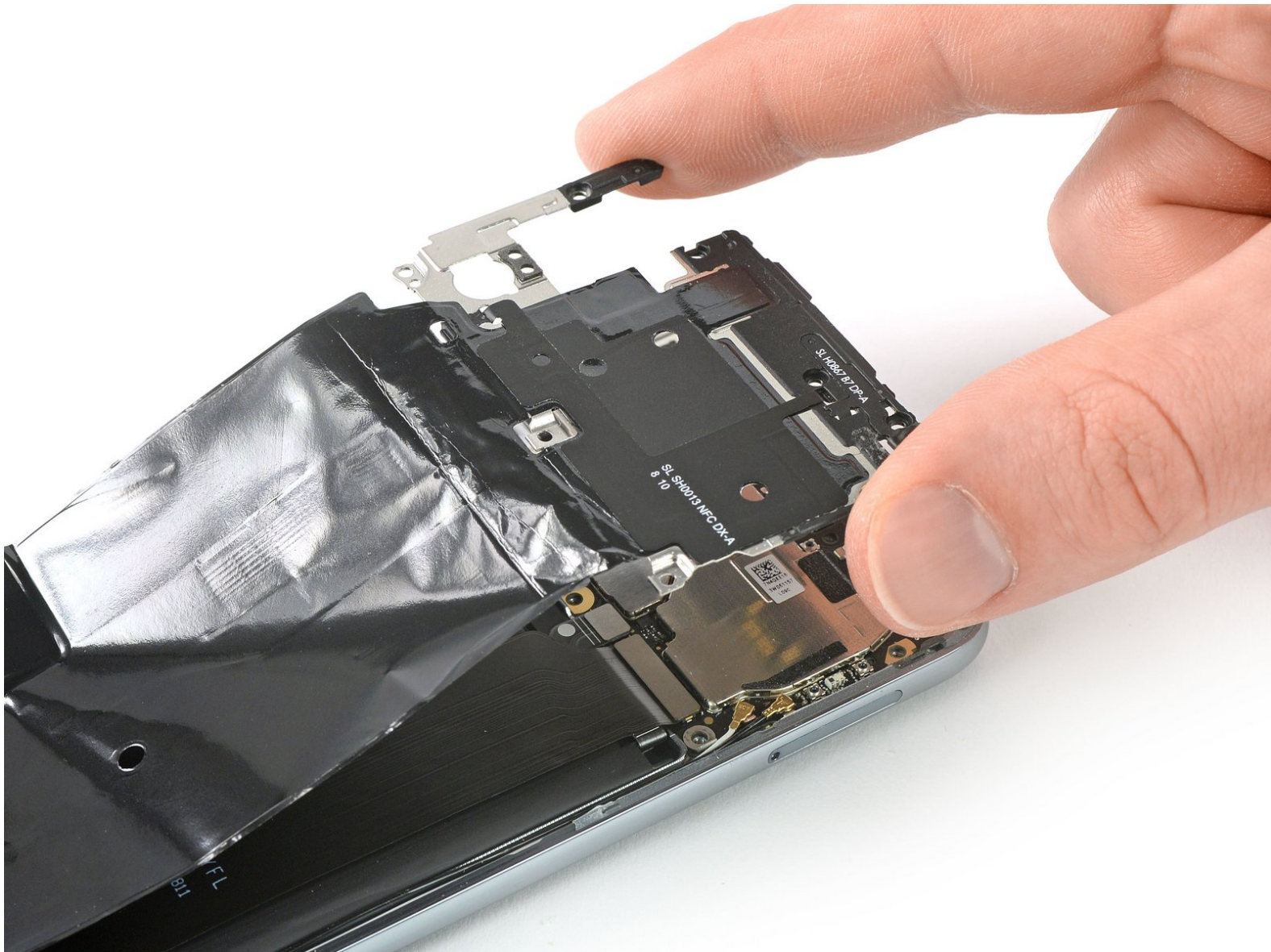




# Huawei P20 Motherboard Cover with NFC Replacement

How to remove or replace the motherboard cover including the NFC antenna in the Huawei P20.

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## INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to remove or replace the motherboard cover in the Huawei P20 including the NFC antenna.

