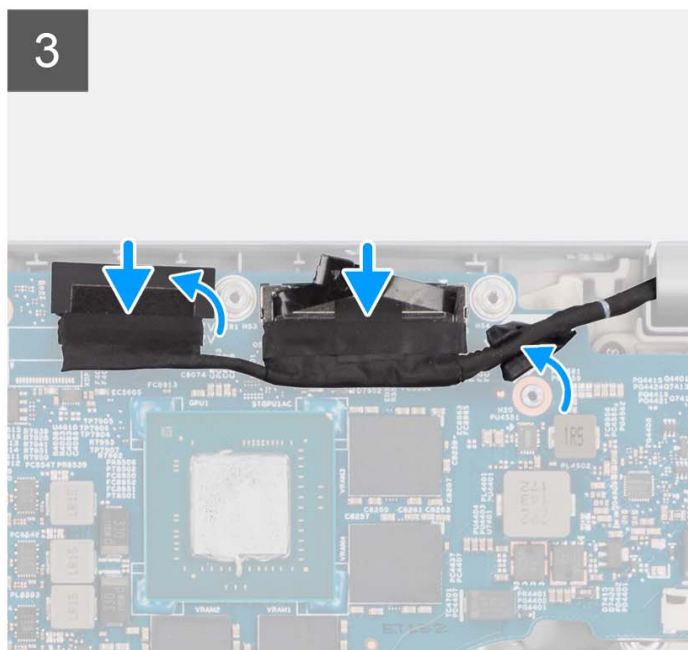
If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

**About this task**

The following images indicate the location of the display assembly and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.







## Steps

1. Place the display assembly on the system, and align the screw holes on the display hinges with screw holes on the system board.
2. Replace the six screws (M2.5x5) that secure the display hinges to the system board.
3. Close the display.
4. Route the display and eDP cable through the routing guide on the system board.
5. Connect the eDP cable to the connector on the system board.
6. Connect the display cable to the connector on the system board.
7. Adhere the tape that secures the display cable to the system board.
8. Connect the IR camera cable from its connector on the system board (for models shipped with an IR camera).
9. Connect the touchscreen cable from its connector on the system board (for models shipped with a touchscreen).
10. Align the screw holes on the eDP cable bracket with the screw holes on the system board.
11. Replace the two screws (M2x3) that secure the eDP cable bracket to the system board.

## Next steps

1. Install the [WWAN card](#).
2. Install the [Wireless card](#).
3. Install the [base cover](#).
4. Install the [microSD card](#).
5. Install the [SIM card](#).
6. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

# Display bezel

## Removing the display bezel

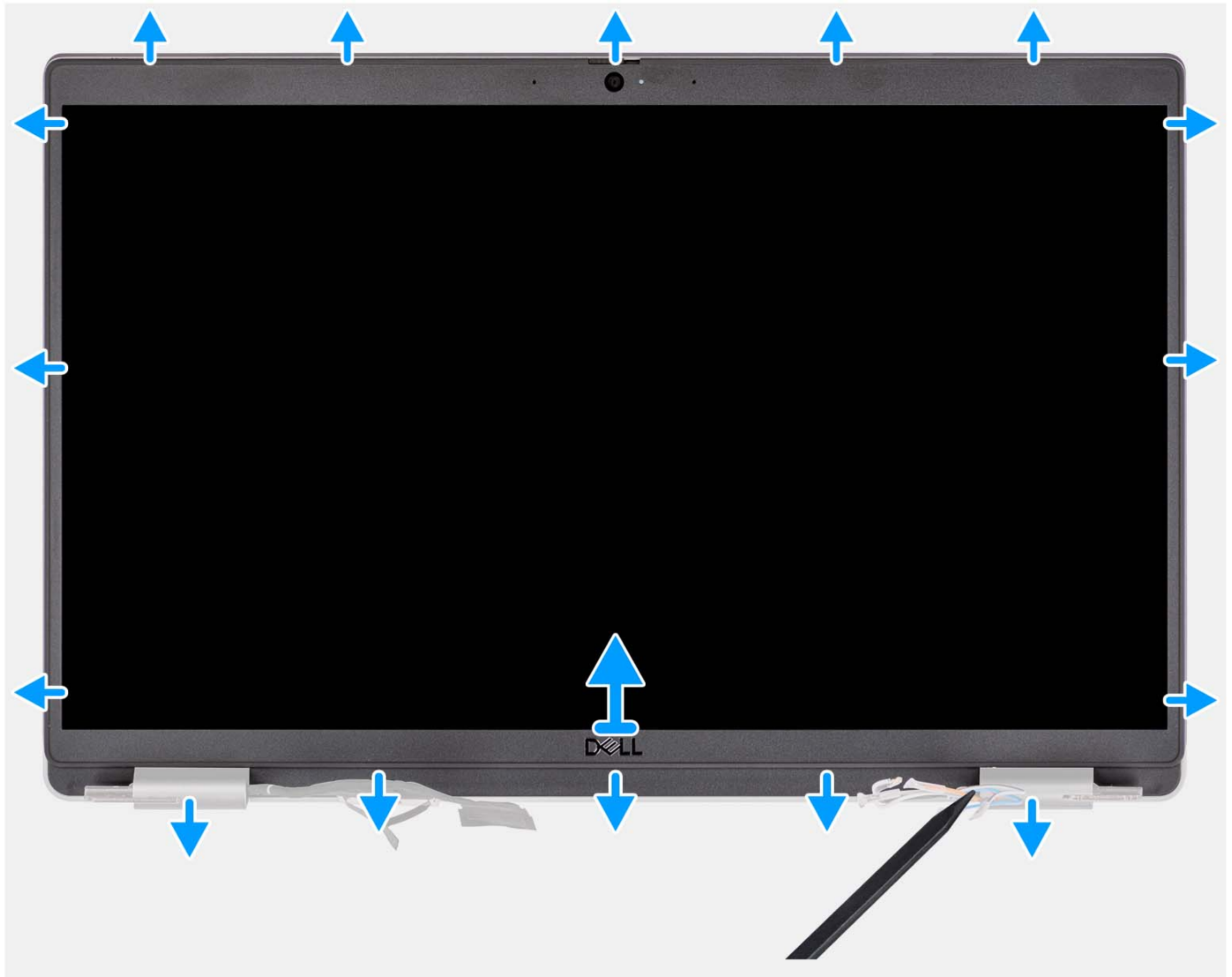
### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).

5. Remove the [Wireless card](#).
6. Remove the [WWAN card](#).
7. Remove the [display assembly](#).

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the display bezel and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



#### Steps

**NOTE:** The display bezel is adhered to the display panel with adhesive. Insert a plastic scribe into the recesses near both hinge caps to start the prying process to release the display bezel. Pry along the outside edge of the display bezel and work your way around the entire display bezel until the display bezel is separated from the display cover.

**CAUTION:** Carefully pry and remove the display bezel to minimize the risk of display panel damages.

1. Using a plastic scribe, pry open the recesses near the left and right hinges on the bottom edge of the display bezel.
2. Carefully work your way around the edges of the display bezel to release it from the display back cover.
3. Lift the display bezel from the display assembly.

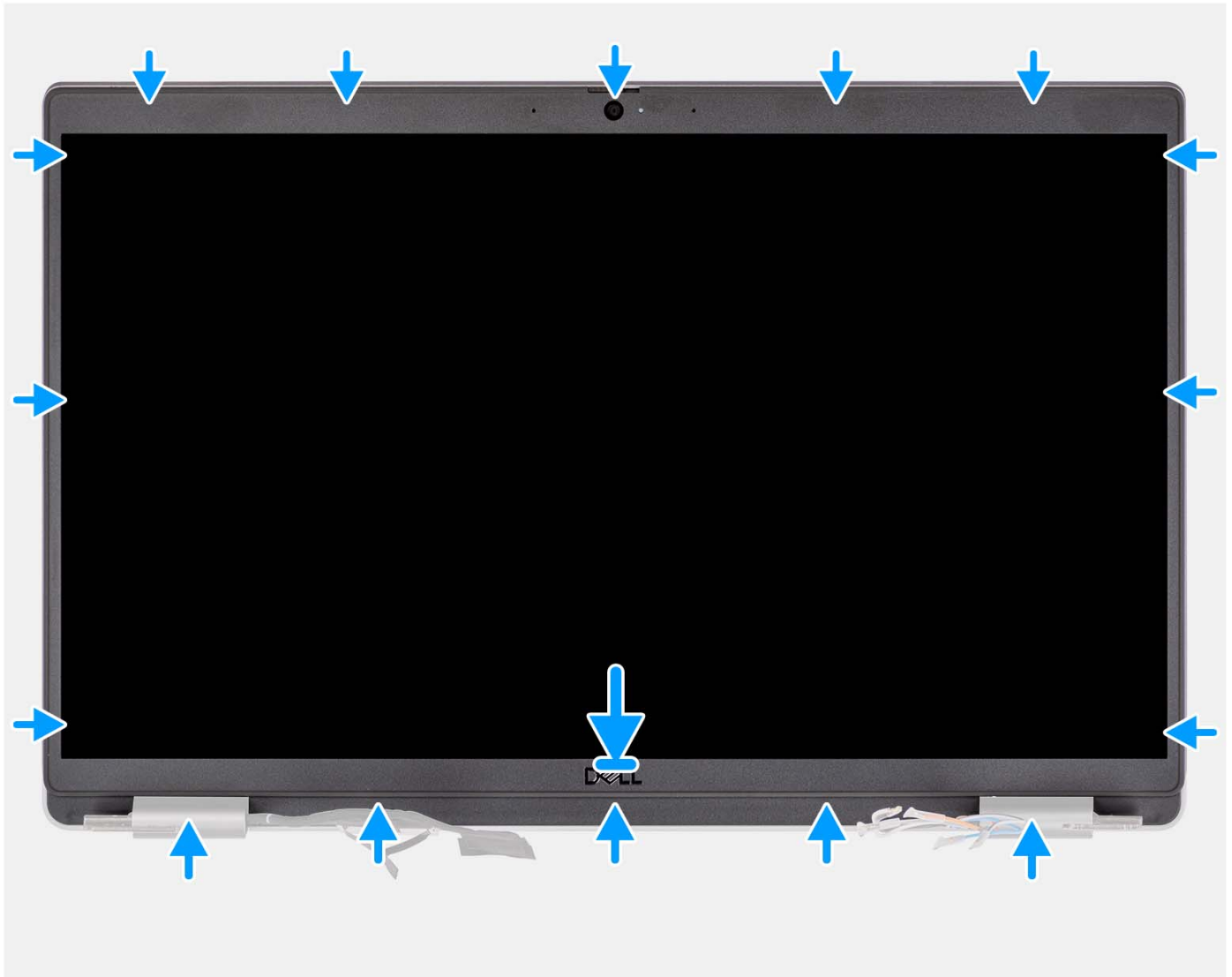
## Installing the display bezel

### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the display bezel and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



### Steps

1. Align and place the display bezel on the display assembly.
2. Gently snap the display bezel into place.

### Next steps

1. Install the [display assembly](#).
2. Install the [WWAN card](#).
3. Install the [Wireless card](#).
4. Install the [base cover](#).
5. Install the [microSD card](#).
6. Install the [SIM card](#).
7. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

# Display panel

## Removing the display panel

### Prerequisites

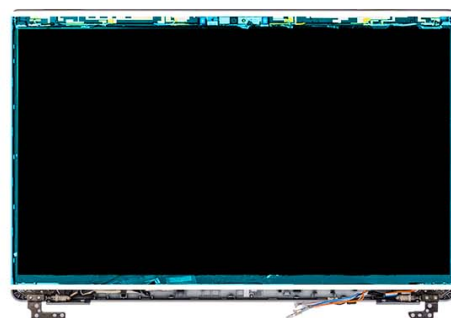
1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [wireless card](#).
6. Remove the [WWAN card](#).
7. Remove the [display assembly](#).
8. Remove the [display bezel](#).

### About this task

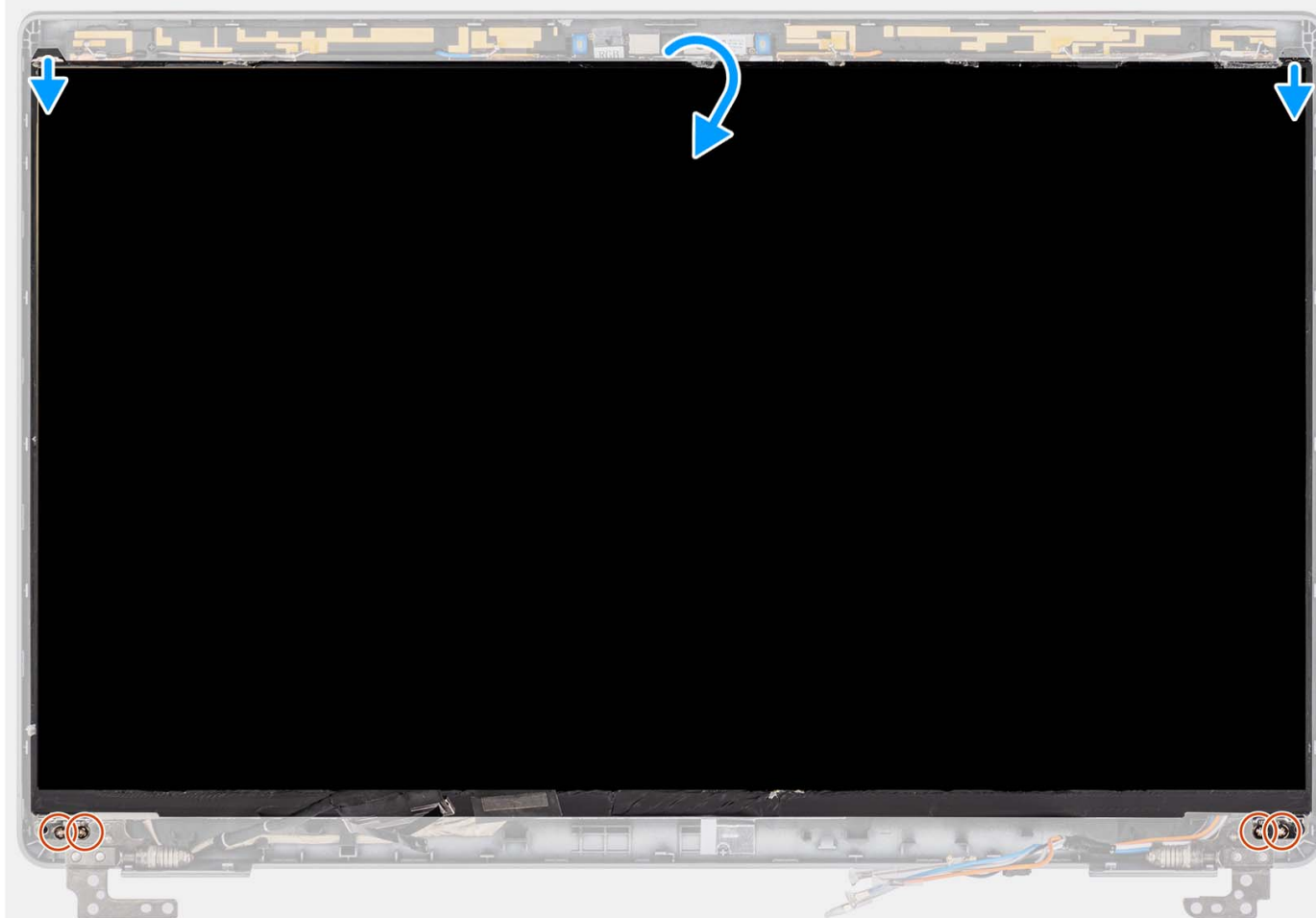
The following images indicate the location of the display panel and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



