

Veriton VN6720GT/VN4720GT Mini PC Lifecycle Extension Guide

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Self-Repair

This chapter highlights the limited self-repair capabilities of the product.

Prior to performing self-repair, familiarize yourself with the Safety Guidelines and Recommended Equipment sections first as described in the chapter "[Disassembly Procedures](#)".

Depending on model, the following key components are eligible for self-repair (if applicable):

- PSU module
- HDD / SSD module
- DIMM module(s)
- WLAN module
- ODD module

If a particular key component is listed and thus would be eligible for self-repair, but is not described in the "[Disassembly Procedures](#)" section, then this component is either not present on the respective model, or it is present but embedded on the motherboard and therefore not eligible for self-repair.



NOTE:

Do not attempt to replace other components than those listed above.



NOTE:

For replacement parts, always use only Acer certified components in order to safeguard quality, optimum system performance, stability and reliability of the product.



NOTE:

Any damage to the product that occur during self-repair, or which has occurred as a result of a careless or unsuccessful self-repair attempt, is not covered by the standard product warranty.

● **Disassembly Procedures**

Please refer to the "[Disassembly Procedures](#)" chapter for step by step disassembly instructions.

● **System BIOS & Driver Updates**

Visit <http://www.acer.com/support> to discover the available system BIOS and Drivers for this product. After selecting the desired country/language, either enter the model name or product serial number, or select the product from the list of suggested models in order to get access to product-specific software and documentation.

Updating the System BIOS:

- Download the desired system BIOS version from the website.
- Unzip the downloaded file to your computer.
- Double-click the extracted file in order to initiate the update process.
- The update process itself is fully automated and its progress is visualized by means of a progress indicator.
- A visual notification is shown when the update is complete.



NOTE:

Upgrading the system BIOS incorrectly, or intermittence of the system BIOS update process could harm the product.







NOTE:

System BIOS upgrades or downgrades, if not performed by an Acer Service Center or authorized Service Partner, are at own risk.

Updating the Drivers:

Run Windows Update in order to get the latest drivers from Acer:

- Select the **Start**  button.
- Go to **Settings**  > **Update & Security**  > **Windows Update** .
- Available Drivers will be automatically listed on the screen.
- Press **Download** to start the download of the respective driver.
- Installation of the driver will start automatically once the download is completed.

● **Software Recovery**

This product has embedded software recovery tools which can be used to either perform a partial or full software recovery, but also to create a Factory Default recovery media.

For more information about software recovery options, how to perform a software recovery or creating a Factory Default recovery media, please refer to chapter “Recovery” which is available in the User Manual of the product.



NOTE:

In the event of not being able to create a Factory Default recovery media, it is possible to obtain a copy of the recovery media through Acer Customer Service (<http://www.acer.com/support>). This is not a free of charge service.

Disassembly Procedures

● Safety Guidelines

This chapter contains step by step procedures on how to remove and de-install components from the computer. Use the following safety guidelines to ensure your personal safety. Each procedure included in this chapter assumes that you are preparing your computer for recycling and disposal. **By performing any of these procedures you acknowledge that any remaining warranty applicable to your computer will be voided. Before you start any of the procedures in this chapter, make sure to read the following safety guidelines and the respective instructions within the chapter.**

CAUTION!

- Turn off your computer and disconnect all power sources before opening the computer cover or panels.
- To avoid electrostatic discharge, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by periodically touching an unpainted metal surface at the same time as touching a connector on the back of the computer.
- Take off any metal objects on your arms or fingers such as bracelets, rings or watches and make sure your hands are completely dry. Even if your unit is unplugged, there may still be some remaining electric charge.
- If a component does not come out easily, do not forcefully remove it. Instead, check that you are removing it correctly and that no wires or other parts are in the way.
- When you disconnect a cable, pull on its connector or on its pull-tab, not on the cable itself. Some cables have connectors with locking tabs; if you are disconnecting this type of cable, press in on the locking tabs before you disconnect the cable.

● Recommended Equipment

The following equipment are recommended to do the following maintenance procedures:

- Wrist grounding strap and conductive mat
- Flat screwdriver
- Philips screwdriver
- Polydrive screwdriver
- Plastic tweezers
- Flat plastic pry

● **WEEE Annex VII Component**

These components are classified as requiring selective treatment.

● **Pre-disassembly Instructions**

Do the following prior to starting any maintenance procedures:

1. Place the system on a stable work surface.
2. Remove AC power cord from the system and peripherals
3. Remove all cables from the system.

⇒ NOTE:

Make sure the system is completely powered off.

Expansion Box 2 Cover Removal

1. Remove the Expansion Box 2 Cover

- 1.1. Remove the screw securing the expansion box 2 cover to the expansion box.