Opening the Huawei P20 will **damage the splash and dust protection seals** on the device. If you do not replace the adhesive seals, your phone will function normally but will **lose its protection**.

You'll need **replacement adhesive** to reattach components when reassembling the device.



### TOOLS:

- [Suction Handle](#) (1)
- [iOpener](#) (1)
- [iFixit Opening Picks set of 6](#) (1)
- [ESD Safe Tweezers Blunt Nose](#) (1)
- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)



### PARTS:

- [Precut Adhesive Card](#) (1)

## Step 1 — Rear Glass



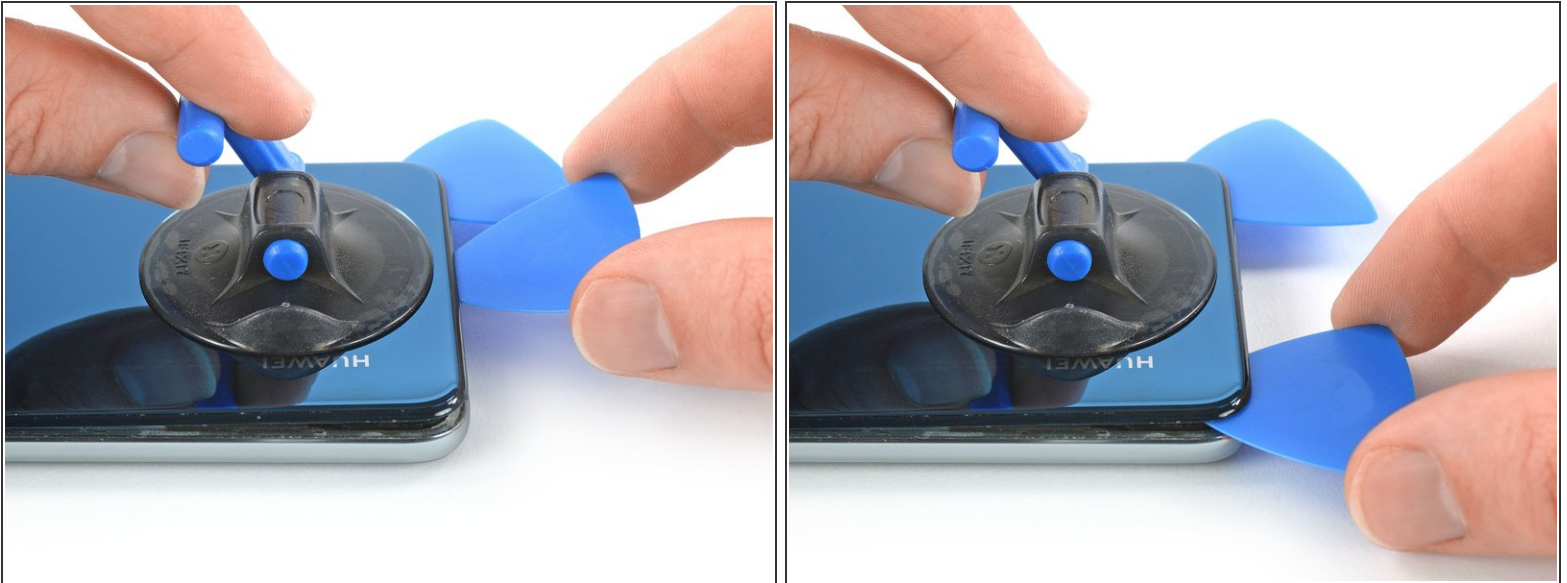
- Before you begin, switch off your phone.
- Apply a [heated iOpener](#) to the back of the phone to loosen the adhesive beneath the back cover. Apply the iOpener for at least two minutes.

## Step 2



- Secure a suction handle to the bottom of the back cover, as close to the edge as possible.
  - ❗ If the phone's rear glass is cracked, the suction handle may not stick. Try [lifting it with strong tape](#), or superglue the suction handle in place and allow it to cure so you can proceed.
- Lift the back cover with the suction handle to create a small gap between the cover and the frame.
- Insert an opening pick into the gap.
- If you have trouble, apply more heat to further soften the adhesive. Follow the iOpener instructions to avoid overheating.
- Slide the opening pick to the bottom right corner.