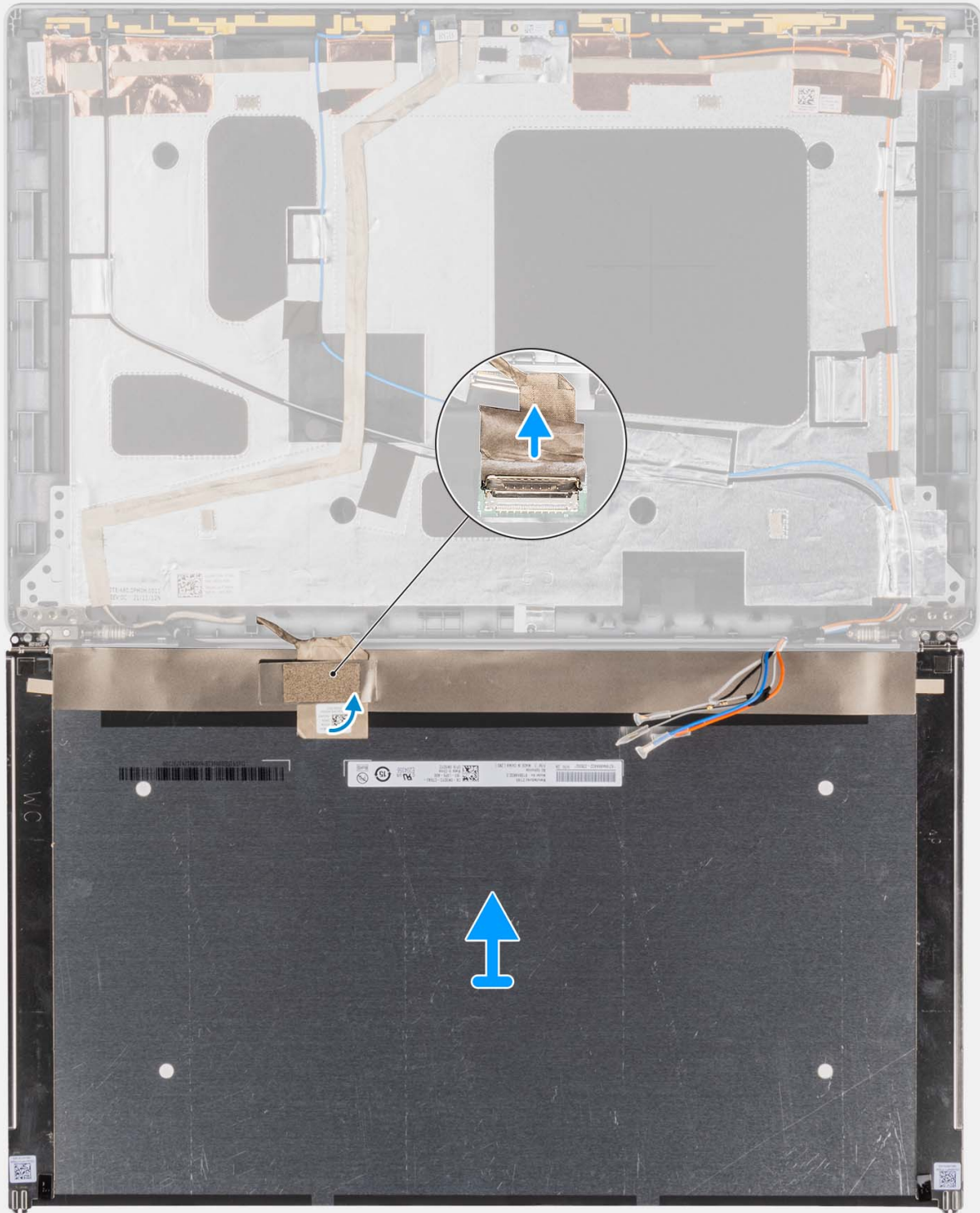
**4x**  
M2.5x3.5



1



2





## Steps

- i NOTE:** The display panel is preassembled with the display brackets as a single service part. Do not pull the Stretch Release (SR) tapes and separate the brackets from the display panel.
1. Remove the four screws (M2.5x3.5) that secure the display panel to the display back cover.
 

**i NOTE:** While removing the display panel, disengage the display panel tabs from the display cover before flipping it over.
  2. Lift and open the display panel to access the display cable.
  3. Peel the conductive tape on the display cable connector.
  4. Open the latch and disconnect the cable from the connector on the display panel.
  5. Lift the display panel away from the display back cover.

## Installing the display panel

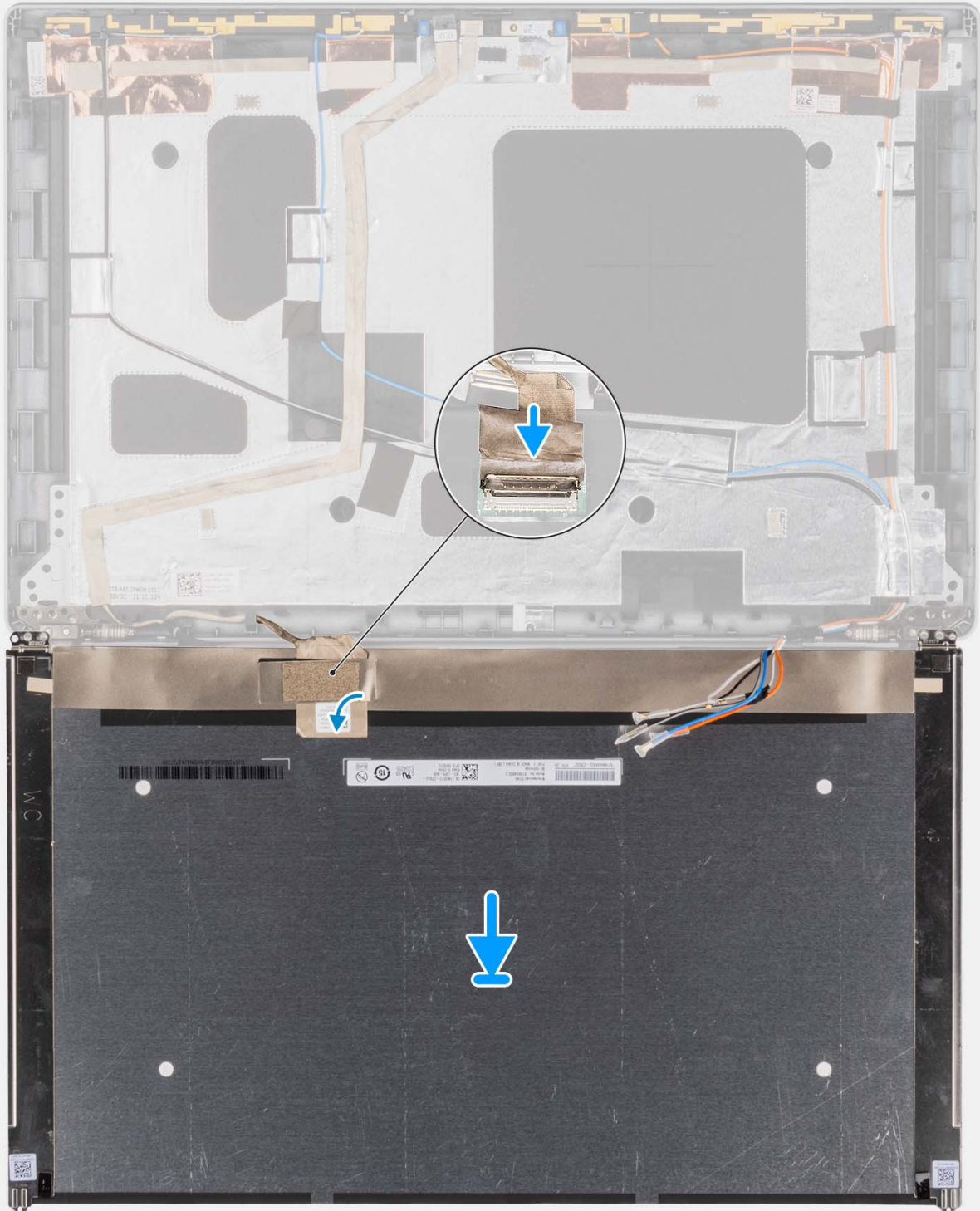
### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

### About this task

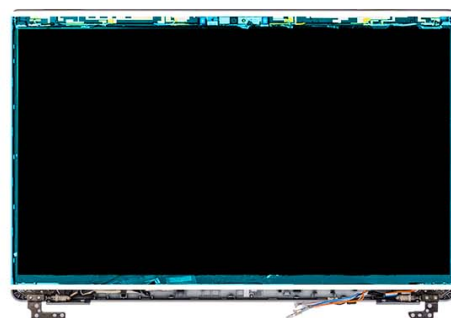
The following images indicate the location of the display panel and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.

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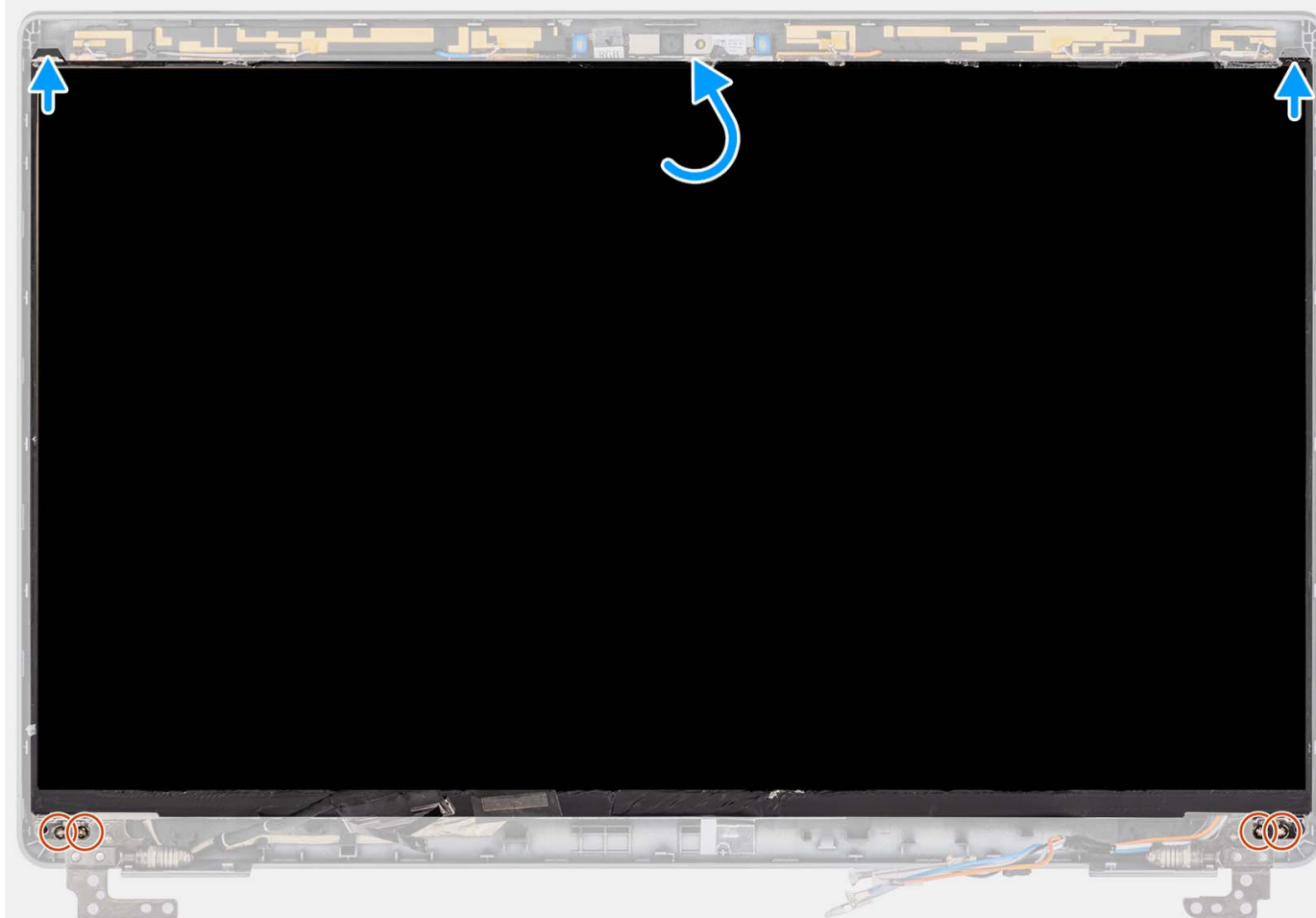




**4x**  
M2.5x3.5



2



### Steps

1. Connect the display cable to the connector on the display panel and close the latch.
2. Adhere the conductive tape to secure the display cable to the display panel.
3. Close the display panel and the display back cover to assemble.

**i** **NOTE:** Ensure that the display panel tabs are inserted into the slots on the display cover.

4. Replace the four screws (M2.5x3.5) to secure the display panel to the display back cover.

### Next steps

1. Install the [display bezel](#).
2. Install the [display assembly](#).
3. Install the [WWAN card](#).
4. Install the [wireless card](#).
5. Install the [base cover](#).
6. Install the [microSD card](#).
7. Install the [SIM card](#).
8. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## Camera

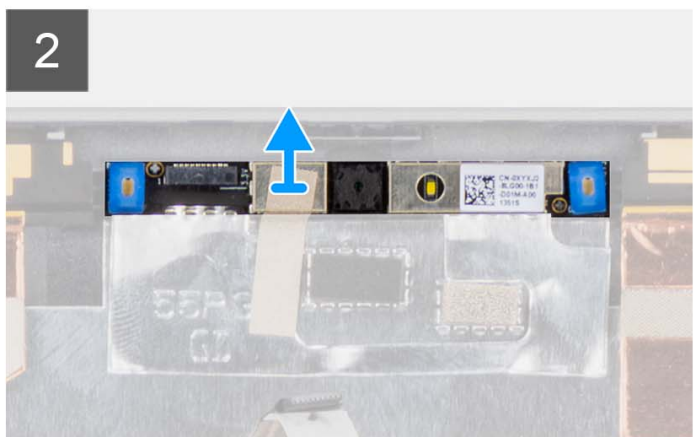
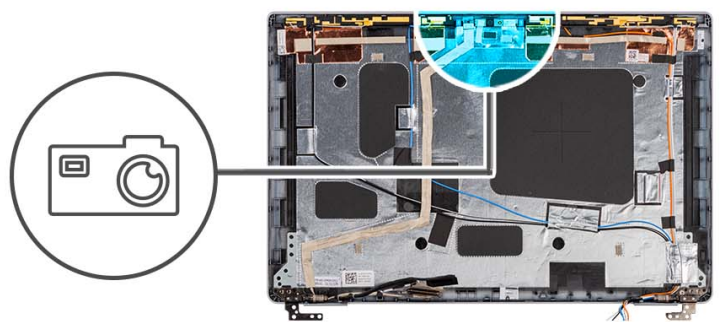
### Removing the camera

#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [Wireless card](#).
6. Remove the [WWAN card](#).
7. Remove the [display assembly](#).
8. Remove the [display bezel](#).
9. Remove the [display panel](#).
10. Remove the [display hinges](#).

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the camera module and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



## Steps

1. Peel the two conductive tapes that secure the camera module in place.

**NOTE:** An abrupt peeling may also remove the camera shutter from the display bezel and damage the camera shutter.

2. Disconnect the camera cable from the connector on the camera module.
3. Carefully pry up the camera module starting from the prying point at the bottom edge of the camera module.
4. Carefully lift the camera module from the display back cover.

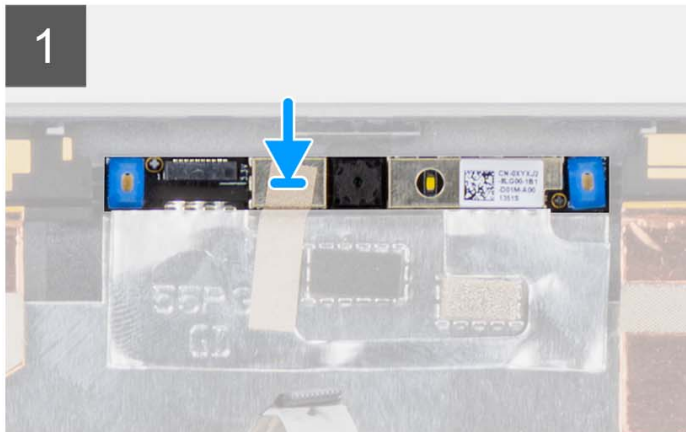
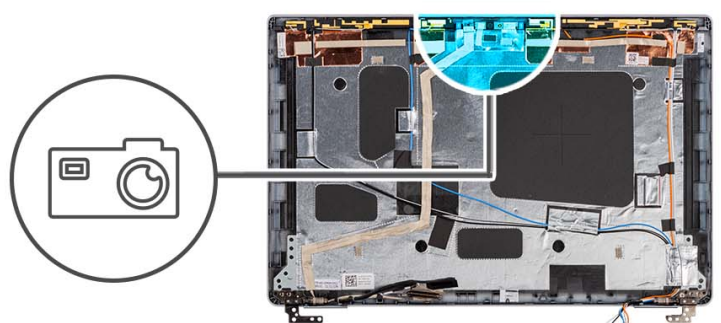
## Installing the camera

### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the camera and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.



