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Chapter 1:

Introduction

Disclaimer

ASUS is not responsible for direct, indirect, intentional or unintentional damages resulting from improper installation and operation.

Safety precautions

- Before handling components, use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safely grounded object to avoid damaging them due to static electricity.
- Keep liquids or moisture away from your device to avoid short circuits.
- Remove rings, watches, and any other metal objects from your hands.
- Hold components by the edges to avoid touching the ICs.
- Properly install all components before connecting the AC power.
- Do not use power adapters or batteries from other devices to reduce the risk of injury to persons due to fire or explosion. Use only certified power adapters or batteries supplied by the manufacturer or authorized retailers.
- Detach all clips or flaps before removing cables to prevent damage.

- Disconnect cables, connectors, and power plugs by pulling the plug evenly to avoid damage.
- Use the correct screw models on your device to prevent damage.
- Confirm that the cable orientation is correct before connecting any cables.
- Fully remove all adhesive residue after removing and before installing any components.
- Photograph the appearance of cables, cable routing, connectors, and screws for later reference before proceeding with each step.

Pre-repair checklist

- Read the entire manual before starting any service procedures and follow all instructions.
 - Back up the data on your device.
 - Place your device on a clean and stable surface.
 - Turn off your device.
 - Disconnect all connected peripherals and cables.
 - Disconnect all power cables and remove the battery pack (if applicable).
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IMPORTANT!

- If you are uncertain about performing the described service procedures, stop and contact an authorized service center for assistance.
 - Purchase replacement components from authorized retailers of this device to ensure maximum compatibility and reliability.
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NOTE:

- The illustrations are for reference only.
 - The service procedures described in this manual depend on the model configuration and may not reflect the entire servicing process. To service components that are not covered in this manual, please visit an authorized service center for further assistance.
 - Keep all adhesive tape, insulating materials, screws, and other removable items in a safe place until the service procedure is completed, as they may be needed during installation.
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Repair tools



Screwdriver



Plastic blade



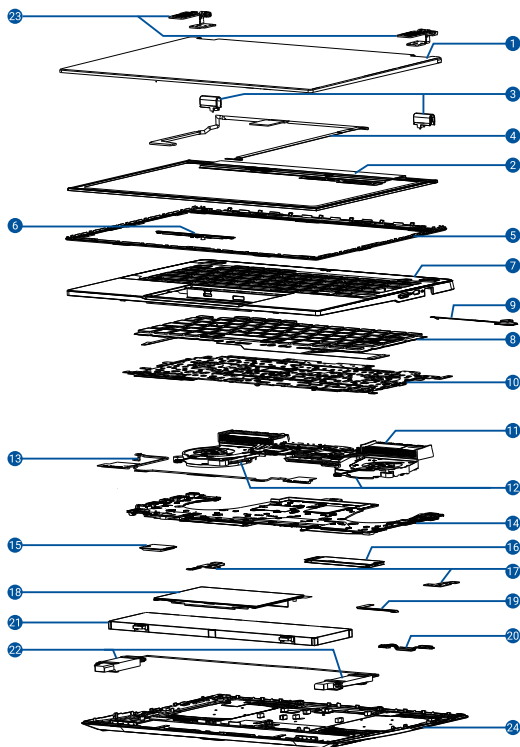
Tweezers

Diagnostic tools

Use ASUS System Diagnostics after completing any service procedures to ensure that all components are working properly.

For more information, visit www.asus.com/support/FAQ/1048490/.

Major components



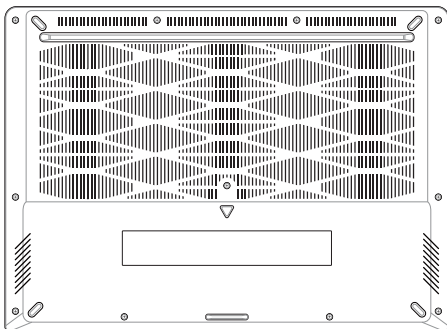
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| 1. Top cover | 13. Auxiliary antenna cable |
| 2. Display panel | 14. Motherboard |
| 3. Hinge caps | 15. WLAN module |
| 4. eDP cable | 16. M.2 SSD module |
| 5. Display bezel | 17. Hinge brackets |
| 6. Camera module | 18. Touchpad |
| 7. Keyboard frame | 19. Touchpad cable |
| 8. Keyboard module | 20. Battery cable |
| 9. Power button | 21. Battery |
| 10. Keyboard shielding | 22. Speakers |
| 11. Heat sink | 23. Hinges |
| 12. Fan modules | 24. Bottom cover |

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Chapter 2:

Service Procedures

Bottom cover



Before you begin

Read the **Safety Precautions** and complete the **Pre-repair Checklist**.

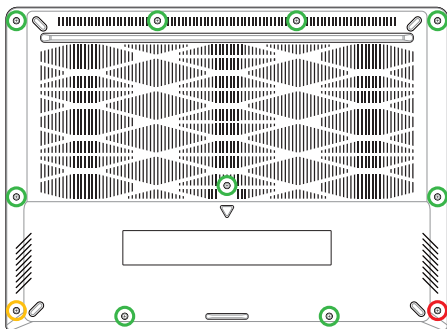
Screw list

- ⊕ M2.0 X 7.0L (9pcs)
- ⊕ M2.0 X 4.5L (1pc)
- ⊕ M2.0 X 5.5L (1pc Pop-open Screw)

Removal

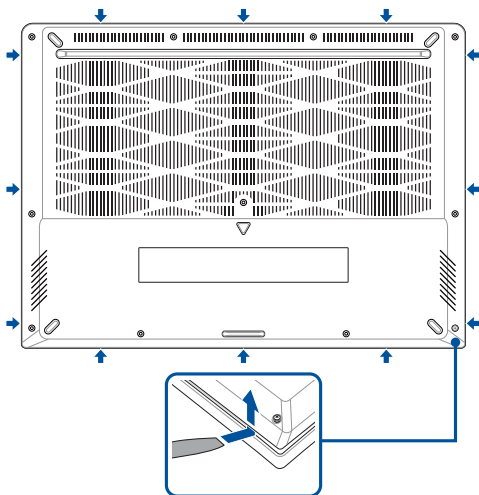
IMPORTANT! System power will be cut off automatically upon removal of the bottom cover. To restore power, reattach the bottom cover securely and connect the AC power adapter to your Notebook PC after the servicing is complete.

1. Remove the screw(s) from the bottom cover.
2. Loosen the Pop-open Screw without removing the screw from the cover.



3. Use the plastic blade to pry open the indicated area of the bottom cover as shown in the illustration below.
4. Remove the bottom cover.

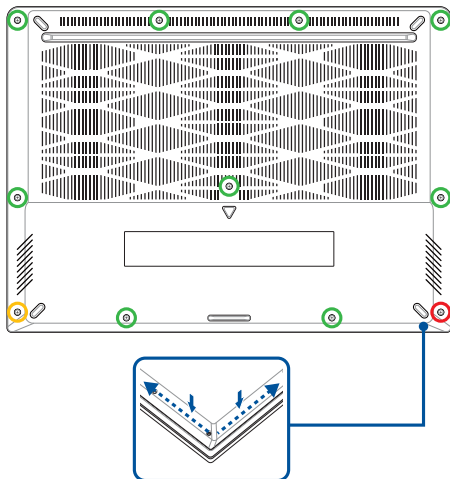
IMPORTANT! Avoid sliding the plastic blade along the side of your device or air vents to prevent damage.



