



# MacBook Air 13" Late 2010 I/O Board Cable Replacement

Replace the I/O board cable on your MacBook Air 13" Late 2010.

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# INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to remove your MacBook Air's I/O board cable.



## TOOLS:

- [P5 Pentalobe Screwdriver Retina MacBook Pro and Air](#) (1)
- [Spudger](#) (1)



## PARTS:

- [MacBook Air 13" \(Late 2010/Mid 2011\) I/O Board Cable](#) (1)

## Step 1 — Lower Case



- i Before proceeding, power off the device, close the lid and lay it on a soft surface top-side down.
- Remove the following ten screws:
  - Two 9 mm 5-point Pentalobe screws
  - Eight 2.6 mm 5-point Pentalobe screws
- i The special screwdriver needed to remove the eight 5-point Pentalobe screws can be found [here](#).

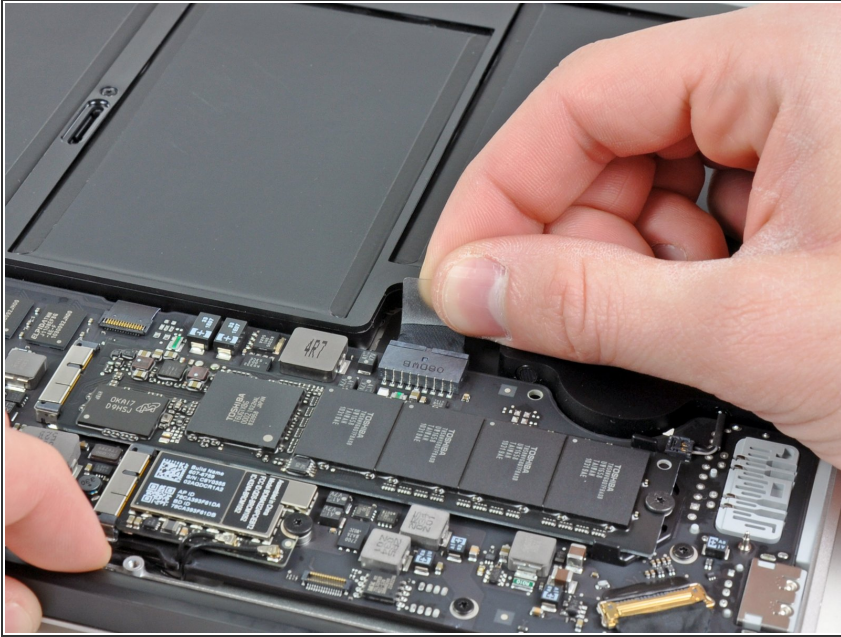
## Step 2



- Wedge your fingers between the display and the lower case and pull upward to pop the lower case off the Air.
- Remove the lower case and set it aside.



## Step 3 — Battery



**i** For precautionary purposes, we advise that you disconnect the battery connector from the logic board to avoid any electrical discharge. This step is **optional** and is not required.

- Grab the clear plastic pull tab attached to the battery connector and pull it toward the front edge of the Air to disconnect the battery from the logic board.

**!** Do not lift upward on the connector as you disconnect it.


## Step 4 — I/O Board Cable



- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry the I/O board cable connector upward out of its socket on the I/O board.

## Step 5



 The following connector has an especially deep socket. Use care when disconnecting it.

- Carefully peel the I/O board cable from the top of the fan.
- While gently pulling the I/O board cable upward near its connection to the logic board, use the tip of a spudger to pry upward on alternating sides of the connector to help "walk" it out of its socket.
- Remove the I/O board cable.

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