## Steps

1. Align and place the camera module into the slot on the display back cover.
2. Connect the camera cable to the connector on the camera module.
3. Adhere the tape to secure the camera cable in place.

### Next steps

1. Install the [display hinge](#).
2. Install the [display panel](#).
3. Install the [display bezel](#).
4. Install the [display assembly](#).
5. Install the [WWAN card](#).
6. Install the [Wireless card](#).

7. Install the [base cover](#).
8. Install the [microSD card](#).
9. Install the [SIM card](#).
10. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

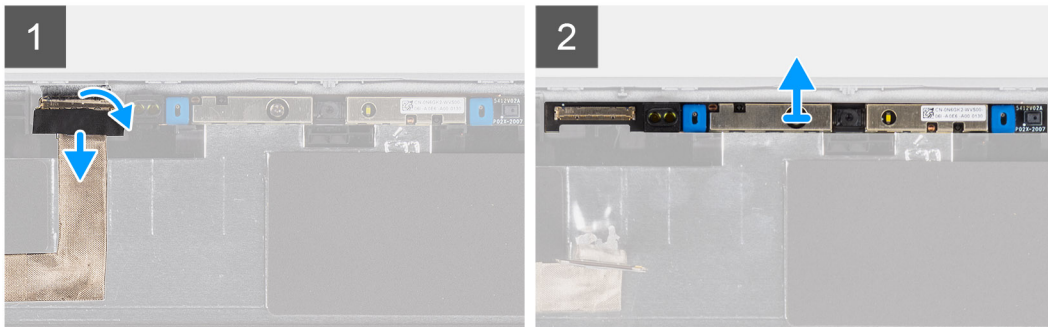
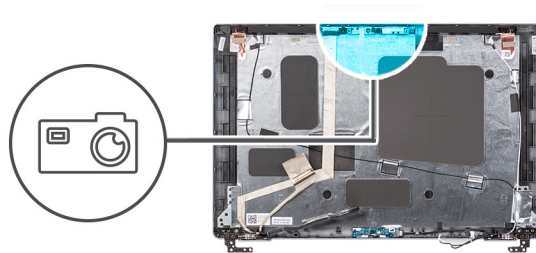
## Removing the infrared camera

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [Wireless card](#).
6. Remove the [WWAN card](#).
7. Remove the [display assembly](#).
8. Remove the [display bezel](#).
9. Remove the [display panel](#).
10. Remove the [display hinges](#).

### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the infrared camera module and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



### Steps

1. Peel the tape that secures the infrared camera cable.  
**NOTE:** An abrupt peeling may also remove the camera shutter from the display bezel and damage the camera shutter.
2. Lift the latch and disconnect the infrared camera cable from the connector on the camera module.
3. Carefully pry up the camera module starting from the prying point at the bottom edge of the camera module.
4. Carefully lift the camera module from the display back cover.

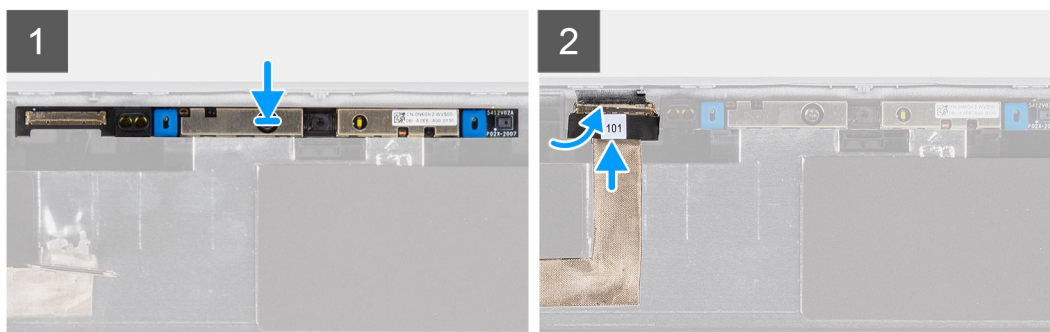
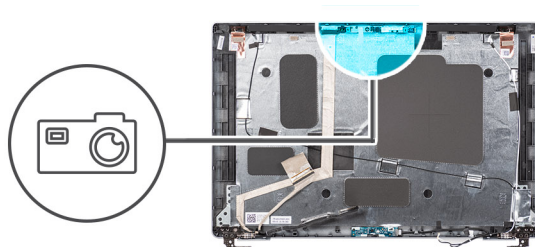
## Installing the infrared camera

### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the infrared camera and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



### Steps

1. Align and place the infrared camera module into the slot on the display back cover.
2. Connect the infrared camera cable to the connector on the camera module.
3. Adhere the tape to secure the infrared camera cable in place.

### Next steps

1. Install the [display hinge](#).
2. Install the [display panel](#).
3. Install the [display bezel](#).
4. Install the [display assembly](#).
5. Install the [WWAN card](#).
6. Install the [Wireless card](#).
7. Install the [base cover](#).
8. Install the [microSD card](#).
9. Install the [SIM card](#).
10. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## eDP/display cable

### Removing the eDP/display cable

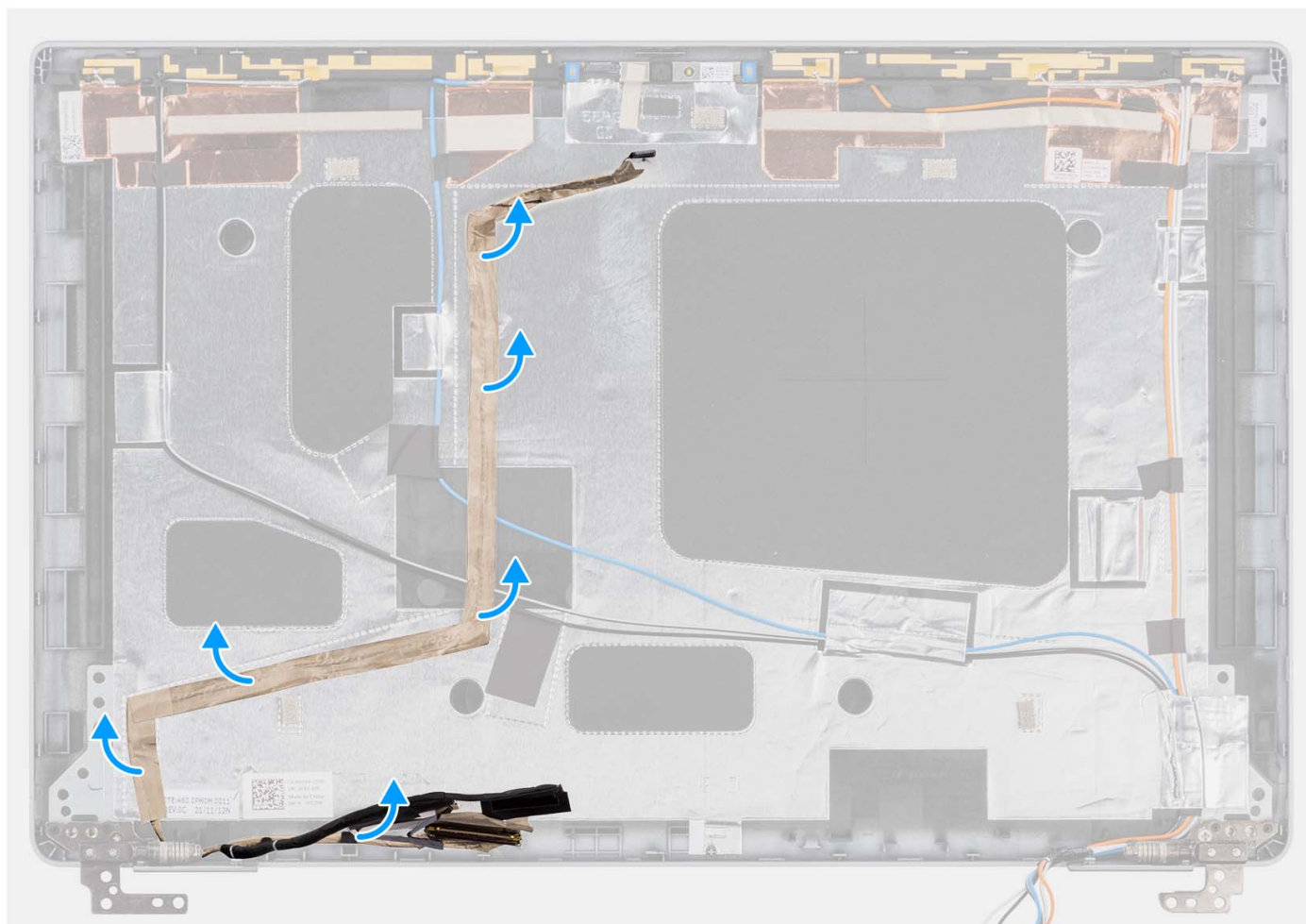
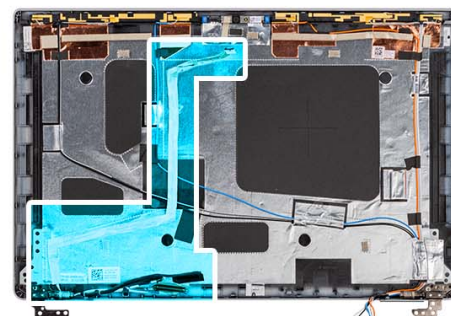
#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).

3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [Wireless card](#).
6. Remove the [WWAN card](#).
7. Remove the [display assembly](#).
8. Remove the [display bezel](#).
9. Remove the [display panel](#).

### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the eDP cable and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



### Steps

1. Disconnect the eDP/display cable from the connector on the camera module.

2. Peel the conductive tape and unrout the eDP/display cable to release it from adhesive and lift the eDP/display cable from the display back cover.

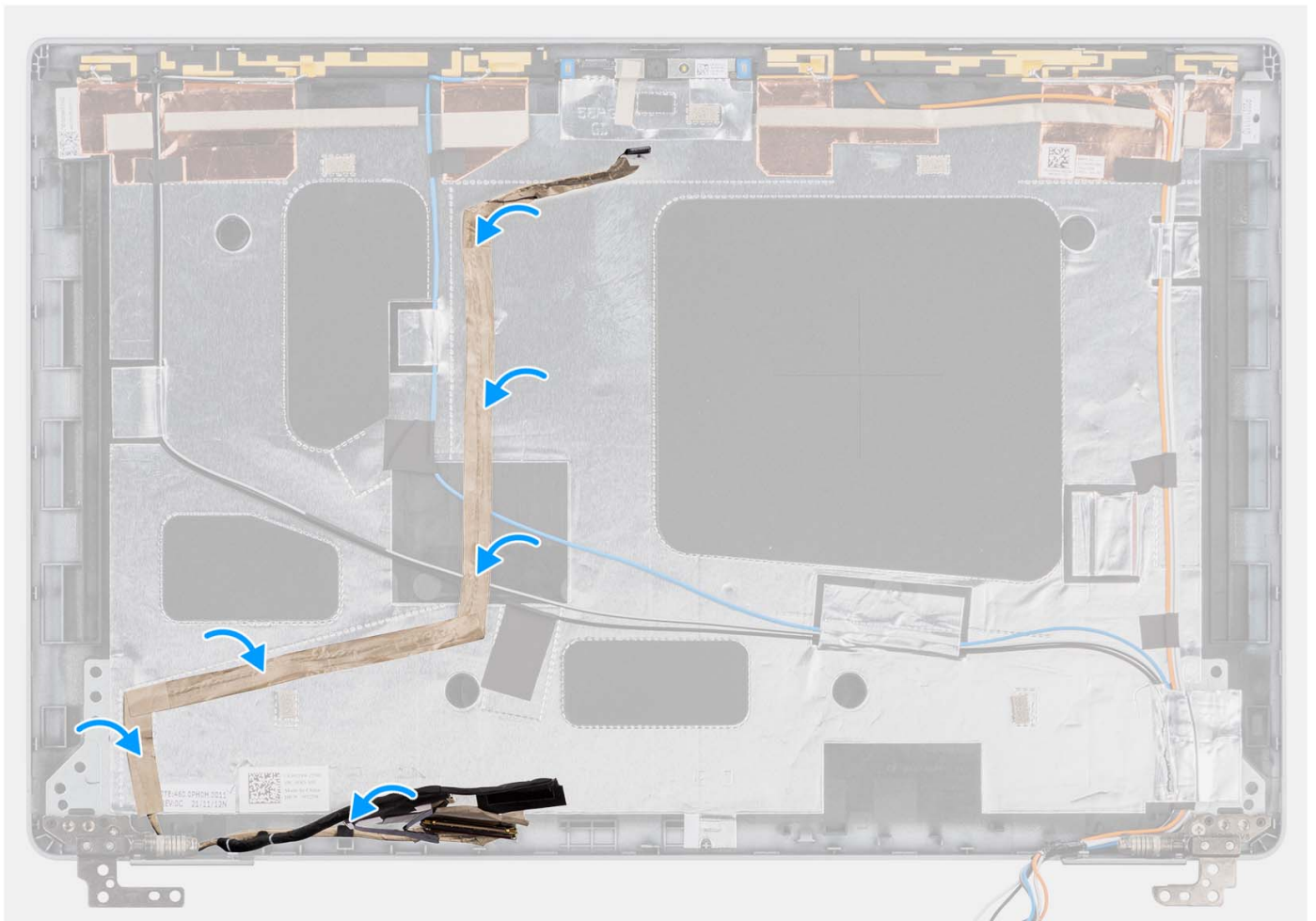
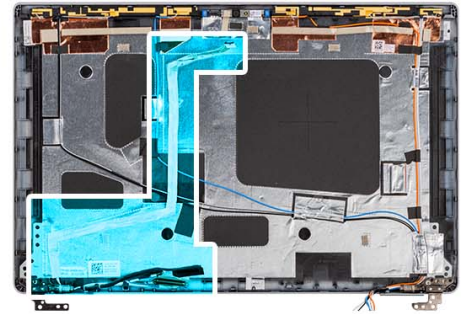
## Installing the eDP cable

### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the eDP cable and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.



### Steps

1. Connect the eDP/display cable to the connector on the camera.

2. Adhere the eDP/display cable to the display back cover.
3. Adhere the conductive tape and route the eDP/display cable to the display back cover.

### Next steps

1. Install the [display panel](#).
2. Install the [display bezel](#).
3. Install the [display assembly](#).
4. Install the [WWAN card](#).
5. Install the [Wireless card](#).
6. Install the [base cover](#).
7. Install the [microSD card](#).
8. Install the [SIM card](#).
9. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).


## Sensor board

### Removing the sensor board

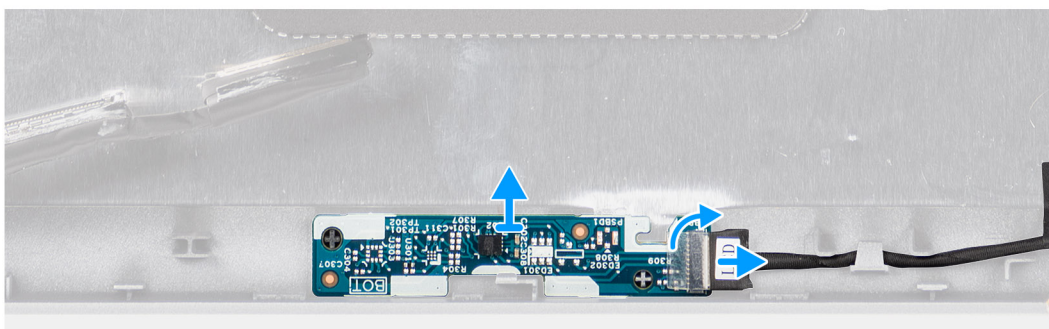
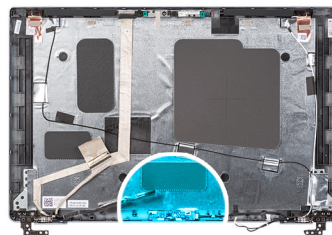
#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [Wireless card](#).
6. Remove the [WWAN card](#).
7. Remove the [display assembly](#).
8. Remove the [display bezel](#).
9. Remove the [display panel](#).