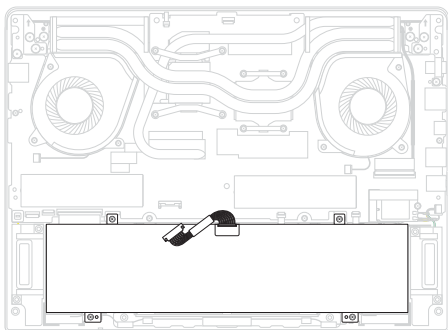
Installation

IMPORTANT! System power will be cut off automatically upon removal of the bottom cover. To restore power, reattach the bottom cover securely and connect the AC power adapter to your Notebook PC after the servicing is complete.

1. Install the bottom cover.
2. Gently press down on the bottom cover until it clicks into place.
3. Secure the bottom cover using the screw(s) you removed earlier.
4. Tighten the Pop-open Screw.



Battery



Before you begin

1. Read the **Safety Precautions** and **Pre-repair Checklist**.
2. Remove the bottom cover.

Screw list

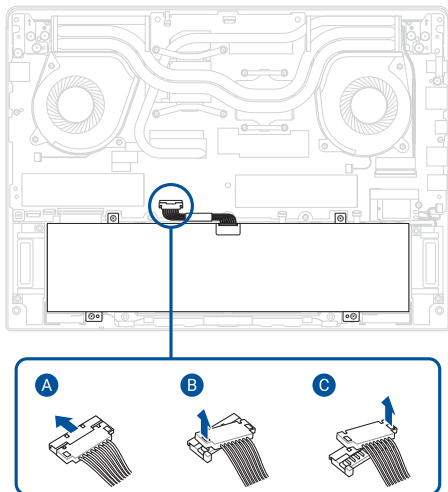
- ⊕ M2.0 X 4.0L (4pcs)

Removal

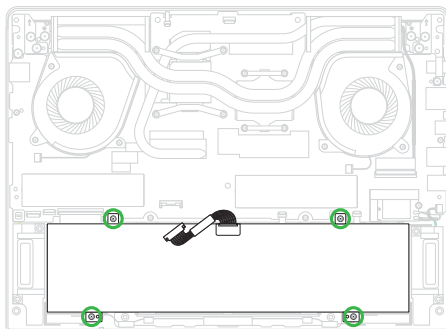
1. Disconnect the battery power cable.

IMPORTANT!

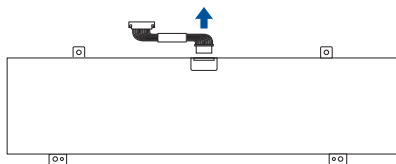
- Disconnect the battery power cable by lifting the side with the red wires first.
 - Serious risk of fire or explosion may occur if the battery is punctured. If you are uncertain about proceeding, stop and contact an authorized service center for assistance.
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2. Remove the screw(s) from the battery.
3. Remove the battery.

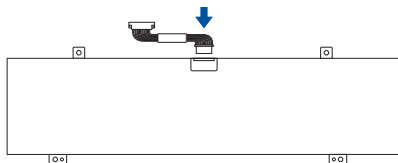


4. Remove the battery power cable.

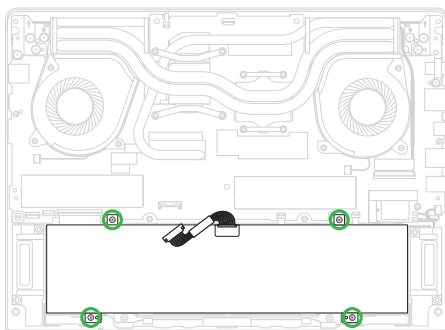


Installation

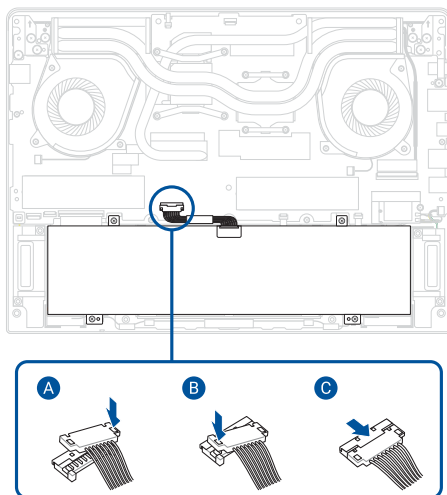
1. Connect the battery power cable to the battery.



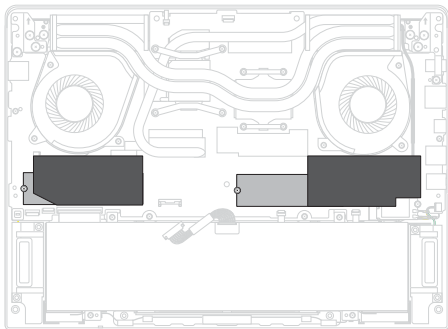
2. Install the battery.
3. Secure the battery using the screw(s) you removed earlier.



4. Reconnect the battery power cable.
5. Install the components you removed in the *Before you begin* section.



M.2 SSD module



Before you begin

IMPORTANT! Thermal paste, thermal pads, liquid metal, or other thermal interface materials must be thoroughly removed and replaced if this component is removed. Ensure that replacement materials are available before proceeding, or contact an authorized service center for assistance.

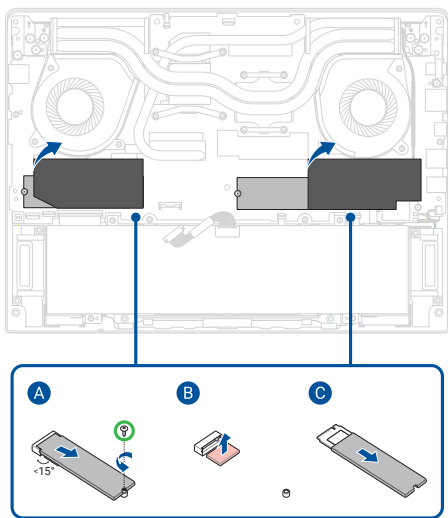
1. Read the **Safety Precautions** and **Pre-repair Checklist**.
2. Remove the bottom cover and disconnect the battery power cable.

Screw list

- ⊕ M2.0 X 3.5L (2pcs)

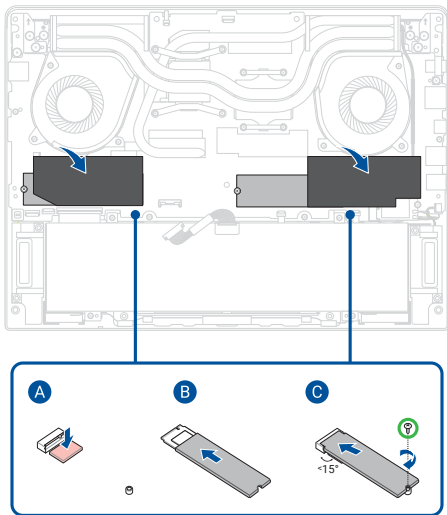
Removal

1. Remove the polyester film.
2. Remove the screw(s), then remove the M.2 SSD module(s) from the mother board.
3. Remove the thermal pad, then remove the aluminum foil sleeve(s).