### Step 3




- Insert a second opening pick and slide it to the bottom left corner to cut the adhesive.
- Leave the opening picks in place to prevent the adhesive from resealing.



## Step 4



- Insert a third opening pick at the bottom left corner.

 In the next few steps whilst cutting around the power button and rear camera make sure you only use the tip of the opening pick to avoid cutting the cable, smearing the lens or damaging the camera.

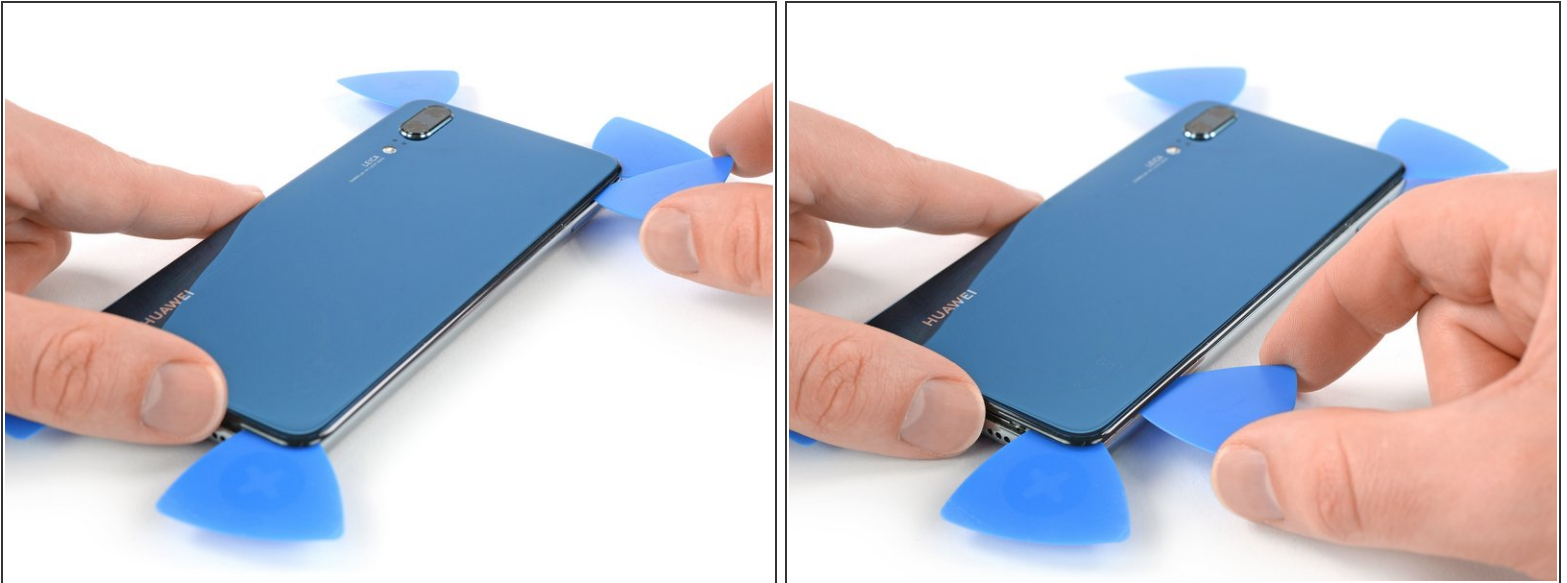
- Start to slide the tip of the opening pick from the bottom left corner along the side of the phone to cut the adhesive.
- Leave the opening pick in its place at the top left corner to prevent the adhesive from resealing.

## Step 5



- If the adhesive becomes hard to cut it most likely cooled down. [Use your iOpener](#) to reheat it.
- Insert a fourth opening pick under the top left corner of the back cover.
- Slide the opening pick along the top edge of the phone to cut the adhesive.
- Leave the opening pick in the top right corner to prevent the adhesive from resealing.

## Step 6



- Insert a fifth opening pick at the top right corner of the phone.
- Slide the opening pick along the right side to cut the remaining adhesive.