#### About this task

 **NOTE:** This procedure applies only to computers shipped with a sensor board.

The following image indicates the location of the sensor board and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



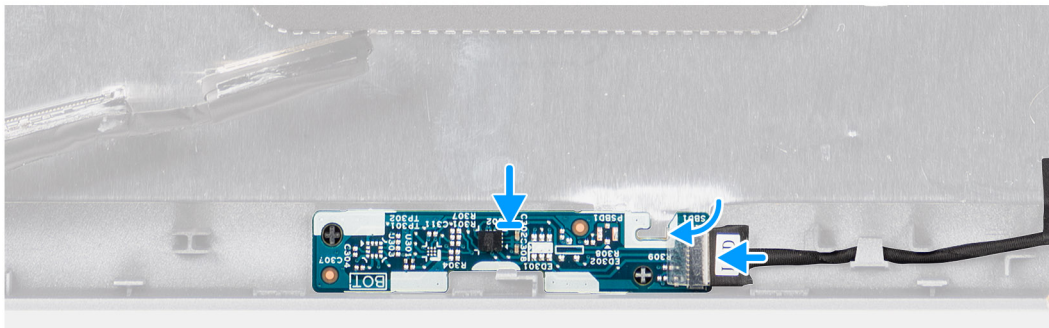
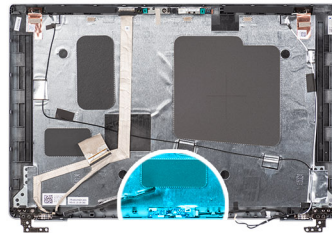
### Steps

1. Open the latch and disconnect the LED cable from connector on the sensor board.
2. Gently lift the sensor board away from the display back cover.

## Installing the sensor board

### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the sensor board and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



### Steps

1. Align and place the sensor board on the display back cover.
2. Connect the LED cable to the connector on the sensor board and close the latch.

### Next steps

1. Install the [display panel](#).
2. Install the [display bezel](#).
3. Install the [display assembly](#).
4. Install the [WWAN card](#).
5. Install the [Wireless card](#).
6. Install the [base cover](#).
7. Install the [microSD card](#).
8. Install the [SIM card](#).
9. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## Display hinges

## Removing the display hinges

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).

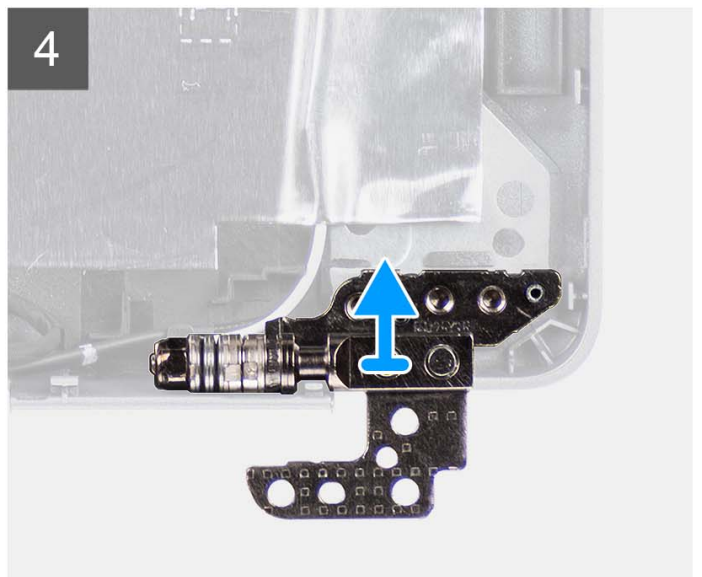
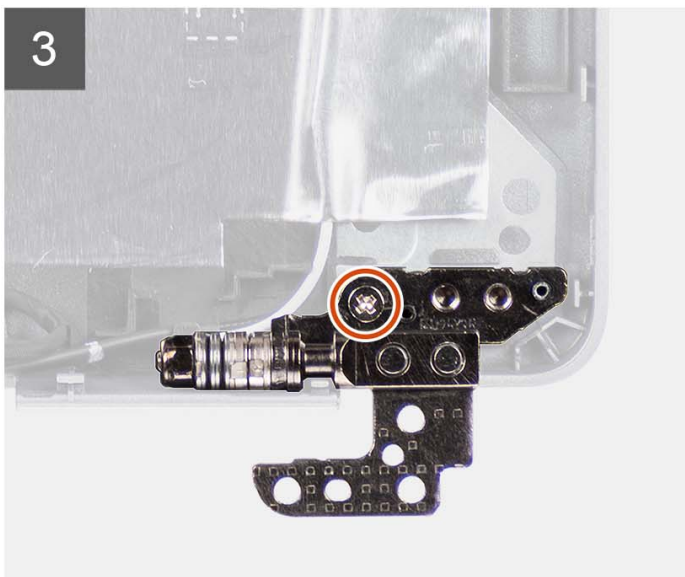
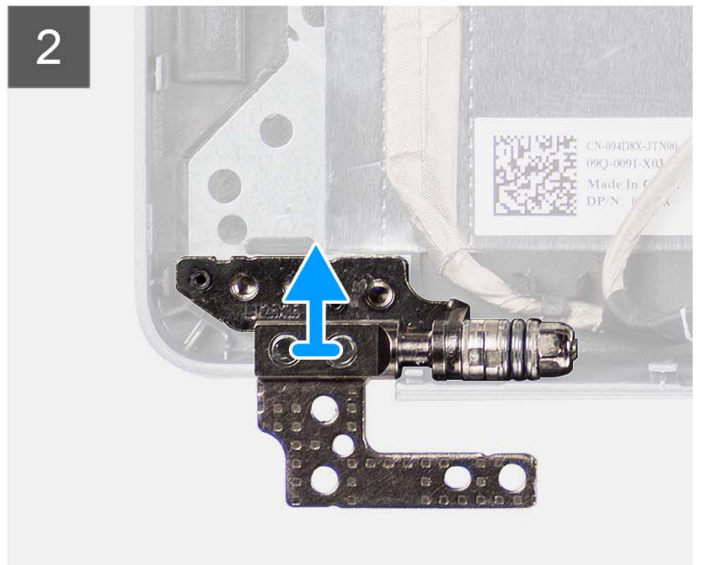
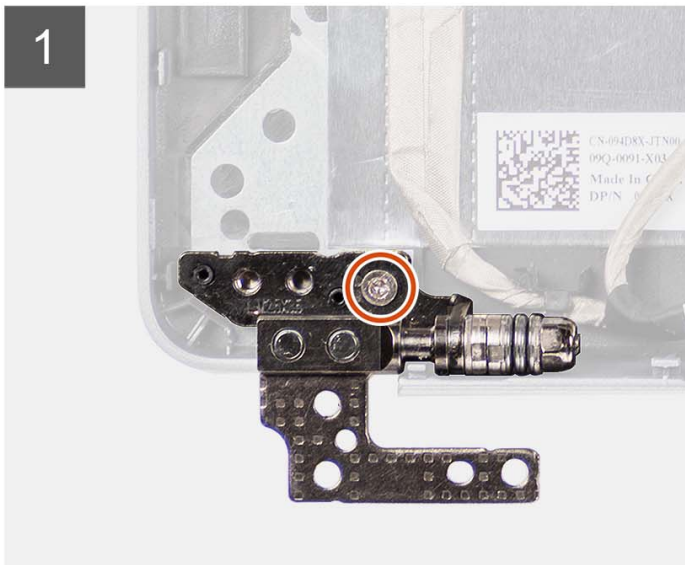
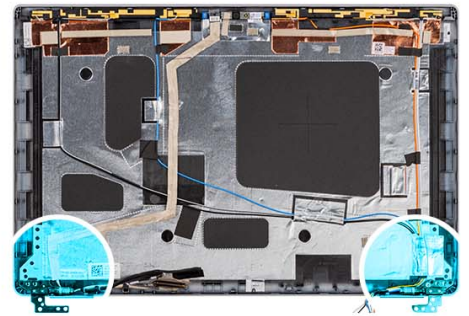
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [Wireless card](#).
6. Remove the [WWAN card](#).
7. Remove the [display assembly](#).
8. Remove the [display bezel](#).
9. Remove the [display panel](#).

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the display hinges and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



**2x**  
M2.5x3.5



### Steps

1. Remove the single (M2.5x3.5) screw that secures the right hinge to the display back cover.
2. Lift and remove the right hinge from the display back cover.
3. Remove the single (M2.5x3.5) screw that secures the left hinge to the display back cover.
4. Lift and remove the left hinge from the display back cover.

## Installing the display hinges

### Prerequisites

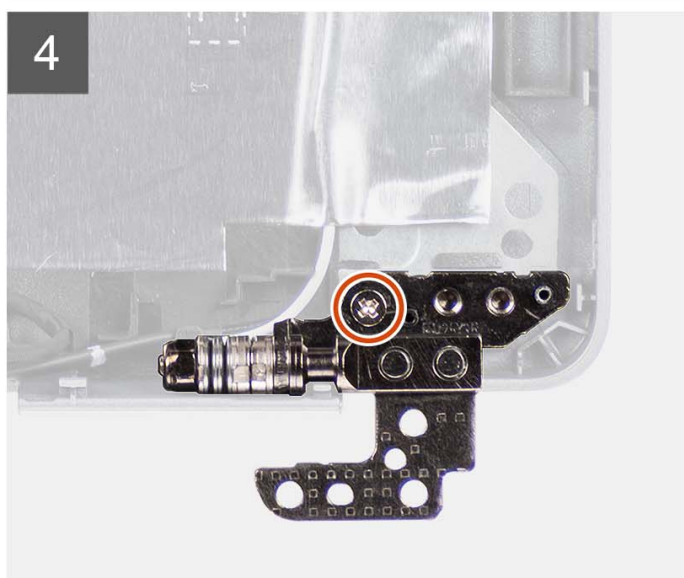
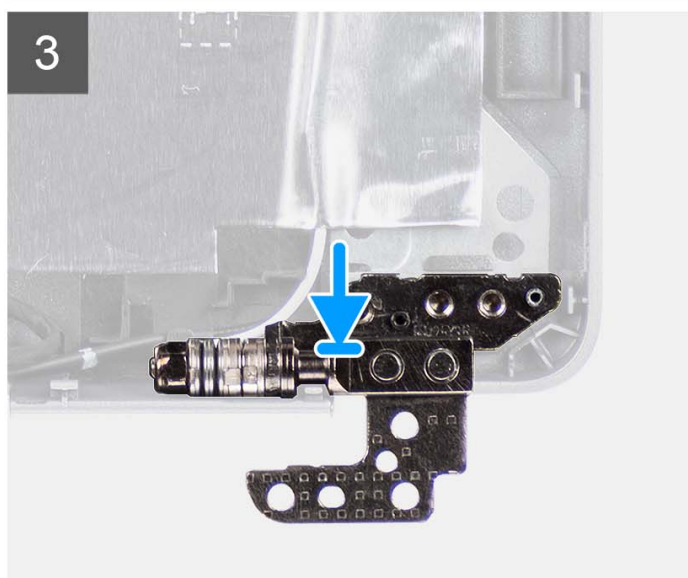
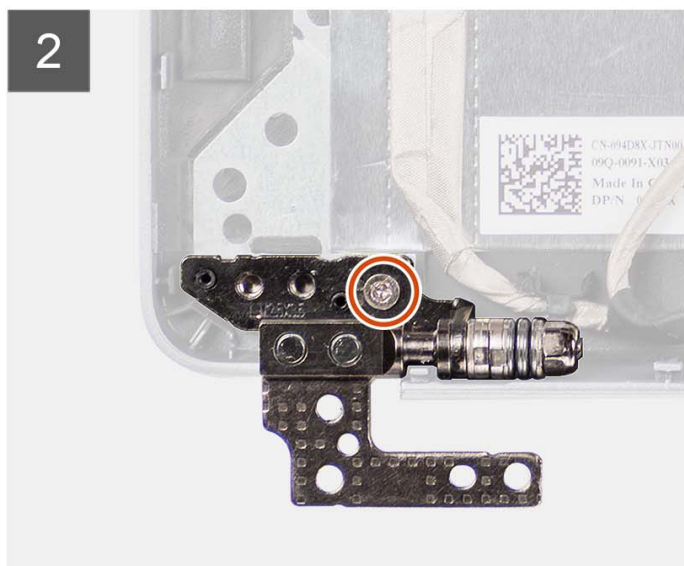
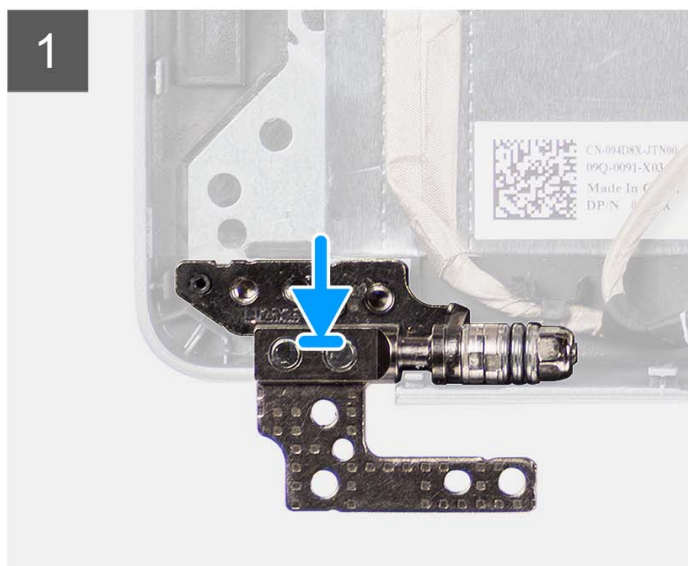
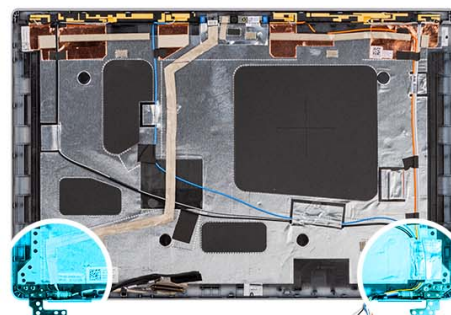
If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the display hinges and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



**2x**  
M2.5x3.5



### Steps

1. Align the screw hole on the left hinge with the screw hole on the display back cover.
2. Replace the single (M2.5x3.5) screw to secure the left hinge to the display back cover.
3. Align the screw hole on the right hinge with the screw hole on the display back cover.
4. Replace the single (M2.5x3.5) screw to secure the right hinge to the display back cover.

### Next steps

1. Install the [display panel](#).

2. Install the [display bezel](#).
3. Install the [display assembly](#).
4. Install the [WWAN card](#).
5. Install the [Wireless card](#).
6. Install the [base cover](#).
7. Install the [microSD card](#).
8. Install the [SIM card](#).
9. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## Display back cover

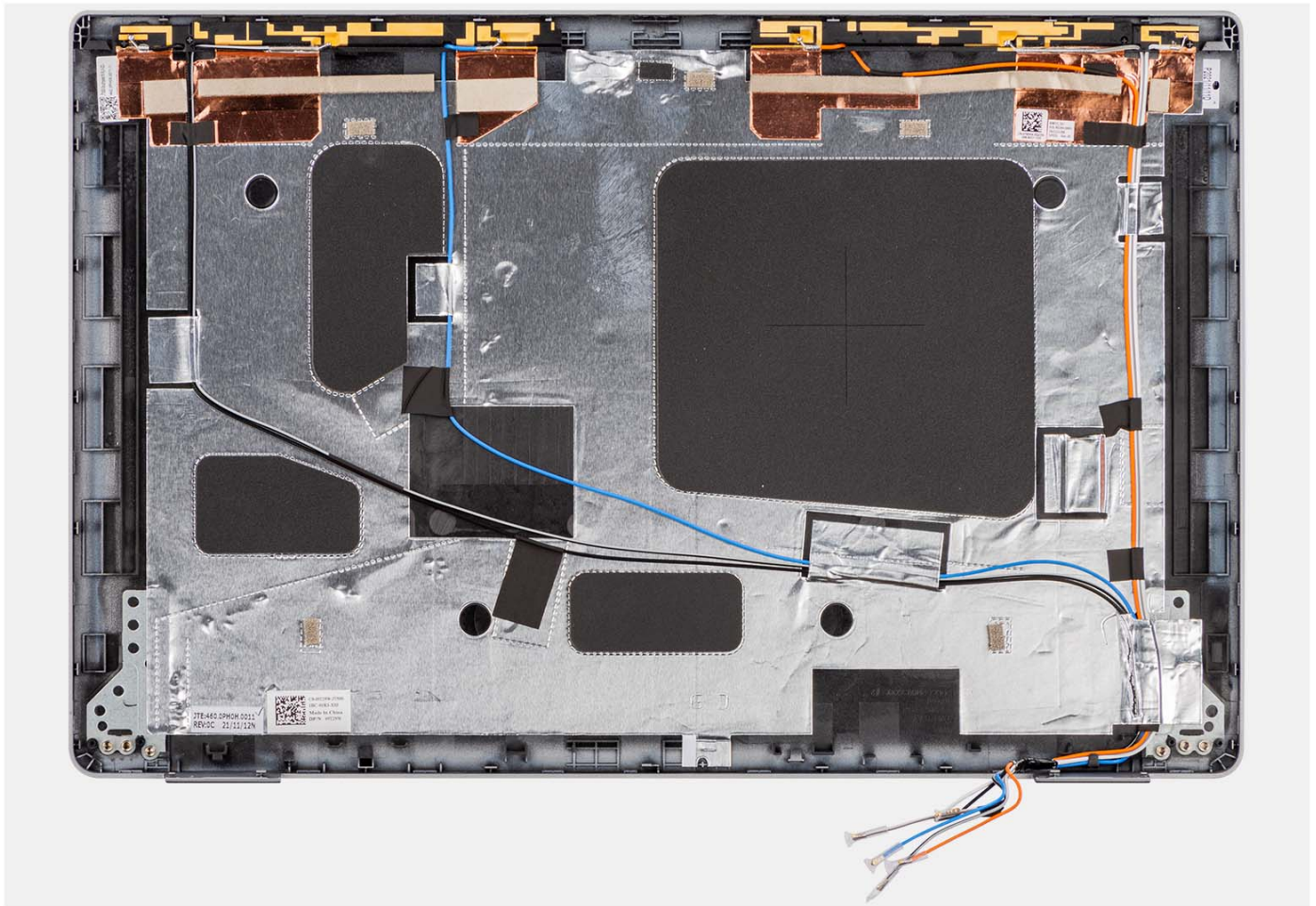
### Removing the display back cover

#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [wireless card](#).
6. Remove the [WWAN card](#).
7. Remove the [display assembly](#).
8. Remove the [display bezel](#).
9. Remove the [display panel](#).
10. Remove the [camera module](#).
11. Remove the [eDP/display cable](#).
12. Remove the [sensor board](#).
13. Remove the [display hinges](#).