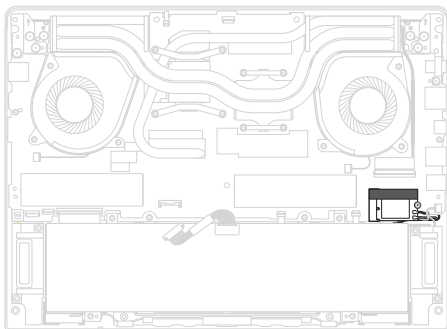


Installation

1. Attach the thermal pad to the motherboard.
2. Insert the M.2 SSD module(s) into the aluminum foil sleeve(s) as shown in the illustration below.
3. Align and insert the M.2 SSD module(s) into the M.2 connector(s), then secure the M.2 SSD module(s) to the motherboard using the screw(s) you removed earlier.
4. Reattach the polyester film.
5. Install the components you removed in the *Before you begin* section.



WLAN module



Before you begin

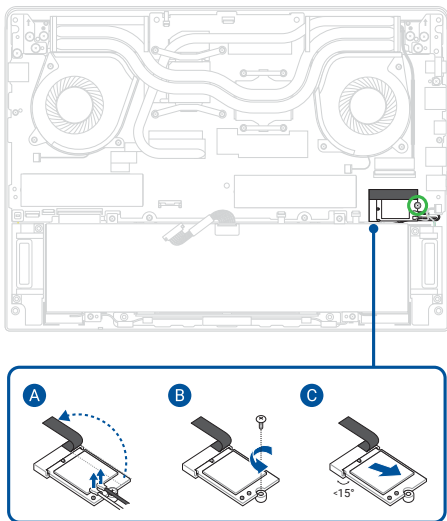
1. Read the **Safety Precautions** and **Pre-repair Checklist**.
2. Remove the bottom cover and disconnect the battery power cable.

Screw list

- ⊕ M2.0 X 3.5L (1pc)

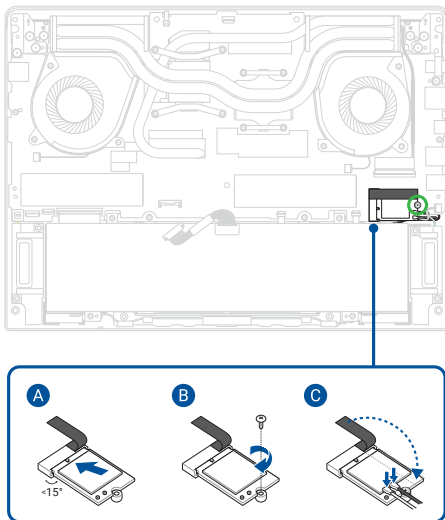
Removal

1. Lift the polyester film.
2. Disconnect the antenna cable(s), then remove the screw and remove the WLAN module.

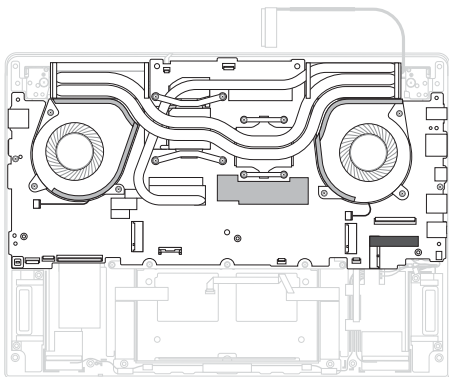


Installation

1. Install the WLAN module, then secure the WLAN module using the screw you removed earlier and reconnect the antenna cable(s).
2. Put the polyester film back.
3. Install the components you removed in the *Before you begin* section.



Fan module, Heat sink and motherboard



Before you begin

IMPORTANT! Thermal paste, thermal pads, liquid metal, or other thermal interface materials must be thoroughly removed and replaced if this component is removed. Ensure that replacement materials are available before proceeding, or contact an authorized service center for assistance.

1. Read the **Safety Precautions** and **Pre-repair Checklist**.
2. Remove the bottom cover and disconnect the battery power cable.
3. Remove the following components:

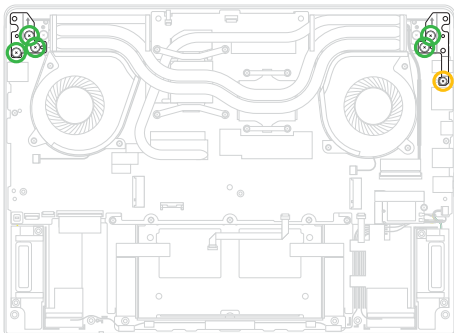
- Battery
- M.2 SSD module
- WLAN module

Screw list

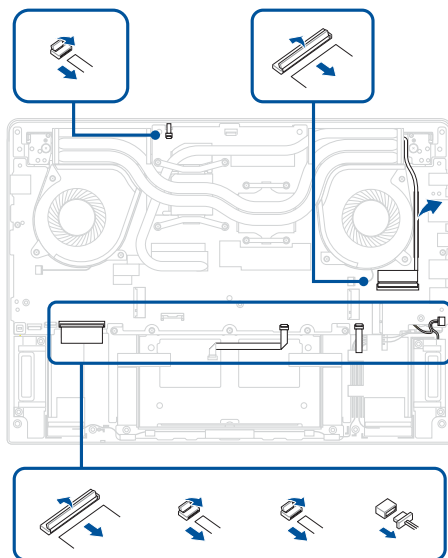
- ⊕ M2.0 X 4.5L (5pcs)
- ⊕ M2.0 X 4.0L (7pcs)
- ⊕ M2.0 X 3.5L (2pcs)
- ⊕ M2.0 X 3.0L (8pcs)

Removal

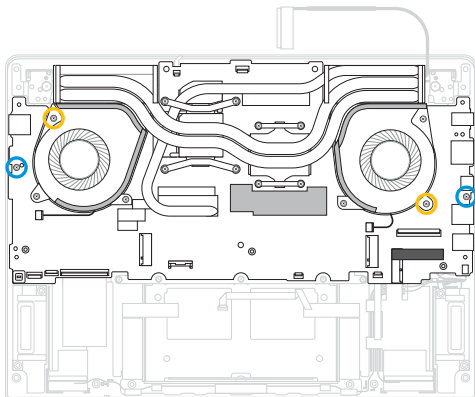
1. Remove the screw(s), then remove the bracket(s).



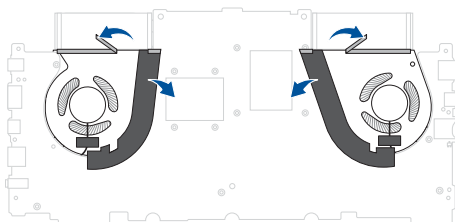
2. Disconnect the cable(s) as shown in the illustration.



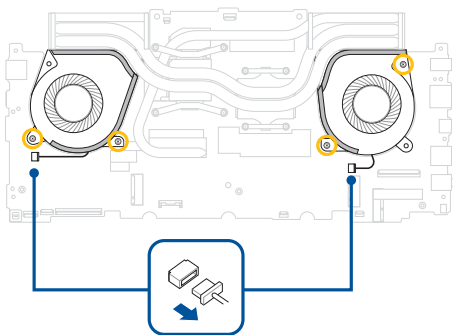
3. Remove the screw(s) from the motherboard.
4. Slightly lift the left side of the motherboard, then remove the motherboard with the fan module(s) and the heat sink.