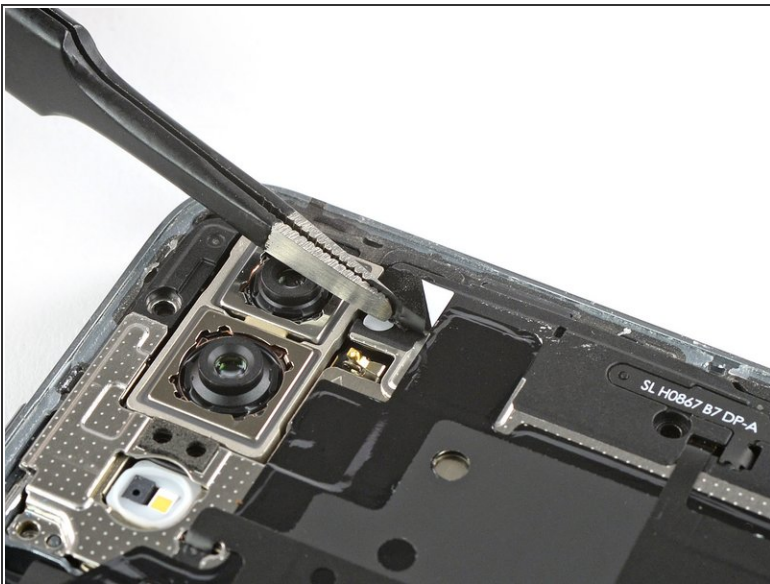


## Step 7



- Lift and remove the back cover.
- Before installing fresh adhesive and reassembling, remove any remaining adhesive from the phone, and clean the glued areas with isopropyl alcohol and a lint-free cloth.

## Step 8 — Motherboard Cover with NFC



- Use a pair of tweezers to peel the black tape next to the rear camera off the motherboard cover.

## Step 9



- Remove the eight Phillips #00 screws (3.1 mm length).

## Step 10



- Use a pair of tweezers to peel the black foil at the bottom end of the phone off the loudspeaker.

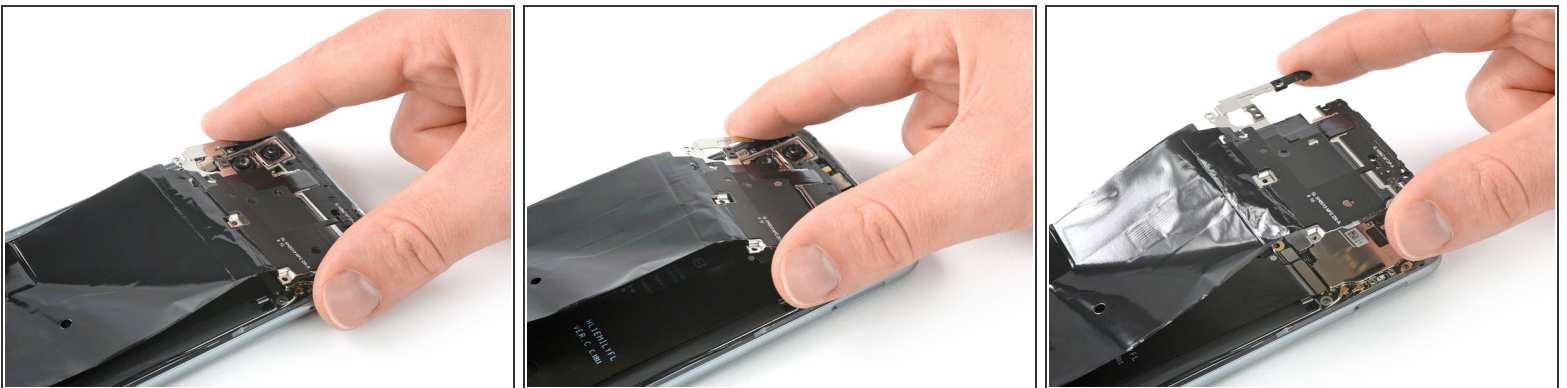


## Step 11



- Slide an opening pick under the right side of the motherboard cover.
- Rotate the opening pick slightly to pry up the motherboard cover.

## Step 12



- Remove the motherboard cover with NFC.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order. Apply new adhesive where necessary after cleaning the relevant areas with isopropyl alcohol (>90%).

Take your e-waste to an [R2 or e-Stewards certified recycler](#).

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