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the display back cover and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



### Steps

After performing the steps in the pre-requisites, we are left with the display back cover.

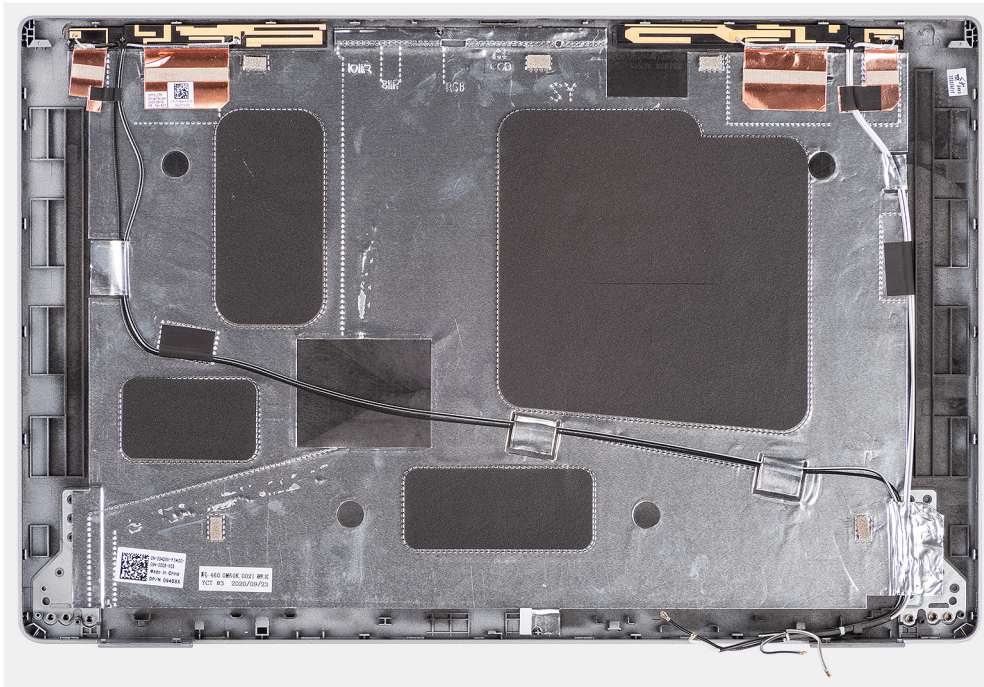
## Installing the display back cover

### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the display back cover and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



## Steps

Place the display back cover on a flat surface.

## Next steps

1. Install the [display hinges](#).
2. Install the [sensor board](#).
3. Install the [eDP/display cable](#).
4. Install the [camera module](#).
5. Install the [display panel](#).
6. Install the [display bezel](#).
7. Install the [display assembly](#).
8. Install the [WWAN card](#).
9. Install the [wireless card](#).
10. Install the [base cover](#).
11. Install the [microSD card](#).
12. Install the [SIM card](#).
13. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

# Dummy SIM-card slot filler

## Removing the dummy SIM-card slot filler

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [memory module](#).
6. Remove the [2280 solid-state drive](#) or [2230 solid-state drive](#).
7. Remove the [battery](#).
8. Remove the [hard drive](#).

9. Remove the [WLAN card](#).
10. Remove the [WWAN card](#).
11. Remove the [assembly inner frame](#).
12. Remove the [speakers](#).
13. Remove the [system board](#).

**NOTE:**

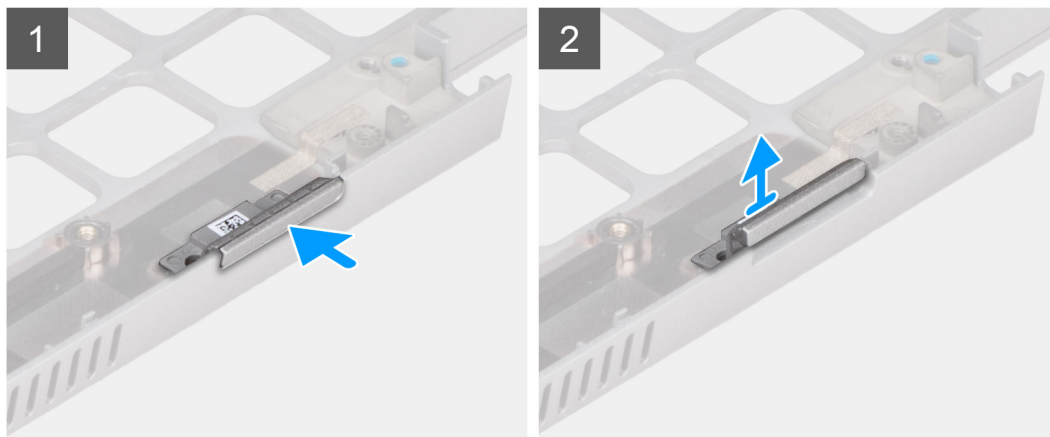
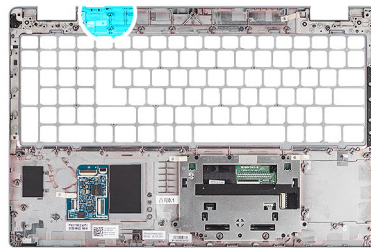
The system board can be removed with the heat sink attached in order to simplify the procedure and preserve the thermal bond between the system board and heat sink.

14. Remove the [power-button board](#).
15. Remove the [LED board](#).
16. Remove the [smart card reader](#).
17. Remove the [keyboard assembly](#).
18. Remove the [display assembly](#).
19. Remove the [palm-rest assembly](#).

### About this task

- NOTE:** For models shipped with WLAN antennas only, the dummy SIM-card slot filler is a separate service part and is not included with replacement palm rest. As a result, the dummy SIM-card slot filler must be removed and then reinstalled when replacing the palm-rest assembly.

The following images indicate the dummy SIM-card slot filler and provides a visual representation of the dummy SIM-card slot filler removal procedure.



### Steps

1. Push the dummy SIM-card slot filler from the top side of the palm-rest assembly.
2. Lift the dummy SIM-card slot filler out of the palm-rest assembly.

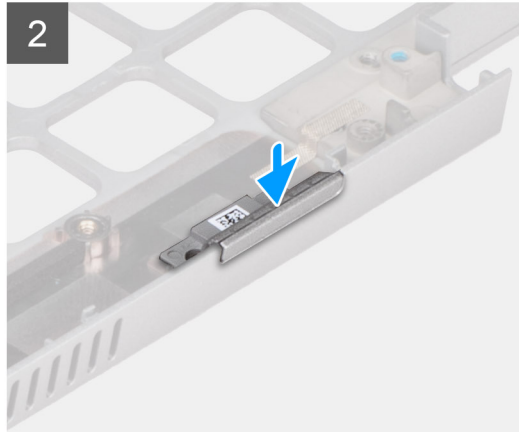
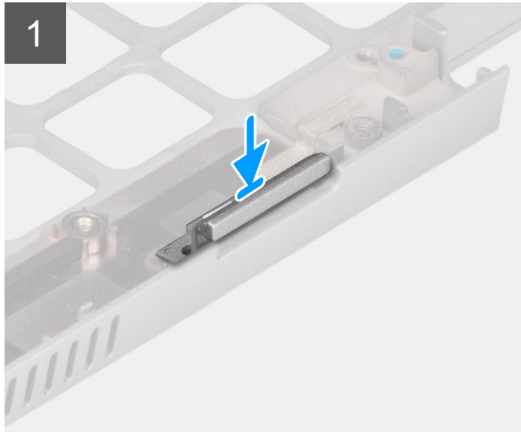
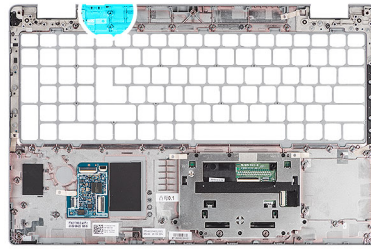
## Installing the dummy SIM-card slot filler

### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the necessary component before the installation procedure.

### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the dummy SIM-card slot filler and provides a visual representation of the dummy SIM-card slot filler installation procedure.



### Steps

1. Place the dummy SIM-card slot filler into its compartment on the palm rest.  
**NOTE:** Ensure that the dummy SIM-card slot filler is aligned with the ribs on the palm-rest assembly.
2. Press the dummy SIM-card slot filler until it clicks into place and ensure it fits securely into the SIM card slot.

### Next steps

1. Install the [display assembly](#).
2. Install the [keyboard assembly](#).
3. Install the [smart card reader](#).
4. Install the [LED board](#).
5. Install the [power-button board](#).
6. Install the [system board](#).
7. Install the [assembly inner frame](#).
8. Install the [speakers](#).
9. Install the [battery](#).
10. Install the [WWAN card](#).
11. Install the [wireless card](#).
12. Install the [2280 solid-state drive](#) or [2230 solid-state drive](#).
13. Install the [memory module](#).
14. Install the [base cover](#).
15. Install the [microSD card](#).
16. Install the [SIM card](#).
17. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

# Palm-rest assembly

## Removing the palm-rest assembly

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the procedure in [Before working inside your computer](#).
2. Remove the [SIM card](#).
3. Remove the [microSD card](#).
4. Remove the [base cover](#).
5. Remove the [memory module](#).
6. Remove the [2280 solid-state drive](#) or [2230 solid-state drive](#).
7. Remove the [battery](#).
8. Remove the [hard drive](#) or [dummy hard-drive slot filler](#).
9. Remove the [WLAN card](#).
10. Remove the [WWAN card](#).
11. Remove the [assembly inner frame](#).
12. Remove the [speakers](#).
13. Remove the [system board](#).

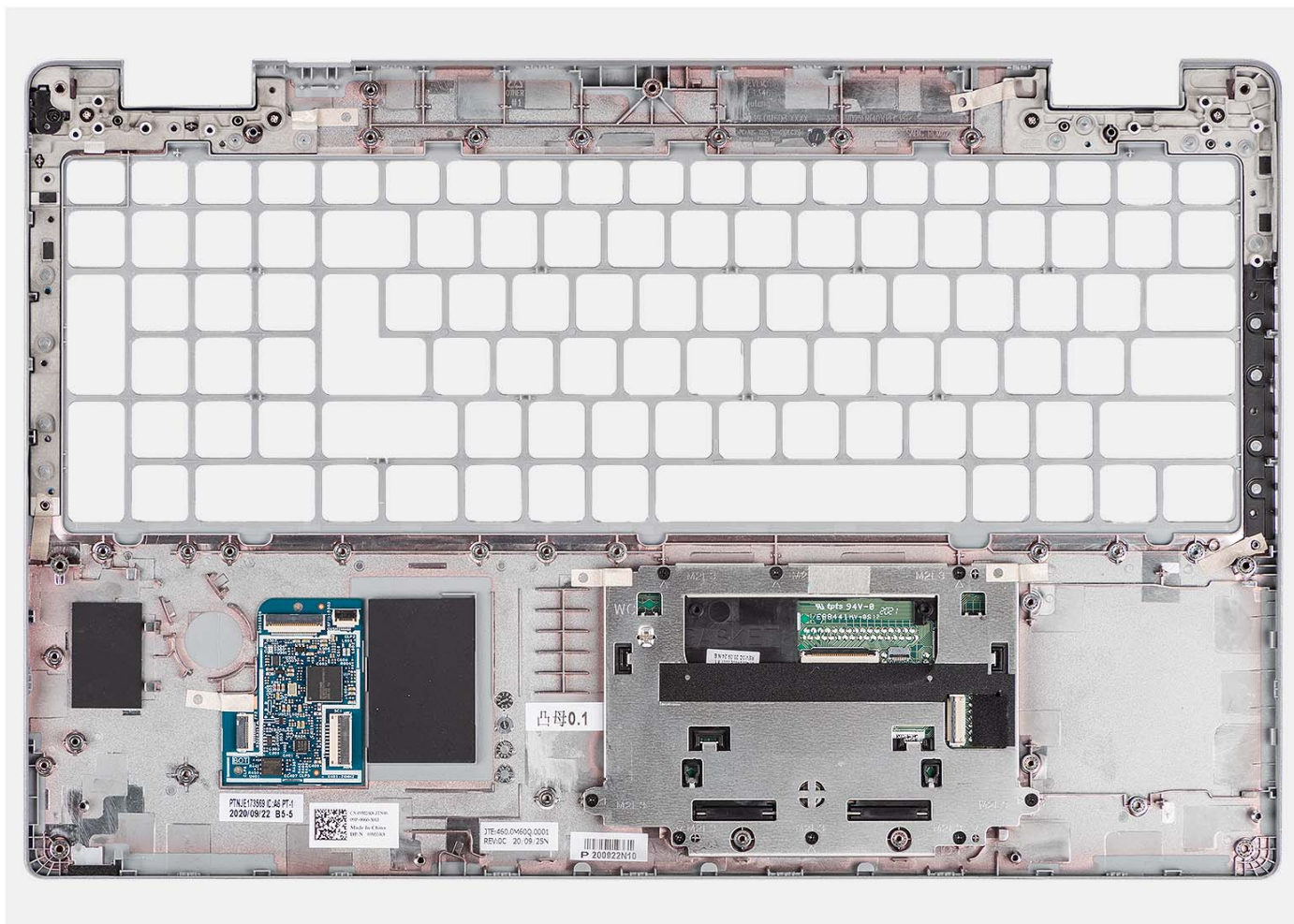
#### NOTE:

The system board can be removed with the heat sink attached in order to simplify the procedure and preserve the thermal bond between the system board and heat sink.

14. Remove the [power-button board](#).
15. Remove the [LED board](#).
16. Remove the [smart card reader](#).
17. Remove the [keyboard assembly](#).
18. Remove the [display assembly](#).
19. Remove the [dummy SIM-card slot filler](#).

### About this task

The following image indicates the palm-rest assembly and provides a visual representation of the removal procedure.



## Steps

After performing the steps in the pre-requisites, we are left with the palm-rest assembly.