5. Turn over the motherboard, then partially peel off the sponge strip(s) near the tape.
6. Remove the tape with a sponge piece attached to one end.

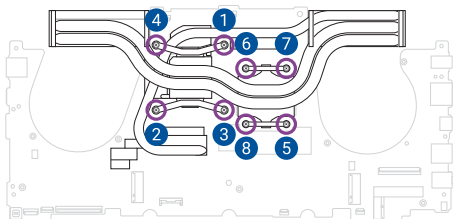


7. Turn over the motherboard again, then remove the screw(s) from the fan module(s).
8. Disconnect the fan connector(s) and remove the fan module(s).



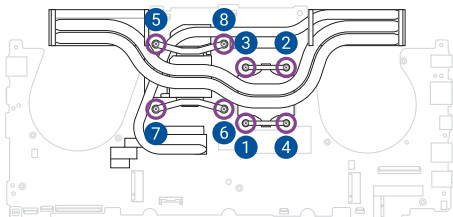
9. Remove the heat sink screw(s) one by one in the sequence shown in the illustration below, then remove the heat sink.

IMPORTANT! Vertically lift the heat sink using the middle part of the heat sink to prevent damage.

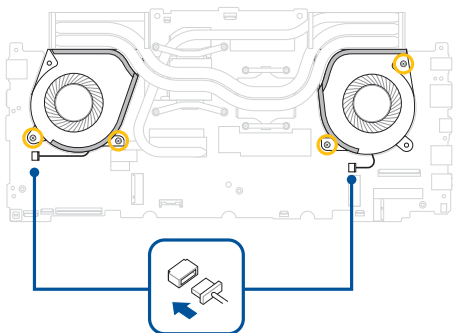


Installation

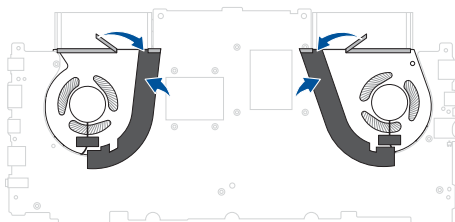
1. Align and install the heat sink, then secure the heat sink screw(s) one by one in the sequence shown in the illustration below.



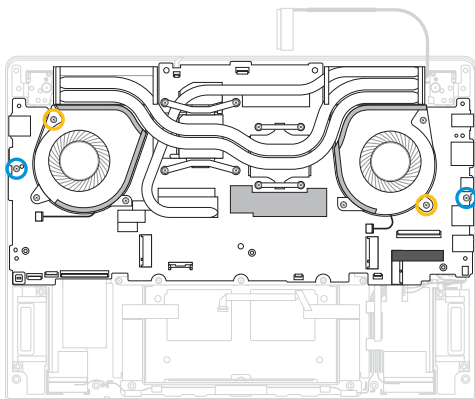
2. Align and install the fan module(s) to the motherboard.
3. Secure the fan module(s) using the screw(s) you removed earlier, then reconnect the fan cable(s).



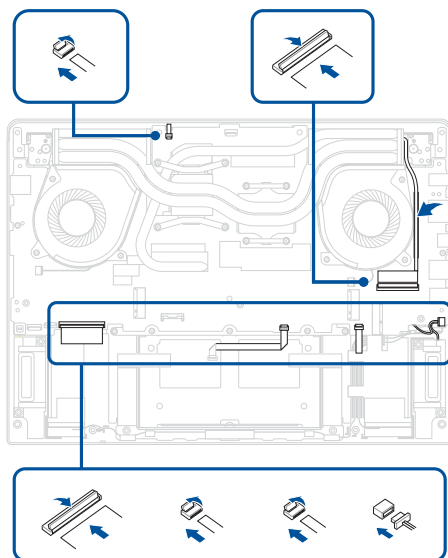
4. Turn over the motherboard, then align and reattach the tape to secure the fan module(s) to the motherboard.
5. Reattach the end of the sponge strip(s) you peeled off earlier.



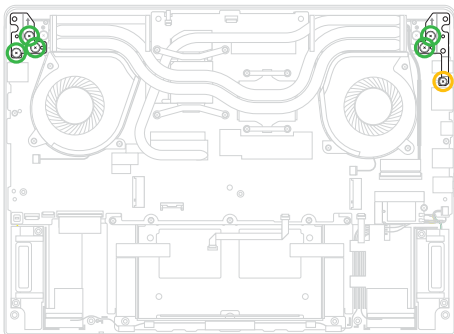
6. Turn over the motherboard again.
7. Align and install the motherboard with the heat sink and the fan module(s) attached.
8. Secure the motherboard using the screw(s) you removed earlier.



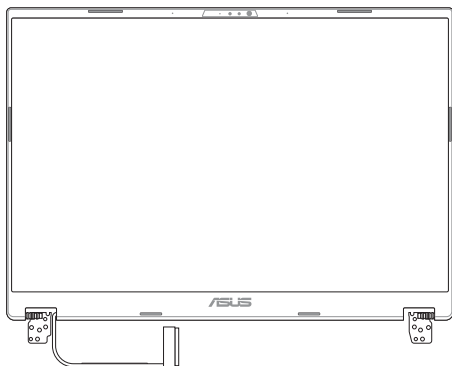
9. Locate and reconnect the cable(s) as shown in the illustration.



10. Secure the bracket(s) using the screw(s) you removed earlier.
11. Install the components you removed in the *Before you begin* section.



Display panel module



Before you begin

IMPORTANT! Do not bend the display panel in any way to avoid risk of display panel leakage.

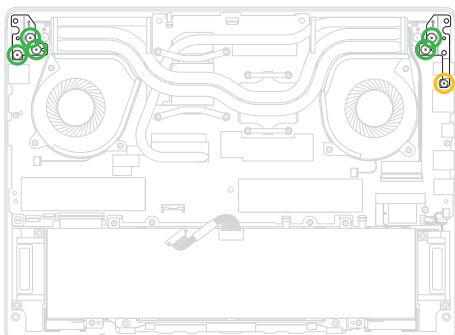
1. Read the **Safety Precautions** and **Pre-repair Checklist**.
2. Remove the bottom cover and disconnect the battery power cable.

Screw list

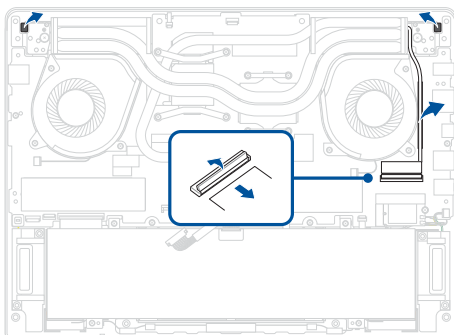
- ⊕ M2.0 X 4.5L (7pcs)
- ⊕ M2.0 X 4.0L (1pc)
- ⊕ M1.6 X 3.0L (2pcs)

Removal

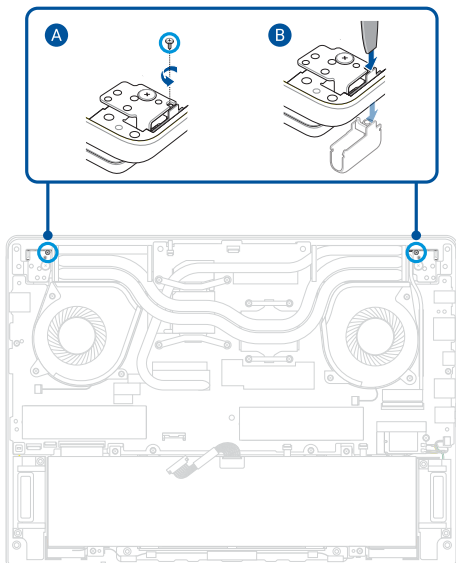
1. Remove the screw(s), then remove the bracket(s).



