



PlayStation 3 Slim Hard Drive Replacement

Use this guide to replace your PlayStation 3...

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INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace your PlayStation 3 Slim's SATA hard drive with a much larger hard drive or a much faster SSD.

Note: Any 2.5-inch SATA drive with a height less than 9.5 mm will fit.



TOOLS:

- [Metal Spudger](#) (1)
- [Phillips #1 Screwdriver](#) (1)



PARTS:

- [500 GB 5400 RPM 2.5" Hard Drive](#) (1)
- [500 GB 7200 RPM 2.5" Hard Drive](#) (1)
- [750 GB 7200 RPM Seagate SATA Hard Drive \(New\)](#) (1)
- [320 GB 5400 RPM 2.5" Hard Drive](#) (1)
- [500 GB SSD Hybrid 2.5" Hard Drive](#) (1)
- [1 TB 5400 RPM 2.5" Hard Drive](#) (1)
- [Crucial MX500 250 GB SSD](#) (1)
- [500 GB SSD](#) (1)
- [Sony PlayStation 3 Slim Hard Drive Tray](#) (1)

Step 1 — Hard Drive



- Turn the PS3 over and lay it on its backside.
- Use the flat edge of a metal spudger to pop up the small access door on the bottom cover near the front of the PS3.
- Remove the blue Phillips screw hidden under the access door.

Step 2



- Slide the hard drive bay cover toward the right side of the lower case, then pull it away from the front edge to remove it from the PS3.

Step 3



- Using its attached metal handle, pull the hard drive out of its bay.
- ⓘ This is a SATA 2.5" Hard Drive. It can be swapped to another HDD or to a SSD, just make sure it meets these two specs.

Step 4 — Hard Drive



- Remove the four 4.3 mm Phillips screws securing the hard drive to its tray.

Step 5



- Remove the hard drive from its tray.

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