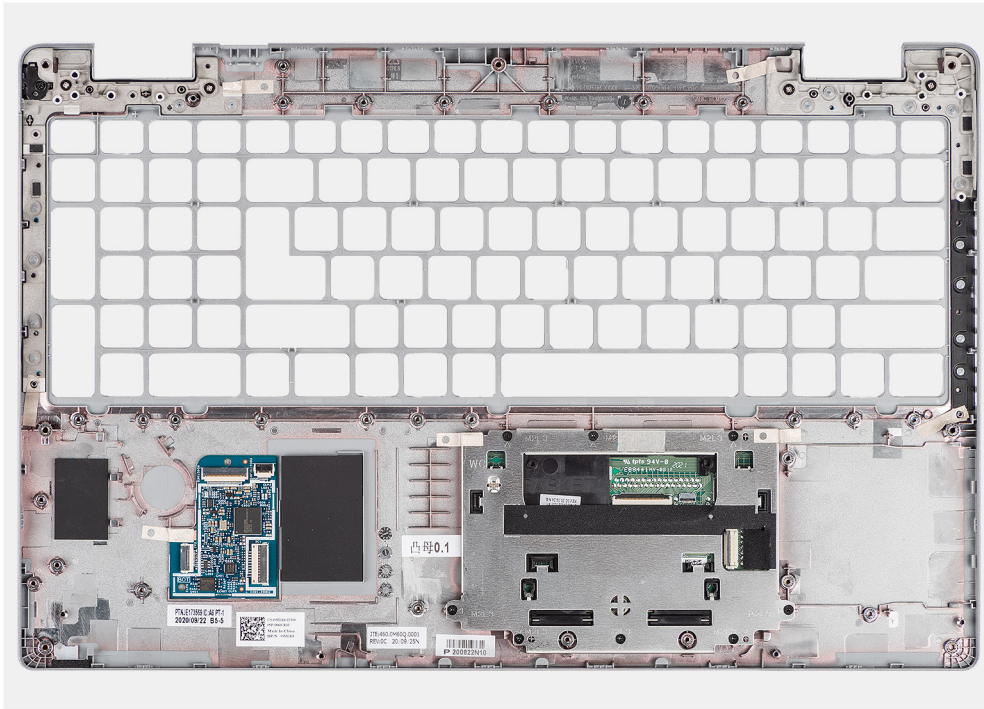
## Installing the palm-rest assembly

### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

### About this task

The following image indicates the palm-rest assembly and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



## Steps

1. Place the palm-rest assembly on a flat surface.
2. Remove the dummy SIM card filler for the non-WWAN LTE configuration.

## Next steps

1. Install the [dummy SIM-card slot filler](#).
2. Install the [display assembly](#).
3. Install the [keyboard assembly](#).
4. Install the [smart card reader](#).
5. Install the [LED board](#).
6. Install the [power-button board](#).
7. Install the [system board](#).
8. Install the [assembly inner frame](#).
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18. Install the [SIM card](#).
19. Follow the procedure in [After working inside your computer](#).

## Drivers and downloads

When troubleshooting, downloading or installing drivers it is recommended that you read the Dell Knowledge Based article, Drivers and Downloads FAQ [000123347](#).

# BIOS setup

**CAUTION:** Unless you are an expert computer user, do not change the settings in the BIOS Setup program. Certain changes can make your computer work incorrectly.

**NOTE:** Depending on the computer and its installed devices, the items listed in this section may or may not be displayed.

**NOTE:** Before you change BIOS Setup program, it is recommended that you write down the BIOS Setup program screen information for future reference.

Use the BIOS Setup program for the following purposes:

- Get information about the hardware installed in your computer, such as the amount of RAM and the size of the hard drive.
- Change the system configuration information.
- Set or change a user-selectable option, such as the user password, type of hard drive installed, and enabling or disabling base devices.

## BIOS overview

The BIOS manages data flow between the computer's operating system and attached devices such as hard disk, video adapter, keyboard, mouse, and printer.

## Entering BIOS setup program

### Steps

1. Turn on your computer.
2. Press F2 immediately to enter the BIOS setup program.

**NOTE:** If you wait too long and the operating system logo appears, continue to wait until you see the desktop. Then, turn off your computer and try again.

## Navigation keys

**NOTE:** For most of the System Setup options, changes that you make are recorded but do not take effect until you restart the system.

**Table 4. Navigation keys**


Keys	Navigation
Up arrow	Moves to the previous field.
Down arrow	Moves to the next field.
Enter	Selects a value in the selected field (if applicable) or follow the link in the field.
Spacebar	Expands or collapses a drop-down list, if applicable.
Tab	Moves to the next focus area. <b>NOTE:</b> For the standard graphics browser only.

Table 4. Navigation keys (continued)


Keys	Navigation
Esc	Moves to the previous page until you view the main screen. Pressing Esc in the main screen displays a message that prompts you to save any unsaved changes and restarts the system.

## One time boot menu

To enter **one time boot menu**, turn on your computer, and then press F12 immediately.

 **NOTE:** It is recommended to shutdown the computer if it is on.

The one-time boot menu displays the devices that you can boot from including the diagnostic option. The boot menu options are:

- Removable Drive (if available)
- STXXXX Drive (if available)  
 **NOTE:** XXX denotes the SATA drive number.
- Optical Drive (if available)
- SATA Hard Drive (if available)
- Diagnostics

The boot sequence screen also displays the option to access the System Setup screen.

## System setup options

 **NOTE:** Depending on your computer and its installed devices, the items listed in this section may or may not appear.

Table 5. System setup options—System information menu

Overview		
<b>Latitude 5531</b>		
BIOS Version		Displays the BIOS version number.
Service Tag		Displays the Service Tag of the computer.
Asset Tag		Displays the Asset Tag of the computer.
Manufacture Date		Displays the manufacture date of the computer.
Ownership Date		Displays the ownership date of the computer.
Express Service Code		Displays the express service code of the computer.
Ownership Tag		Displays the Ownership Tag of the computer.
Signed Firmware Update		Displays whether the Signed Firmware Update is enabled on your computer.
<b>Battery Information</b>		
Primary		Displays that battery is primary.
Battery Level		Displays the battery level of the computer.
Battery State		Displays the battery state of the computer.
Health		Displays the battery health of the computer.
AC Adapter		Displays whether the AC adapter is connected or not.
Battery Life Type		Display the Battery Life type of the computer
<b>Processor Information</b>		

**Table 5. System setup options—System information menu (continued)**

<b>Overview</b>		
Processor Type		Displays the processor type.
Maximum Clock Speed		Displays the maximum processor clock speed.
Minimum Clock Speed		Displays the minimum processor clock speed.
Current Clock Speed		Displays the current processor clock speed.
Core Count		Displays the number of cores on the processor.
Processor ID		Displays the processor identification code.
Processor L2 Cache		Displays the processor L2 Cache size.
Processor L3 Cache		Displays the processor L3 Cache size.
Microcode Version		Displays the microcode version.
Intel Hyper-Threading Capable		Displays whether the processor is Hyper-Threading (HT) capable.
64-Bit Technology		Displays whether 64-bit technology is used.
<b>Memory Information</b>		
Memory Installed		Displays the total computer memory installed.
Memory Available		Displays the total computer memory available.
Memory Speed		Displays the memory speed.
Memory Channel Mode		Displays single or dual channel mode.
Memory Technology		Displays the technology used for the memory.
DIMM_SLOT 1		Displays the DIMM 1 memory size.
DIMM_SLOT 2		Displays the DIMM 2 memory size.
<b>Devices Information</b>		
Panel Type		Displays the Panel Type of the computer.
Video Controller		Displays the video controller type of the computer.
Video Memory		Displays the video memory information of the computer.
Wi-Fi Device		Displays the wireless device information of the computer.
Native Resolution		Displays the native resolution of the computer.
Video BIOS Version		Displays the video BIOS version of the computer.
Audio Controller		Displays the audio controller information of the computer.
Bluetooth Device		Displays the Bluetooth device information of the computer.
LOM MAC Address		Displays the LAN On Motherboard (LOM) MAC address of the computer.
Pass Through MAC Address		Displays the pass through MAC address of the computer.
Cellular Device		Displays the M.2 PCIe SSD information of the computer.
dGPU Video Controller		Displays the Discrete graphics card information on the computer.

**Table 6. System setup options—Boot Configuration menu**

<b>Boot Configuration</b>		
<b>Boot Sequence</b>		
Boot mode		Displays the boot mode.
Boot Sequence		Displays the boot sequence.
Secure Digital (SD) Card Boot		Enable or disable the SD card read-only boot. By default, the <b>Secure Digital (SD) Card Boot</b> option is not enabled.

**Table 6. System setup options—Boot Configuration menu (continued)**

Boot Configuration	
<b>Secure Boot</b>	
Enable Secure Boot	<p>Enable or disable the secure boot feature.</p> <p>By default, the option is not enabled.</p>
Secure Boot Mode	<p>Enable or disable to change the secure boot mode options.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Deployed Mode</b> is enabled.</p>
<b>Expert Key Management</b>	
Enable Custom Mode	<p>Enable or disable custom mode.</p> <p>By default, the <b>custom mode</b> option is not enabled.</p>
Custom Mode Key Management	Select the custom values for expert key management.

**Table 7. System setup options—Integrated Devices menu**

Integrated Devices	
<b>Date/Time</b>	Displays the current date in MM/DD/YYYY format and current time in HH:MM:SS AM/PM format.
<b>Camera</b>	<p>Enables or disable the camera.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Enable Camera</b> option is selected</p>
<b>Audio</b>	
Enable Audio	<p>Enable or disable the integrated audio controller.</p> <p>By default, all the options are enabled.</p>
<b>USB/Thunderbolt Configuration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable or disable booting from USB mass storage devices connected to external USB ports.</li> </ul> <p>By default, the <b>Enable External USB Ports</b> option is enabled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable or disable booting from USB mass storage devices such as external hard drive, optical drive, and USB drive.</li> </ul> <p>By default, the <b>Enable USB Boot Support</b> option is enabled.</p>
<b>Enable Thunderbolt Technology Support</b>	<p>Enable or disable the associated ports and adapters.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Enable Thunderbolt Technology Support</b> option is selected.</p>
<b>Enable Thunderbolt Boot Support</b>	<p>Enable or disable the Thunderbolt adapter peripheral device and USB devices connected to the Thunderbolt adapter to be used during BIOS Pre-boot.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Enable Thunderbolt Boot Support</b> option is disabled.</p>
<b>Enable Thunderbolt (and PCIe behind TBT) pre-boot modules</b>	<p>Enable or disable the PCIe devices that are connected through a Thunderbolt adapter to execute the PCIe devices UEFI Option ROM (if present) during pre-boot.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Enable Thunderbolt (and PCIe behind TBT) pre-boot modules</b> option is disabled.</p>
<b>Disable USB4 PCIE Tunneling</b>	<p>Disable the USB4 PCIE Tunneling option.</p> <p>By default, the option is disabled.</p>
<b>Video/Power only on Type-C Ports</b>	<p>Enable or disable the Type-C port functionality to video or only power.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Video/Power only on Type-C Ports</b> option is disabled.</p>
<b>Type-C Dock Override</b>	Enables to use connected Type-C Dell Dock to provide data stream with external USB ports disabled. When Type-C Dock override is enabled, the Video/Audio/Lan submenu is activated.

**Table 7. System setup options—Integrated Devices menu (continued)**

Integrated Devices	
<b>Video</b>	<p>By default, the <b>Type-C Dock Override</b> option is enabled.</p> <p>Enable or disable the usage of video on Dell Dock external ports.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Video</b> option is disabled.</p>
<b>Audio</b>	<p>Enable or disable the usage of audio on Dell Dock external ports.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Audio</b> option is enabled.</p>
<b>Lan</b>	<p>Enable or disable the usage of LAN on Dell Dock external ports.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Lan</b> option is enabled.</p>
<b>Miscellaneous Devices</b>	<p>Enable or disable Fingerprint Reader device.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Enable Fingerprint Reader Device</b> option is enabled.</p>
<b>Unobtrusive Mode</b>	
Enable Unobtrusive Mode	<p>Enable or disable all the computer light and sound.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Enable Unobtrusive Mode</b> option is disabled.</p>

**Table 8. System setup options—Storage menu**

Storage	
<b>SMART Reporting</b>	
Enable SMART Reporting	<p>Enable or disable Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology (SMART) during computer startup.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Enable SMART Reporting</b> option is not enabled.</p>
<b>Drive Information</b>	
<b>SATA-1</b>	
Type	Displays the SATA-1 type information of the computer.
Device	Displays the SATA-1 device information of the computer.
<b>M.2 PCIe SSD-1</b>	
Type	Displays the M.2 PCIe SSD-1 type information of the computer.
Device	Displays the M.2 PCIe SSD-1 device information of the computer.
<b>M.2 PCIe SSD-2</b>	
Type	Displays the M.2 PCIe SSD-2 type information of the computer.
Device	Displays the M.2 PCIe SSD-2 device information of the computer.
<b>Enable MediaCard</b>	
Secure Digital (SD) Card	<p>Enable or disable the SD card.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Secure Digital (SD) Card</b> option is enabled.</p>
Secure Digital (SD) Card Read-Only Mode	<p>Enable or disable the SD card read-only mode.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Secure Digital (SD) Card Read-Only Mode</b> option is not enabled.</p>

**Table 9. System setup options—Display menu**

Display
<b>Display Brightness</b>

**Table 9. System setup options—Display menu (continued)**

Display	
Brightness on battery power	Enable to set screen brightness when the computer is running on battery power.
Brightness on AC power	Enable to set screen brightness when the computer is running on AC power.
Touchscreen	Enable to activate the Touchscreen on operating system
<b>Full Screen Logo</b>	Enable or disable full screen logo. By default, the option is not enabled.

**Table 10. System setup options—Connection menu**

Connection	
<b>Network Controller Configuration</b>	
Integrated NIC	Controls the on-board LAN controller. By default, the <b>Enabled with PXE</b> option is enabled.
Enable UEFI Network Stack	Enable or disable UEFI Network Stack. By default, the <b>Enable UEFI Network Stack</b> and <b>Enabled w/PXE</b> option are enabled.
<b>Wireless Device Enable</b>	
WWAN/GPS	Enable or disable the internal WWAN/GPS device By default, the option enabled.
WWAN Bus Mode	Set the interface type of the Wireless Wan (WWAN) card. By default, the <b>Bus Mode PCIe</b> option is enabled.
WLAN	Enable or disable the internal WLAN device By default, the option enabled.
Bluetooth	Enable or disable the internal Bluetooth device By default, the option enabled.
Contactless smartcard/NFC	Enable or disable the internal Contactless smartcard/NFC device By default, the option enabled.
<b>Enable UEFI Network Stack</b>	Enable or disable UEFI Network Stack and controls the on-board LAN Controller. By default, the <b>Enable UEFI Network Stack</b> option are enabled.
<b>Wireless Radio Control</b>	
Control WLAN radio	Sense the connection of the computer to a wired network and subsequently disable the selected wireless radios (WLAN). By default, the option is disabled.
Control WWAN radio	Sense the connection of the computer to a wired network and subsequently disable the selected wireless radios (WWAN). By default, the option is disabled.
<b>HTTPs Boot Feature</b>	
HTTPs Boot	Enable or disable the HTTPs Boot feature. By default, the <b>HTTPs Boot</b> option is enabled.
HTTPs Boot Mode	With Auto Mode, the HTTPs Boot extracts Boot URL from the DHCP. With Manual Mode, the HTTPs Boot reads Boot URL from the user-provided data.

**Table 10. System setup options—Connection menu (continued)**

Connection	
By default, the <b>Auto Mode</b> option is enabled.	

**Table 11. System setup options—Power menu**

Power	
<b>Battery configuration</b>	Enables the computer to run on battery during peak power usage hours. Use the table <b>Custom Charge Start</b> and <b>Custom Charge Stop</b> , to prevent AC power usage between certain times of each day.  By default, the <b>Adaptive</b> option is enabled.
<b>Advanced Configuration</b>	
Enable Advanced Battery Charge Configuration	Enable or disable the advanced battery charge configuration.  By default, the <b>Enable Advanced Battery Charge Configuration</b> option is disabled.
<b>Peak Shift</b>	Enables the computer to run on battery during peak power usage hours.  By default, the <b>Enable Peak Shift</b> option is enabled.
Enable Peak Shift	
<b>USB PowerShare</b>	
Enable USB PowerShare	Enable or disable the USB PowerShare.  By default, the <b>Enable USB PowerShare</b> option is disabled
<b>Thermal Management</b>	Enables to cool the fan and processor heat management to adjust the computer performance, noise, and temperature.  By default, the <b>Optimized</b> option is enabled.
<b>USB Wake Support</b>	
Wake on Dell USB-C Dock	When enabled, connecting a Dell USB-C Dock will wake the computer from standby.  By default, the <b>Wake on Dell USB-C Dock</b> option is enabled.
<b>Block Sleep</b>	Enables to block entering sleep (S3) mode in the operating system.  By default, the <b>Block Sleep</b> option is disabled.
<b>Lid Switch</b>	Enable or disable the lid switch.  By default, the <b>Lid Switch</b> option is enabled.
<b>Intel Speed Shift Technology</b>	Enable or disable the Intel speed shift technology support.  By default, the <b>Intel Speed Shift Technology</b> option is enabled.