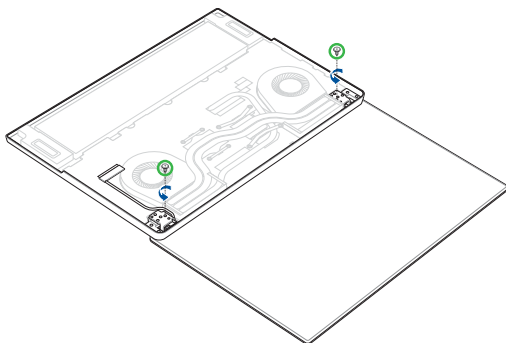
2. Disconnect the cable.
3. Remove the rubber piece(s).



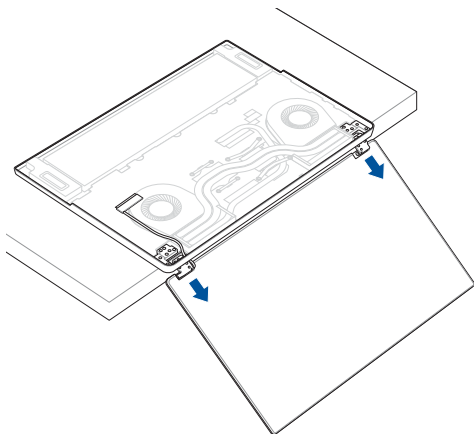
4. Remove the screw(s), then use the plastic blade to carefully push the hinge caps out as shown in the illustration below.



5. Open the lid of your device with the display panel laying flat and facing downward on a stable and flat surface.
6. Remove the screw(s).

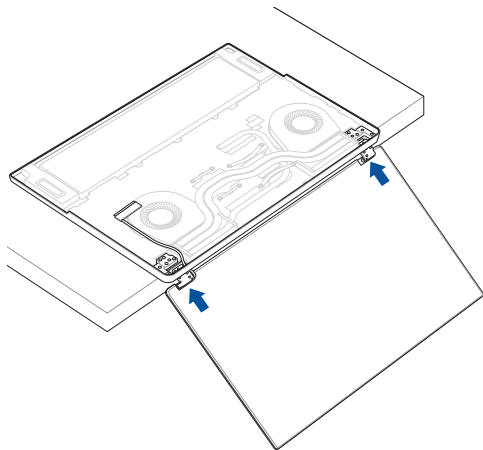


7. Place your device with the display panel hanging over the edge of the workspace as shown in the illustration below.
8. In the orientation shown, remove the display panel module.

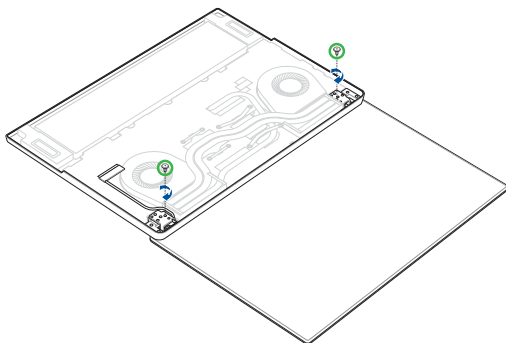


Installation

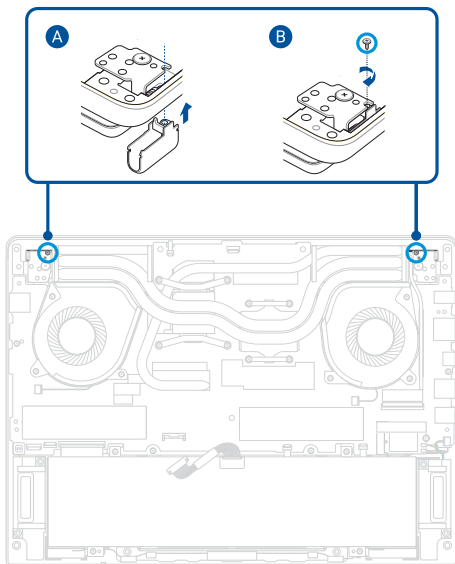
1. In the orientation shown, align and insert the hinges of the display panel module.



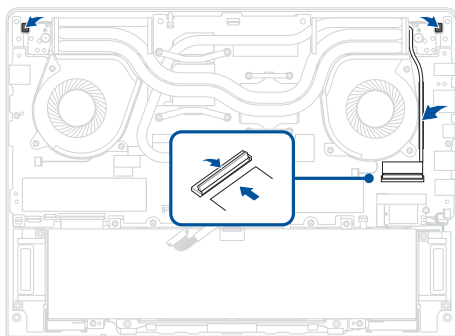
2. Open the lid of your device with the display panel laying flat and facing downward on a stable and flat surface.
3. Secure the hinges using the screw(s) you removed earlier.



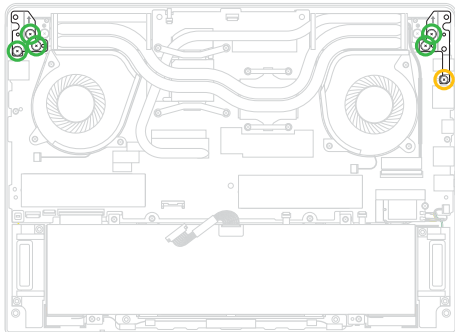
4. In the orientation shown, align and insert the hinge caps of the display panel module.
5. Secure the hinge caps using the screw(s) you removed earlier.



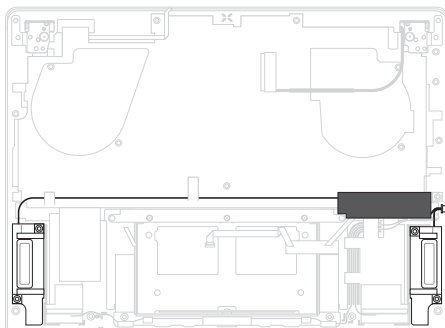
6. Install the rubber piece(s).
7. Reconnect the cable.



8. Secure the bracket(s) using the screw(s) you removed earlier.
9. Install the components you removed in the *Before you begin* section.



Speakers

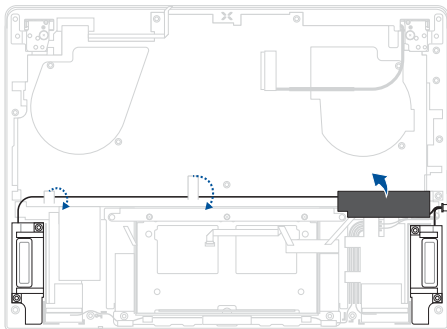


Before you begin

1. Read the **Safety Precautions** and **Pre-repair Checklist**.
2. Remove the bottom cover and disconnect the battery power cable.
3. Remove the following components:
 - Battery
 - M.2 SSD module
 - WLAN module
 - Fan module, Heat sink and motherboard

Removal

1. Remove the tape.
2. Remove the speaker cable from the cable guides, then remove the speakers.

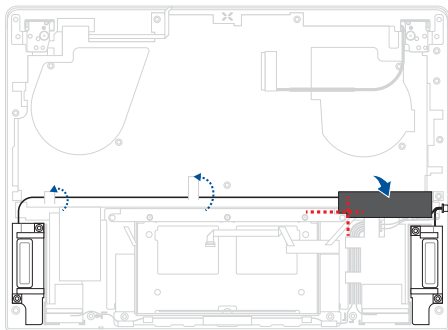


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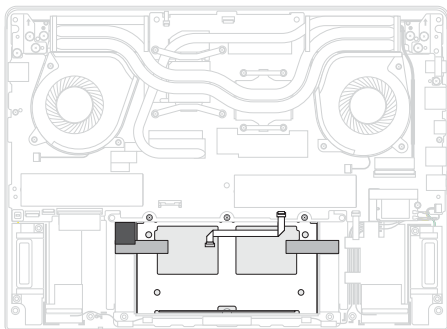
1. Install the speakers.
2. Route the speaker cable through the cable guides.

IMPORTANT! Damage may occur if cables are not properly routed through the cable guides. Confirm that all cables are routed through each of the indicated cable guides before proceeding.

3. Align and reattach the tape.
4. Install the components you removed in the *Before you begin* section.



Touchpad



Before you begin

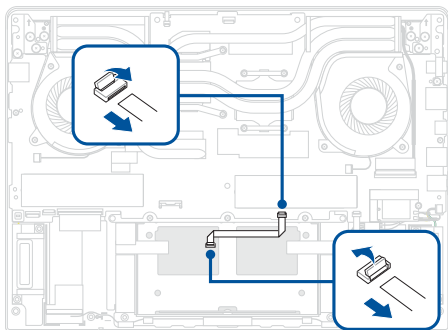
1. Read the **Safety Precautions** and **Pre-repair Checklist**.
2. Remove the bottom cover and disconnect the battery power cable.
3. Remove the following components:
 - Battery

Screw list

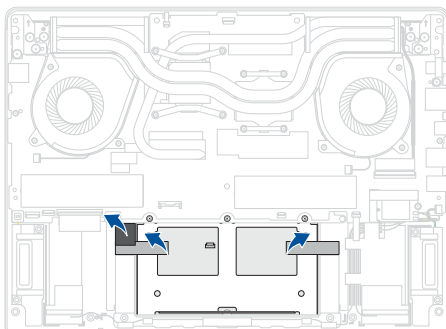
- ⊕ M2.0 X 3.5L (3pcs)

Removal

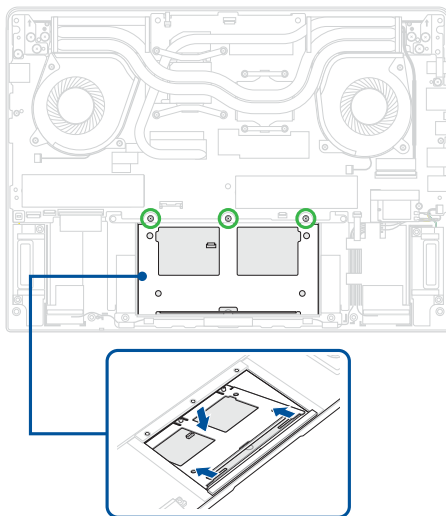
1. Disconnect and remove the touchpad cable from the touchpad.



2. Remove the rubber piece, then remove the tape.

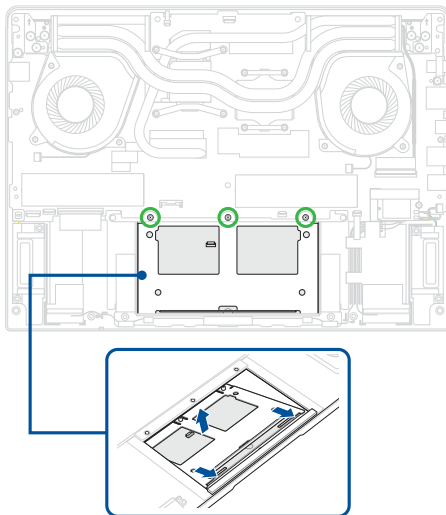


3. Remove the screw(s), then remove the touchpad module as shown in the illustration below.

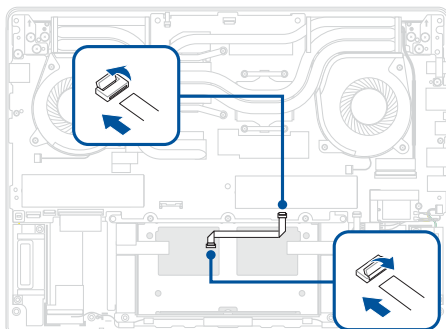


Installation

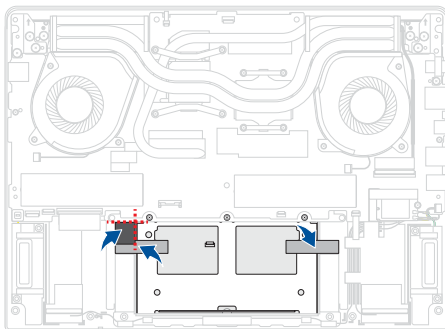
1. Align and install the touchpad as shown in the illustration below.
2. Secure the touchpad using the screw(s) you removed earlier.



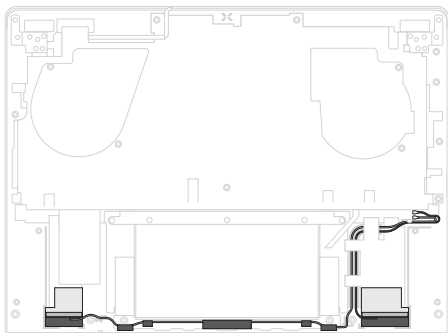
3. Reconnect the touchpad cable.



4. Align and reinstall the rubber piece, the reattach the tape.
5. Install the components you removed in the *Before you begin* section.



Antenna cable



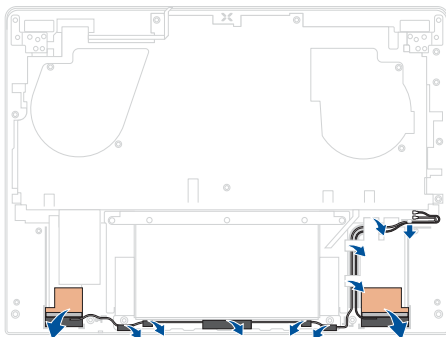
Before you begin

1. Read the **Safety Precautions** and **Pre-repair Checklist**.
2. Remove the bottom cover and disconnect the battery power cable.
3. Remove the following components:
 - Battery
 - M.2 SSD module
 - WLAN module
 - Fan module, Heat sink and motherboard
 - Display panel module
 - Speakers
 - Touchpad

Removal

Remove the antenna cable(s) from the cable guide(s).

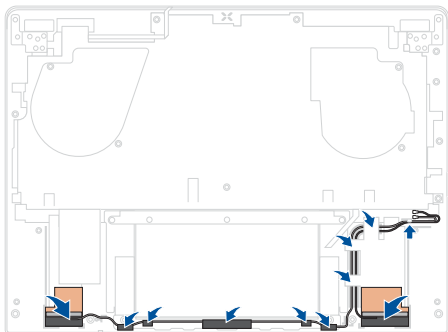
IMPORTANT! The antenna cable(s) cannot be reused once removed.