**Table 12. System setup options—Security menu**

Security	
<b>TPM 2.0 Security</b>	
TPM 2.0 Security On	Enable or disable TPM 2.0 security options.  By default, the <b>TPM 2.0 Security On</b> option is enabled.
Attestation Enable	Enables to control whether the Trusted Platform Module (TPM) Endorsement Hierarchy is available to the operating system.  By default, the <b>Attestation Enable</b> option is enabled.

**Table 12. System setup options—Security menu (continued)**

Security	
Key Storage Enable	<p>Enables to control whether the Trusted Platform Module (TPM) Storage Hierarchy is available to the operating system.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Key Storage Enable</b> option is enabled.</p>
SHA-256	<p>BIOS and the TPM will use the SHA-256 hash algorithm to extend measurements into the TPM PCRs during BIOS boot.</p> <p>By default, the <b>SHA-256</b> option is enabled.</p>
Clear	<p>Enables to clear the TPM owner information and returns the TPM to the default state.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Clear</b> option is disabled.</p>
PPI ByPass for Clear Commands	<p>Controls the TPM Physical Presence Interface (PPI).</p> <p>By default, the <b>PPI ByPass for clear Commands</b> option is disabled.</p>
<b>Intel Total Memory Encryption</b>	
Total Memory Encryption	<p>Enable or disable you to protect memory from physical attacks including freeze spray, probing DDR to read the cycles, and others.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Total Memory Encryption</b> option is disabled.</p>
<b>Chassis intrusion</b>	
	<p>Controls the chassis intrusion feature.</p> <p>By default, the <b>On-Silent</b> option is enabled.</p>
<b>SMM Security Mitigation</b>	
	<p>Enable or disable SMM Security Mitigation.</p> <p>By default, the option is enabled.</p>
<b>Data Wipe on Next Boot</b>	
Start Data Wipe	<p>Enable or disable the data wipe on next boot.</p> <p>By default, the option is enabled.</p>
Absolute	<p>Enable or disable or permanently disable the BIOS module interface of the optional Absolute Persistence Module service from Absolute software.</p> <p>By default, the option is enabled.</p>
UEFI Boot Path Security	<p>Controls whether or not the computer will prompt the user to enter the admin password (if set) when booting to a UEFI boot device from the F12 boot menu.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Always Except Internal HDD</b> option is enabled.</p>

**Table 13. System setup options—Passwords menu**

Passwords	
<b>Admin Password</b>	Set, change, or delete the administrator password.
<b>System Password</b>	Set, change, or delete the computer password.
<b>NVMe SSD0</b>	Set, change, or delete the NVMe SSD0 password.
<b>Password Configuration</b>	
Upper Case Letter	<p>Reinforces password must have at least one upper case letter.</p> <p>By default, the option is disabled.</p>
Lower Case Letter	<p>Reinforces password must have at least one lower case letter.</p> <p>By default, the option is disabled.</p>
Digit	<p>Reinforces password must have at least one digit.</p> <p>By default, the option is disabled.</p>

**Table 13. System setup options—Passwords menu (continued)**

<b>Passwords</b>	
Special Character	Reinforces password must have at least one special character. By default, the option is disabled.
Minimum Characters	Set the minimum characters allowed for password.
Password Bypass	When enabled, this always prompts for computer and internal hard drive passwords when powered on from the off state. By default, the <b>Disabled</b> option is enabled.
<b>Password Changes</b>	
Enable Non-Admin Password Changes	Enable or disable to change computer and hard drive password without the need for admin password. By default, the option is enabled.
<b>Admin Setup Lockout</b>	
Enable Admin Setup Lockout	Enables administrators control over how their users can or cannot access BIOS setup. By default, the option is disabled.
<b>Master Password Lockout</b>	
Enable Master Password Lockout	When enabled, this will disable the master password support. By default, the option is disabled.
<b>Allow Non-Admin PSID Revert</b>	
Enable Allow Non-Admin PSID Revert	Controls access to the Physical Security ID (PSID) revert of NVMe hard-drives from the Dell Security Manager prompt. By default, the option is disabled.

**Table 14. System setup options—Update, Recovery menu**

<b>Update, Recovery</b>	
<b>UEFI Capsule Firmware Updates</b>	Enable or disable BIOS updates through UEFI capsule update packages. By default, the option is enabled.
<b>BIOS Recovery from Hard Drive</b>	Enables the user to recover from certain corrupted BIOS conditions from a recovery file on the user primary hard drive or an external USB key. By default, the option is enabled.
<b>BIOS Downgrade</b>	
Allow BIOS Downgrade	Enable or disable the flashing of the computer firmware to previous revision is blocked. By default, the option is enabled.
<b>SupportAssist OS Recovery</b>	Enable or disable the boot flow for SupportAssist OS Recovery tool in the event of certain computer errors. By default, the option is enabled.
BISOConnect	Enable or disable cloud Service OS recovery if the main operating system fails to boot with the number of failures equal to or greater than the value specified by the Auto OS Recovery Threshold setup option and local Service OS does not boot or is not installed. By default, the option is enabled.

**Table 14. System setup options—Update, Recovery menu (continued)**

Update, Recovery	
Dell Auto OS Recovery Threshold	Controls the automatic boot flow for SupportAssist System Resolution Console and for Dell OS Recovery Tool.  By default, the threshold value is set to 2.

**Table 15. System setup options—System Management menu**

System Management	
<b>Service Tag</b>	Display the Service Tag of the computer.
<b>Asset Tag</b>	Create a computer Asset Tag.
<b>AC Behavior</b>	
Wake on AC	Enable or disable the wake on AC option.  By default, the option is disabled.
<b>Wake on LAN</b>	
Wake on LAN	Enable or disable the computer to power on by special LAN signals when it receives a wakeup signal from the WLAN.  By default, the <b>Disabled</b> option is selected.
Auto on Time	Enable to set the computer to turn on automatically every day or on a preselected date and time. This option can be configured only if the Auto On Time is set to Everyday, Weekdays, or Selected Days.  By default, the option is disabled.
<b>Intel AMT Capability</b>	Enable Intel Active Management Technology
<b>MEBx Hotkey</b>	Allows the user to use Ctrl+P hotkey to access MEBx
<b>USB Provision</b>	When enabled, Intel AMT can be provisioned using the local provisioning file through a USB storage device

**Table 16. System setup options—Keyboard menu**

Keyboard	
<b>Numlock Enable</b>	Enable or disable the Numlock function when the computer boots.  By default, the option is enabled.
<b>Fn Lock Options</b>	By default, the Fn lock option is enabled.
<b>Keyboard Illumination</b>	Enables to change the keyboard illumination settings.  By default, the <b>Bright</b> option is enabled.
<b>Keyboard Backlight Timeout on AC</b>	Set the timeout value for the keyboard backlight when an AC adapter is connected to the computer.  By default, the <b>10 seconds</b> option is enabled.
<b>Keyboard Backlight Timeout on Battery</b>	Set the timeout value for the keyboard backlight when the is running only on battery power.  By default, the <b>10 seconds</b> option is enabled.
<b>Device Configuration Hotkey Access</b>	Manages whether you can access device configuration screens through hotkeys during computer startup.  By default, the option is enabled.

**Table 17. System setup options—Pre-boot Behavior menu**

Pre-boot Behavior		
<b>Adapter Warnings</b>		
Enable Adapter Warnings		<p>Enable or disable the warning messages during boot when the adapters with less power capacity are detected.</p> <p>By default, the option is enabled.</p>
<b>Warning and Errors</b>		
		<p>Enable or disable the action to be done when a warning or error is encountered.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Prompt on Warnings and Errors</b> option is enabled.</p>
<b>Fastboot</b>		
		<p>Enable to set the speed of the boot process.</p> <p>By default, the <b>Minimal</b> option is enabled.</p>
<b>Extend BIOS POST Time</b>		
		<p>Set the BIOS POST time.</p> <p>By default, the <b>0 seconds</b> option is enabled.</p>
<b>MAC Address Pass-Through</b>		
		<p>Replaces the external NIC MAC address with the selected MAC address from the computer.</p> <p>By default, the <b>System Unique MAC Address</b> option is enabled.</p>

**Table 18. System setup options—Performance menu**

Performance		
<b>Multi Core Support</b>		
Active Cores		<p>Enables to change the number of CPU cores available to the operating system.</p> <p>By default, the <b>All Cores</b> options is enabled.</p>
<b>Intel SpeedStep</b>		
Enable Intel SpeedStep Technology		<p>Enables the computer to dynamically adjust processor voltage and core frequency, decreasing average power consumption and heat production.</p> <p>By default, the option is enabled.</p>
<b>C-States Control</b>		
Enable C-State Control		<p>Enable or disable additional processor sleep states.</p> <p>By default, the option is enabled.</p>
<b>Intel TurbocBoost Technology</b>		
Enable Intel Turbo Boost Technology		<p>Enable or disable Intel TurboBoost mode of the processor.</p> <p>By default, the option is enabled.</p>
<b>Intel Hyper-Threading Technology</b>		
Enable Intel Hyper-Threading Technology		<p>Enable or disable Hyper-Threading in the processor.</p> <p>By default, the option is enabled.</p>
<b>Dynamic Tuning:Machine Learning</b>		
Enable Dynamic Tuning:Machine Learning		<p>Enables the operating system capability to enhance dynamic power tuning capabilities based on detected workloads.</p> <p>By default, the option is disabled.</p>

**Table 19. System setup options—System Logs menu**

System Logs		
<b>BIOS Event Log</b>		
Clear Bios Event Log		Display BIOS events.


**Table 19. System setup options—System Logs menu (continued)**

System Logs	
	By default, the <b>Keep</b> option is enabled.
<b>Thermal Event Log</b>	
Clear Thermal Event Log	Display Thermal events.
	By default, the <b>Keep</b> option is enabled.
<b>Power Event Log</b>	
Clear Power Event Log	Display power events.
	By default, the <b>Keep</b> option is enabled.
<b>License Information</b>	Displays the license information of the computer.


## Updating the BIOS

### Updating the BIOS in Windows

#### About this task

 **CAUTION:** If BitLocker is not suspended before updating the BIOS, the next time you reboot the system it will not recognize the BitLocker key. You will then be prompted to enter the recovery key to progress and the system will ask for this on each reboot. If the recovery key is not known this can result in data loss or an unnecessary operating system re-install. For more information on this subject, search in the Knowledge Base Resource at [www.dell.com/support](http://www.dell.com/support).

#### Steps


1. Go to [www.dell.com/support](http://www.dell.com/support).
2. Click **Product support**. In the **Search support** box, enter the Service Tag of your computer, and then click **Search**.  
 **NOTE:** If you do not have the Service Tag, use the SupportAssist feature to automatically identify your computer. You can also use the product ID or manually browse for your computer model.
3. Click **Drivers & Downloads**. Expand **Find drivers**.
4. Select the operating system installed on your computer.
5. In the **Category** drop-down list, select **BIOS**.
6. Select the latest version of BIOS, and click **Download** to download the BIOS file for your computer.
7. After the download is complete, browse the folder where you saved the BIOS update file.
8. Double-click the BIOS update file icon and follow the on-screen instructions.  
 For more information, search in the Knowledge Base Resource at [www.dell.com/support](http://www.dell.com/support).

### Updating the BIOS in Linux and Ubuntu

To update the system BIOS on a computer that is installed with Linux or Ubuntu, see the knowledge base article [000131486](https://www.dell.com/support/article/000131486) at [www.dell.com/support](http://www.dell.com/support).

### Updating the BIOS using the USB drive in Windows

#### About this task

 **CAUTION:** If BitLocker is not suspended before updating the BIOS, the next time you reboot the system it will not recognize the BitLocker key. You will then be prompted to enter the recovery key to progress and the

system will ask for this on each reboot. If the recovery key is not known this can result in data loss or an unnecessary operating system re-install. For more information on this subject, search in the Knowledge Base Resource at [www.dell.com/support](http://www.dell.com/support).


### Steps

1. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 6 in [Updating the BIOS in Windows](#) to download the latest BIOS setup program file.
2. Create a bootable USB drive. For more information, search in the Knowledge Base Resource at [www.dell.com/support](http://www.dell.com/support).
3. Copy the BIOS setup program file to the bootable USB drive.
4. Connect the bootable USB drive to the computer that needs the BIOS update.
5. Restart the computer and press **F12**.
6. Select the USB drive from the **One Time Boot Menu**.
7. Type the BIOS setup program filename and press **Enter**.  
The **BIOS Update Utility** appears.
8. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the BIOS update.

## Updating the BIOS from the F12 One-Time boot menu

Update your computer BIOS using the BIOS update.exe file that is copied to a FAT32 USB drive and booting from the F12 One-Time boot menu.


### About this task

 **CAUTION:** If BitLocker is not suspended before updating the BIOS, the next time you reboot the system it will not recognize the BitLocker key. You will then be prompted to enter the recovery key to progress and the system will ask for this on each reboot. If the recovery key is not known this can result in data loss or an unnecessary operating system re-install. For more information on this subject, search in the Knowledge Base Resource at [www.dell.com/support](http://www.dell.com/support).

### BIOS Update

You can run the BIOS update file from Windows using a bootable USB drive or you can also update the BIOS from the F12 One-Time boot menu on the computer.

Most of the Dell computers built after 2012 have this capability, and you can confirm by booting your computer to the F12 One-Time Boot Menu to see if BIOS FLASH UPDATE is listed as a boot option for your computer. If the option is listed, then the BIOS supports this BIOS update option.

 **NOTE:** Only computers with BIOS Flash Update option in the F12 One-Time boot menu can use this function.

### Updating from the One-Time boot menu

To update your BIOS from the F12 One-Time boot menu, you need the following:

- USB drive formatted to the FAT32 file system (key does not have to be bootable)
- BIOS executable file that you downloaded from the Dell Support website and copied to the root of the USB drive
- AC power adapter that is connected to the computer
- Functional computer battery to flash the BIOS

Perform the following steps to perform the BIOS update flash process from the F12 menu:

 **CAUTION:** Do not turn off the computer during the BIOS update process. The computer may not boot if you turn off your computer.

### Steps

1. From a turn off state, insert the USB drive where you copied the flash into a USB port of the computer.
2. Turn on the computer and press F12 to access the One-Time Boot Menu, select BIOS Update using the mouse or arrow keys then press Enter.  
The flash BIOS menu is displayed.
3. Click **Flash from file**.
4. Select external USB device.

5. Select the file and double-click the flash target file, and then click **Submit**.
6. Click **Update BIOS**. The computer restarts to flash the BIOS.
7. The computer will restart after the BIOS update is completed.

## System and setup password

Table 20. System and setup password

Password type	Description
System password	Password that you must enter to log in to your system.
Setup password	Password that you must enter to access and make changes to the BIOS settings of your computer.

You can create a system password and a setup password to secure your computer.

 **CAUTION:** The password features provide a basic level of security for the data on your computer.

 **CAUTION:** Anyone can access the data that is stored on your computer if it is not locked and left unattended.

 **NOTE:** System and setup password feature is disabled.

## Assigning a system setup password

### Prerequisites

You can assign a new **System or Admin Password** only when the status is in **Not Set**.

### About this task

To enter the system setup, press F12 immediately after a power-on or reboot.

### Steps

1. In the **System BIOS** or **System Setup** screen, select **Security** and press Enter.  
The **Security** screen is displayed.
2. Select **System/Admin Password** and create a password in the **Enter the new password** field.  
Use the following guidelines to assign the system password:
  - A password can have up to 32 characters.
  - At least one special character: ! " # \$ % & ' ( ) \* + , - . / : ; < = > ? @ [ \ ] ^ \_ ` { | }
  - Numbers 0 through 9.
  - Upper case letters from A to Z.
  - Lower case letters from a to z.
3. Type the system password that you entered earlier in the **Confirm new password** field and click **OK**.
4. Press Esc and save the changes as prompted by the pop-up message.
5. Press Y to save the changes.  
The computer restarts.

## Deleting or changing an existing system setup password


### Prerequisites

Ensure that the **Password Status** is Unlocked (in the System Setup) before attempting to delete or change the existing System and/or Setup password. You cannot delete or change an existing System or Setup password, if the **Password Status** is Locked.

### About this task

To enter the System Setup, press F12 immediately after a power-on or reboot.

### Steps

1. In the **System BIOS** or **System Setup** screen, select **System Security** and press Enter.  
The **System Security** screen is displayed.
2. In the **System Security** screen, verify that **Password Status** is **Unlocked**.
3. Select **System Password**, update, or delete the existing system password, and press Enter or Tab.
4. Select **Setup Password**, update, or delete the existing setup password, and press Enter or Tab.  
 **NOTE:** If you change the System and/or Setup password, reenter the new password when prompted. If you delete the System and/or Setup password, confirm the deletion when prompted.
5. Press Esc and a message prompts you to save the changes.
6. Press Y to save the changes and exit from System Setup.  
The computer restarts.