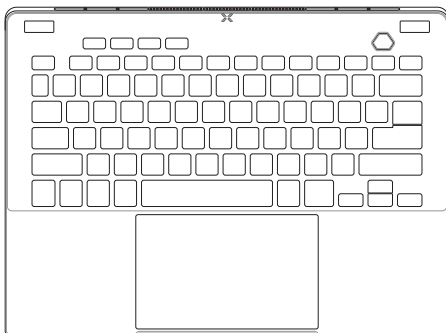
Installation

1. Install the antenna cable(s).
2. Route the cable(s) through the cable guide(s).

IMPORTANT! Damage may occur if cables are not properly routed through the cable guides. Confirm that all cables are routed through each of the indicated cable guides before proceeding.



Keyboard module



Before you begin

1. Read the **Safety Precautions** and **Pre-repair Checklist**.
2. Remove the bottom cover and disconnect the battery power cable.
3. Remove the following components:
 - Battery
 - M.2 SSD module
 - WLAN module
 - Fan module, Heat sink and motherboard
 - Display panel module
 - Speakers
 - Touchpad
 - Antenna cable

Display bezel



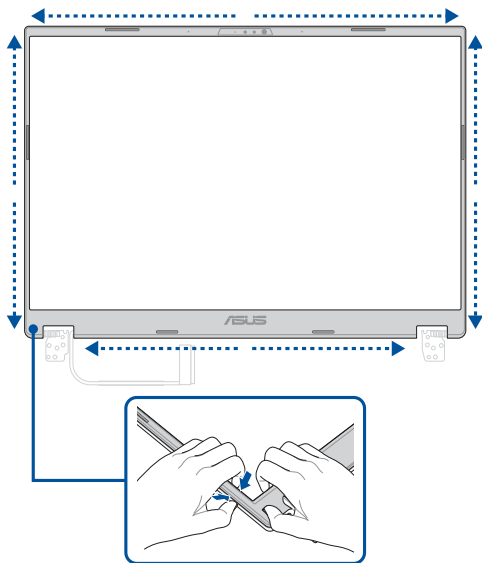
Before you begin

IMPORTANT! This component is fragile. Damage may occur if the service procedure is performed incorrectly. If you are uncertain about proceeding, stop and contact an authorized service center for assistance.

1. Read the **Safety Precautions** and **Pre-repair Checklist**.
2. Remove the bottom cover and disconnect the battery power cable.
3. Remove the following components:
 - Display panel module

Removal

Carefully pry the bezel loose from the bottom left corner, then remove the bezel completely.



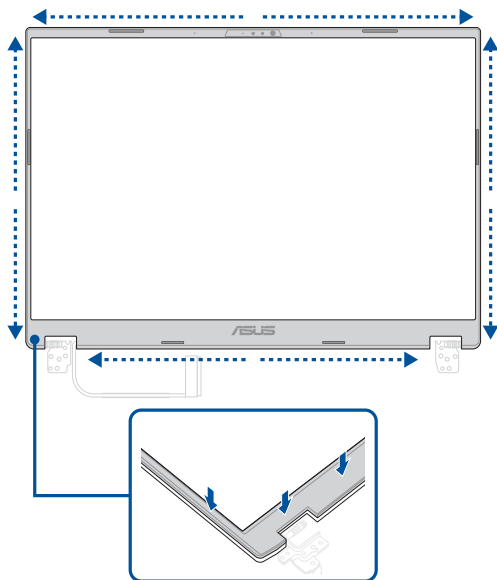
Installation

1. Remove the release liner(s) from the tape on the bezel.

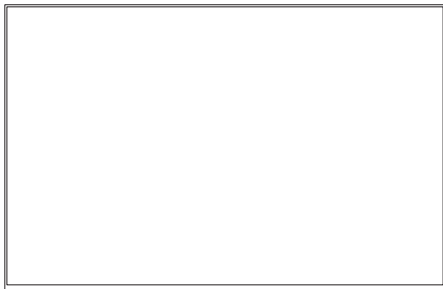
NOTE: The tape cannot be reused. Remove any adhesive residue and use new tape when reinstalling components.



2. Align and install the bezel.
3. Install the components you removed in the *Before you begin* section.



Display panel



Before you begin

IMPORTANT!

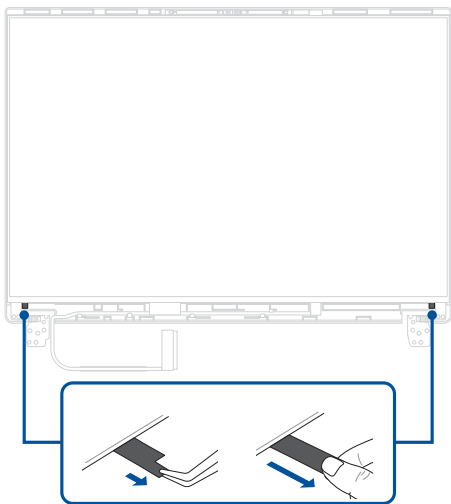
- This component is fragile. Damage may occur if the service procedure is performed incorrectly. If you are uncertain about proceeding, stop and contact an authorized service center for assistance.
 - Do not bend the display panel in any way to avoid risk of display panel leakage.
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1. Read the **Safety Precautions** and **Pre-repair Checklist**.
2. Remove the bottom cover and disconnect the battery power cable.
3. Remove the following components:
 - Display panel module
 - Display bezel

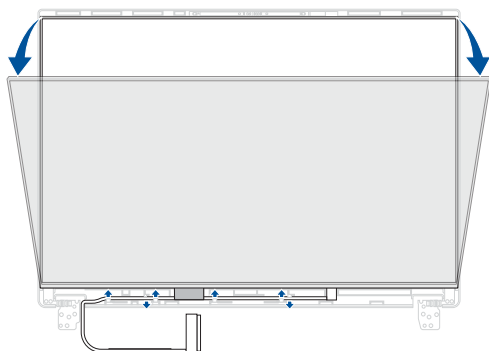
Removal

1. Locate the tip of the stretch release tape, then carefully pull out the stretch release tape as shown in the illustration below.

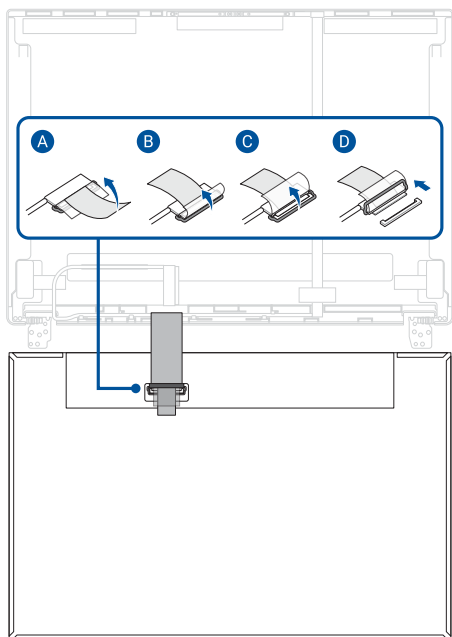
IMPORTANT! Maintain a flat angle and constant speed when pulling the stretch release tape. Excessive force may damage the stretch release tape and prevent removal of the display panel.



2. Lift the display panel as shown in the illustration below.
3. Release the cable from the cable guide.

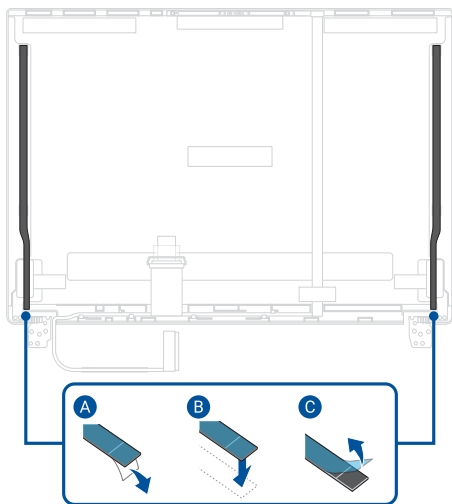


4. Disconnect the cable from the rear side of the display panel.

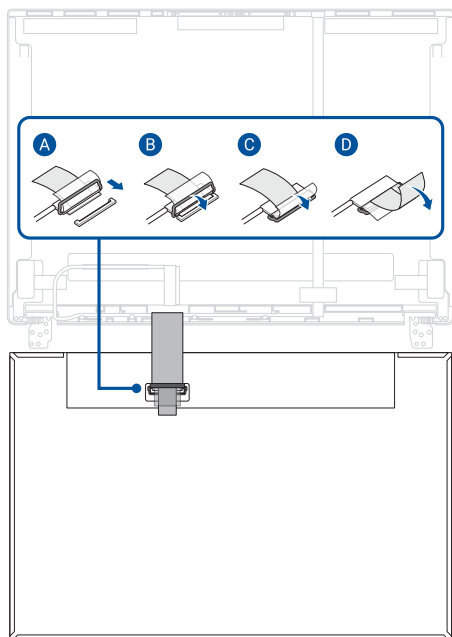


Installation

1. Remove the release liner(s) from the bottom side of the stretch release tape.
2. Align and attach the stretch release tape to the top cover.
3. Remove the release liner(s) from the top side of the stretch release tape.



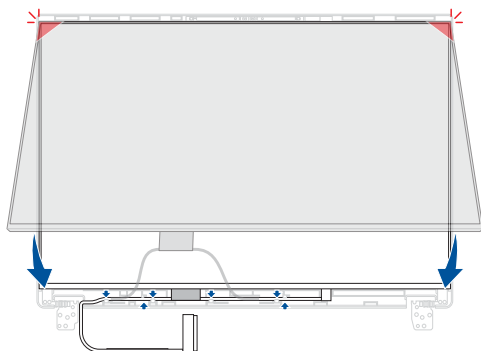
4. Reconnect the cable to the rear side of the display panel.



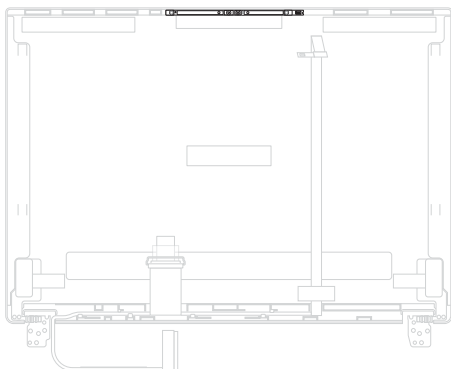
5. Align and install the display panel.
6. Route the cable through the cable guide.

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7. Install the components you removed in the *Before you begin* section.



Camera module



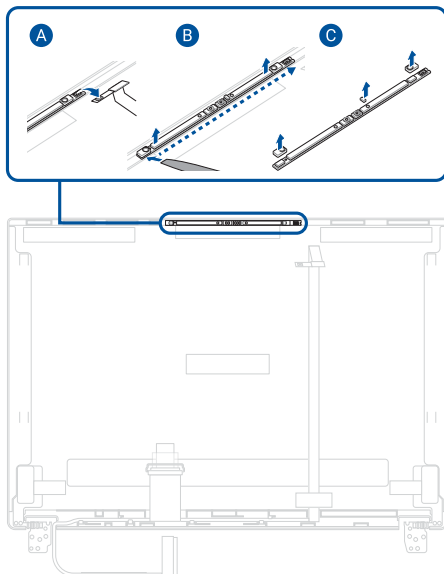
Before you begin

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1. Read the **Safety Precautions** and **Pre-repair Checklist**.
2. Remove the bottom cover and disconnect the battery power cable.
3. Remove the following components:
 - Display panel module
 - Display bezel
 - Display panel

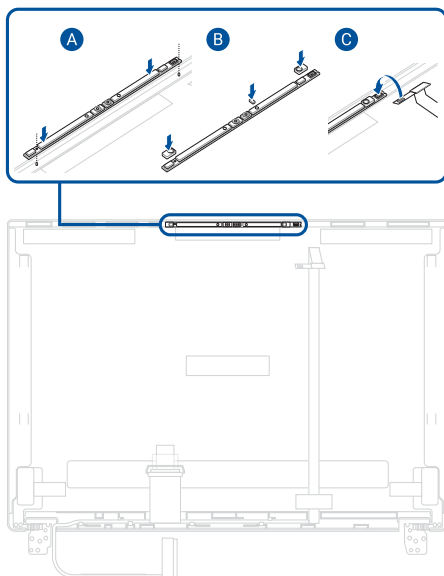
Removal

1. Disconnect the cable from the camera module.
2. Carefully remove the camera module, then remove the rubber pieces from the camera module.



Installation

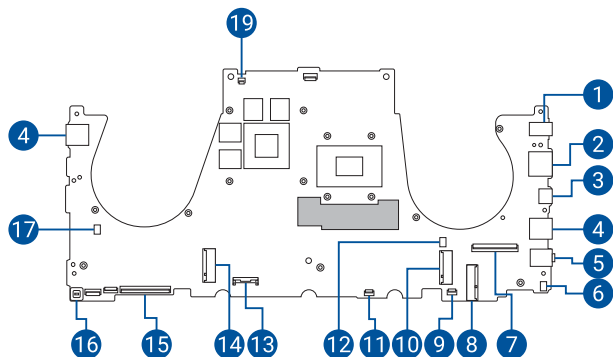
1. Align and install the camera module, then attach the rubber pieces to the camera module.
2. Reconnect the cable to the camera module.
3. Install the components you removed in the *Before you begin* section.



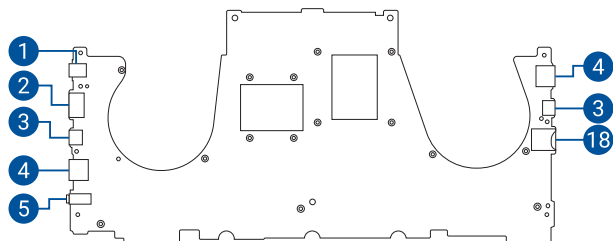
Appendices

Wiring and connection diagrams

Top View



Bottom View



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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Power supply connector | 11. Touchpad connector |
| 2. HDMI connector | 12. CPU fan connector |
| 3. USB Type-C® connector | 13. Battery connector |
| 4. USB Type-A connector | 14. SSD connector (SSD1) |
| 5. Audio connector | 15. Keyboard connector |
| 6. Speaker connector | 16. Ambient light sensor |
| 7. eDP connector | 17. GPU fan connector |
| 8. WLAN connector | 18. Card reader connector |
| 9. Keyboard backlight connector | 19. Power button connector |
| 10. SSD connector (SSD2) | |

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