## Clearing CMOS settings

### About this task

 **CAUTION:** Clearing CMOS settings will reset the BIOS settings on your computer.


### Steps

1. Remove the [base cover](#).
2. Disconnect the battery cable from the system board.
3. Remove the [coin-cell battery](#).
4. Wait for one minute.
5. Replace the [coin-cell battery](#).
6. Connect the battery cable to the system board.
7. Replace the [base cover](#).

## Clearing BIOS (System Setup) and System passwords

### About this task

To clear the system or BIOS passwords, contact Dell technical support as described at [www.dell.com/contactdell](http://www.dell.com/contactdell).

 **NOTE:** For information on how to reset Windows or application passwords, refer to the documentation accompanying Windows or your application.

# Troubleshooting

## Handling swollen Lithium-ion batteries

Like most laptops, Dell laptops use lithium-ion batteries. One type of lithium-ion battery is the lithium-ion polymer battery. Lithium-ion polymer batteries have increased in popularity in recent years and have become standard in the electronics industry due to customer preferences for a slim form factor (especially with newer ultra-thin laptops) and long battery life. Inherent to lithium-ion polymer battery technology is the potential for swelling of the battery cells.

Swollen battery may impact the performance of the laptop. To prevent possible further damage to the device enclosure or internal components leading to malfunction, discontinue the use of the laptop and discharge it by disconnecting the AC adapter and letting the battery drain.

Swollen batteries should not be used and should be replaced and disposed of properly. We recommend contacting Dell product support for options to replace a swollen battery under the terms of the applicable warranty or service contract, including options for replacement by a Dell authorized service technician.

The guidelines for handling and replacing Lithium-ion batteries are as follows:

- Exercise caution when handling Lithium-ion batteries.
- Discharge the battery before removing it from the system. To discharge the battery, unplug the AC adapter from the system and operate the system only on battery power. When the system will no longer power on when the power button is pressed, the battery is fully discharged.
- Do not crush, drop, mutilate, or penetrate the battery with foreign objects.
- Do not expose the battery to high temperatures, or disassemble battery packs and cells.
- Do not apply pressure to the surface of the battery.
- Do not bend the battery.
- Do not use tools of any type to pry on or against the battery.
- If a battery gets stuck in a device as a result of swelling, do not try to free it as puncturing, bending, or crushing a battery can be dangerous.
- Do not attempt to reassemble a damaged or swollen battery into a laptop.
- Swollen batteries that are covered under warranty should be returned to Dell in an approved shipping container (provided by Dell)—this is to comply with transportation regulations. Swollen batteries that are not covered under warranty should be disposed of at an approved recycling center. Contact Dell product support at <https://www.dell.com/support> for assistance and further instructions.
- Using a non-Dell or incompatible battery may increase the risk of fire or explosion. Replace the battery only with a compatible battery purchased from Dell that is designed to work with your Dell computer. Do not use a battery from other computers with your computer. Always purchase genuine batteries from <https://www.dell.com> or otherwise directly from Dell.

Lithium-ion batteries can swell for various reasons such as age, number of charge cycles, or exposure to high heat. For more information on how to improve the performance and lifespan of the laptop battery and to minimize the possibility of occurrence of the issue, search Dell Laptop Battery in the Knowledge Base Resource at [www.dell.com/support](https://www.dell.com/support).

## Dell SupportAssist Pre-boot System Performance Check diagnostics

### About this task

SupportAssist diagnostics (also known as system diagnostics) performs a complete check of your hardware. The Dell SupportAssist Pre-boot System Performance Check diagnostics is embedded with the BIOS and is launched by the BIOS internally. The embedded system diagnostics provides a set of options for particular devices or device groups allowing you to:

- Run tests automatically or in an interactive mode
- Repeat tests
- Display or save test results

- Run thorough tests to introduce additional test options to provide extra information about the failed device(s)
  - View status messages that inform you if tests are completed successfully
  - View error messages that inform you of problems encountered during testing
- NOTE:** Some tests for specific devices require user interaction. Always ensure that you are present at the computer terminal when the diagnostic tests are performed.

For more information, see <https://www.dell.com/support/kbdoc/000180971>.

## Running the SupportAssist Pre-Boot System Performance Check

### Steps

1. Turn on your computer.
2. As the computer boots, press the F12 key as the Dell logo appears.
3. On the boot menu screen, select the **Diagnostics** option.
4. Click the arrow at the bottom left corner.  
Diagnostics front page is displayed.
5. Click the arrow in the lower-right corner to go to the page listing.  
The items detected are listed.
6. To run a diagnostic test on a specific device, press Esc and click **Yes** to stop the diagnostic test.
7. Select the device from the left pane and click **Run Tests**.
8. If there are any issues, error codes are displayed.  
Note the error code and validation number and contact Dell.

## Built-in self-test (BIST)

### M-BIST

M-BIST (Built In Self-Test) is the system board's built-in self-test diagnostics tool that improves the diagnostics accuracy of system board embedded controller (EC) failures.

**NOTE:** M-BIST can be manually initiated before POST (Power On Self Test).

### How to run M-BIST

**NOTE:** M-BIST must be initiated on the system from a power-off state either connected to AC power or with battery only.

1. Press and hold both the **M** key on the keyboard and the **power button** to initiate M-BIST.
2. With both the **M** key and the **power button** held down, the battery indicator LED may exhibit two states:
  - a. OFF: No fault detected with the system board
  - b. AMBER: Indicates a problem with the system board
3. If there is a failure with the system board, the battery status LED will flash one of the following error codes for 30 seconds:


Table 21. LED error codes

Blinking Pattern		Possible Problem
Amber	White	
2	1	CPU Failure
2	8	LCD Power Rail Failure
1	1	TPM Detection Failure
2	4	Unrecoverable SPI Failure

4. If there is no failure with the system board, the LCD will cycle through the solid color screens described in the LCD-BIST section for 30 seconds and then power off.

## LCD Power rail test (L-BIST)

L-BIST is an enhancement to the single LED error code diagnostics and is automatically initiated during POST. L-BIST will check the LCD power rail. If there is no power being supplied to the LCD (i.e., the L-BIST circuit fails), the battery status LED will flash either an error code [2,8] or an error code [2,7].

 **NOTE:** If L-BIST fails, LCD-BIST cannot function as no power will be supplied to the LCD.

### How to invoke L-BIST Test:

1. Press the power button to start the system.
2. If the system does not start up normally, look at the battery status LED:
  - If the battery status LED flashes an error code [2,7], the display cable may not be connected properly.
  - If the battery status LED flashes an error code [2,8], there is a failure on the LCD power rail of the system board, hence there is no power supplied to the LCD.
3. For cases, when a [2,7] error code is shown, check to see if the display cable is properly connected.
4. For cases when a [2,8] error code is shown, replace the system board.


## LCD Built-in Self Test (BIST)

Dell laptops have a built-in diagnostic tool that helps you determine if the screen abnormality you are experiencing is an inherent problem with the LCD (screen) of the Dell laptop or with the video card (GPU) and PC settings.

When you notice screen abnormalities like flickering, distortion, clarity issues, fuzzy or blurry image, horizontal or vertical lines, color fade etc., it is always a good practice to isolate the LCD (screen) by running the Built-In Self Test (BIST).

### How to invoke LCD BIST Test

1. Power off the Dell laptop.
2. Disconnect any peripherals that are connected to the laptop. Connect only the AC adapter (charger) to the laptop.
3. Ensure that the LCD (screen) is clean (no dust particles on the surface of the screen).
4. Press and hold **D** key and **Power on** the laptop to enter LCD built-in self test (BIST) mode. Continue to hold the D key, until the system boots up.
5. The screen will display solid colors and change colors on the entire screen to white, black, red, green, and blue twice.
6. Then it will display the colors white, black and red.
7. Carefully inspect the screen for abnormalities (any lines, fuzzy color or distortion on the screen).
8. At the end of the last solid color (red), the system will shut down.

 **NOTE:** Dell SupportAssist Pre-boot diagnostics upon launch, initiates an LCD BIST first, expecting a user intervention confirm functionality of the LCD.

## System-diagnostic lights

This section lists the system-diagnostic lights of your Latitude 5531.

**Table 22. System-diagnostic lights**

Blinking pattern		Problem description	Suggested resolution
Amber	White		
1	1	TPM detection failure	Replace the system board.
1	2	Unrecoverable SPI Flash Failure	Replace the system board.
1	5	EC unable to program i-Fuse	Replace the system board.

**Table 22. System-diagnostic lights (continued)**

Blinking pattern		Problem description	Suggested resolution
Amber	White		
1	6	Generic catch-all for ungraceful EC code flow errors	Disconnect all power source (AC, battery, coin cell) and drain flea power by pressing and holding down power button for 3~5 seconds.
2	1	CPU failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Run the Dell Support Assist/Dell Diagnostics tool.</li> <li>If problem persists, replace the system board.</li> </ul>
2	2	System board failure (included BIOS corruption or ROM error)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flash latest BIOS version</li> <li>If problem persists, replace the system board.</li> </ul>
2	3	No memory/RAM detected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirm that the memory module is installed properly.</li> <li>If problem persists, replace the memory module.</li> </ul>
2	4	Memory/RAM failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reset and swap memory modules among the slots.</li> <li>If problem persists, replace the memory module.</li> </ul>
2	5	Invalid memory installed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reset and swap memory modules among the slots.</li> <li>If problem persists, replace the memory module.</li> </ul>
2	6	System board/Chipset Error	Replace the system board.
2	7	LCD failure (SBIOS message)	Replace the LCD module.
2	8	LCD failure (EC detection of power rail failure)	Replace the system board.
3	1	CMOS battery failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reset the main battery connection.</li> <li>If problem persists, replace the main battery.</li> </ul>
3	2	PCI or Video card/chip failure	Replace the system board.
3	3	BIOS Recovery image not found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flash latest BIOS version</li> <li>If problem persists, replace the system board.</li> </ul>
3	4	BIOS Recovery image found but invalid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flash latest BIOS version</li> <li>If problem persists, replace the system board.</li> </ul>
3	5	Power rail failure	Replace the system board.
3	6	Flash corruption detected by SBIOS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Press power button for over 25 seconds to do</li> </ul>

**Table 22. System-diagnostic lights (continued)**

Blinking pattern		Problem description	Suggested resolution
Amber	White		
			RTC reset. If problem persists, replace the system board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disconnect all power source (AC, battery, coin cell) and drain flea power by pressing and holding down power button 3~5 seconds to ensure all power are drained.</li> <li>• Run "BIOS recovery from USB", and the instructions are in the website <a href="#">Dell support</a>.</li> <li>• If problem persists, replace the system board.</li> </ul>
3	7	Timeout waiting on ME to reply to HECI message.	Replace the system board.

**NOTE:** Blinking 3-3-3 LEDs on Lock LED (Caps-Lock or Num-Lock), Power button LED (without Fingerprint reader), and Diagnostic LED indicates failure to provide input during LCD panel test on Dell SupportAssist Pre-boot System Performance Check diagnostics.

## Recovering the operating system

When your computer is unable to boot to the operating system even after repeated attempts, it automatically starts Dell SupportAssist OS Recovery.

Dell SupportAssist OS Recovery is a standalone tool that is preinstalled in all Dell computers installed with Windows operating system. It consists of tools to diagnose and troubleshoot issues that may occur before your computer boots to the operating system. It enables you to diagnose hardware issues, repair your computer, back up your files, or restore your computer to its factory state.

You can also download it from the Dell Support website to troubleshoot and fix your computer when it fails to boot into their primary operating system due to software or hardware failures.

For more information about the Dell SupportAssist OS Recovery, see *Dell SupportAssist OS Recovery User's Guide* at [www.dell.com/serviceabilitytools](http://www.dell.com/serviceabilitytools). Click **SupportAssist** and then, click **SupportAssist OS Recovery**.

## Real-Time Clock (RTC Reset)

The Real Time Clock (RTC) reset function allows you or the service technician to recover Dell systems from No POST/No Power/No Boot situations. The legacy jumper enabled RTC reset has been retired on these models.

Start the RTC reset with the system powered off and connected to AC power. Press and hold the power button for thirty (30) seconds

. The system RTC Reset occurs after you release the power button.

**NOTE:** If AC power is removed from the system during the process or the power button is held less than 25 seconds or longer than 40 seconds, the RTC Reset process will not run.

The RTC reset will reset the BIOS to default options, un-provision Intel vPro, and reset the computer date and time. (The IT administrator's vPro account and password on the computer will be un-provisioned. The computer will need to go through the setup and configuration process again to reconnect it to the vPro server).

The following items are unaffected by the RTC reset:

- If TPM is on and Enabled, it is not affected by RTC Reset (Remains on and Enabled)
- Asset Tag
- Service Tag
- Ownership Tag
- Admin Password
- System Password
- HDD Password
- Key Databases
- System Logs

These items may or may not reset based on your custom BIOS setting selections:

- Boot List
- Secure Boot Enable - Allow BIOS Downgrade
- Enable Legacy Option ROMs

## Auto RTC reset

The auto RTC reset feature automates the manual process of the RTC recovery function from a No Power or No POST failures. When two instances of No Power, No POST issues are detected, the computer automatically attempts an RTC Reset.


## Backup media and recovery options

It is recommended to create a recovery drive to troubleshoot and fix problems that may occur with Windows. Dell proposes multiple options for recovering Windows operating system on your Dell PC. For more information, see [Dell Windows Backup Media and Recovery Options](#).

## WiFi power cycle

### About this task

If your computer is unable to access the internet due to WiFi connectivity issues a WiFi power cycle procedure may be performed. The following procedure provides the instructions on how to conduct a WiFi power cycle:

 **NOTE:** Some ISPs (Internet Service Providers) provide a modem/router combo device.

### Steps

1. Turn off your computer.
2. Turn off the modem.
3. Turn off the wireless router.
4. Wait for 30 seconds.
5. Turn on the wireless router.
6. Turn on the modem.
7. Turn on your computer.

## Drain residual flea power (perform hard reset)

### About this task

Flea power is the residual static electricity that remains in the computer even after it has been powered off and the battery is removed.


For your safety, and to protect the sensitive electronic components in your computer, you are requested to drain residual flea power before removing or replacing any components in your computer.

Draining residual flea power, also known as performing a "hard reset", is also a common troubleshooting step if your computer does not power on or boot into the operating system.

#### **To drain residual flea power (perform a hard reset)**

##### **Steps**

1. Turn off your computer.
2. Disconnect the power adapter from your computer.
3. Remove the base cover.
4. Remove the battery.
5. Press and hold the power button for 20 seconds to drain the flea power.
6. Install the battery.
7. Install the base cover.
8. Connect the power adapter to your computer.
9. Turn on your computer.



 **NOTE:** For more information about performing a hard reset, search in the Knowledge Base Resource at [www.dell.com/support](http://www.dell.com/support).

# Getting help and contacting Dell

## Self-help resources


You can get information and help on Dell products and services using these self-help resources:


**Table 23. Self-help resources**

Self-help resources	Resource location
Information about Dell products and services	<a href="http://www.dell.com">www.dell.com</a>
My Dell app	
Tips	
Contact Support	In Windows search, type <code>Contact Support</code> , and press Enter.
Online help for operating system	<a href="http://www.dell.com/support/windows">www.dell.com/support/windows</a> <a href="http://www.dell.com/support/linux">www.dell.com/support/linux</a>
Access top solutions, diagnostics, drivers and downloads, and learn more about your computer through videos, manuals and documents.	Your Dell computer is uniquely identified by a Service Tag or Express Service Code. To view relevant support resources for your Dell computer, enter the Service Tag or Express Service Code at <a href="http://www.dell.com/support">www.dell.com/support</a> . For more information on how to find the Service Tag for your computer, see <a href="#">Locate the Service Tag on your computer</a> .
Dell knowledge base articles for a variety of computer concerns	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Go to <a href="http://www.dell.com/support">www.dell.com/support</a>.</li> <li>2. On the menu bar at the top of the Support page, select <b>Support &gt; Knowledge Base</b>.</li> <li>3. In the Search field on the Knowledge Base page, type the keyword, topic, or model number, and then click or tap the search icon to view the related articles.</li> </ol>

## Contacting Dell

To contact Dell for sales, technical support, or customer service issues, see [www.dell.com/contactdell](http://www.dell.com/contactdell).

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