- 1.2. Detach the expansion box 2 cover from the expansion box.



VGA Card Removal

2. Remove the VGA Card

2.1. Remove the VGA card from its slot.



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Chassis Cover Removal

3. Remove the Chassis Cover

3.1. Remove the screw securing the chassis cover to the chassis.



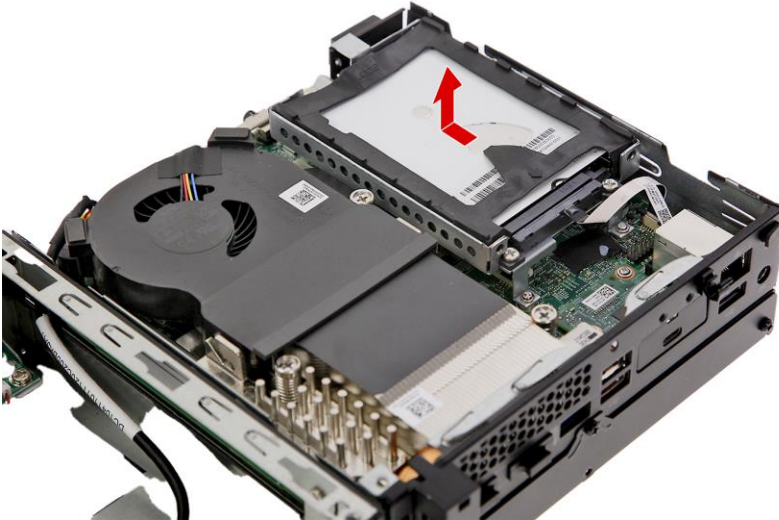
3.2. Detach the chassis cover from the chassis.



HDD1 Removal

4. Remove the HDD1

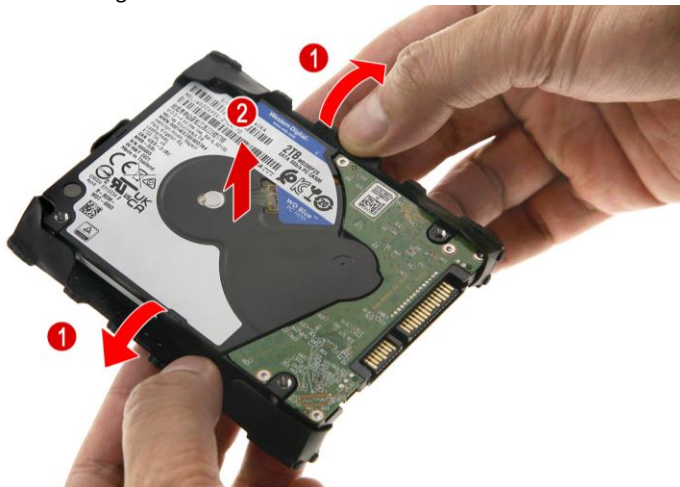
4.1. Slide the HDD1 module out of the chassis.



4.2. Detach the HDD from the bracket.



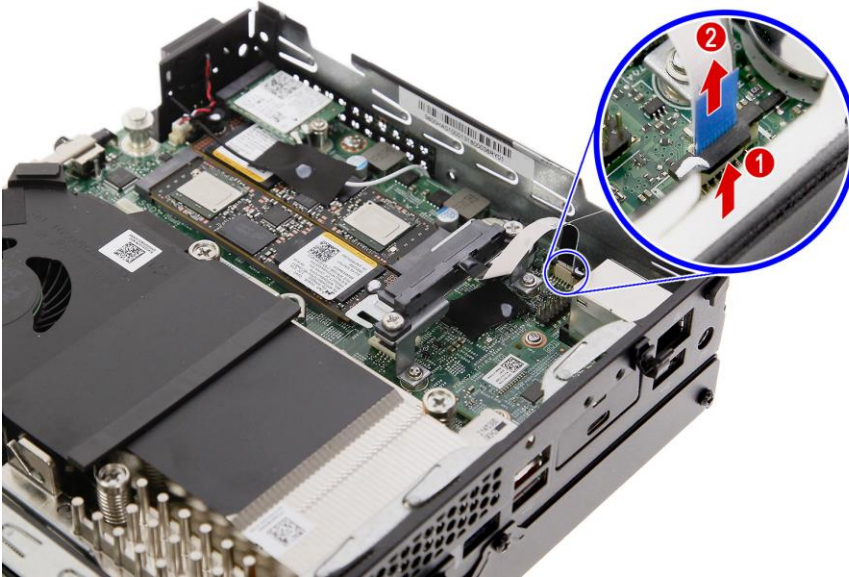
4.3. Detach the rubber gaskets from the HDD.



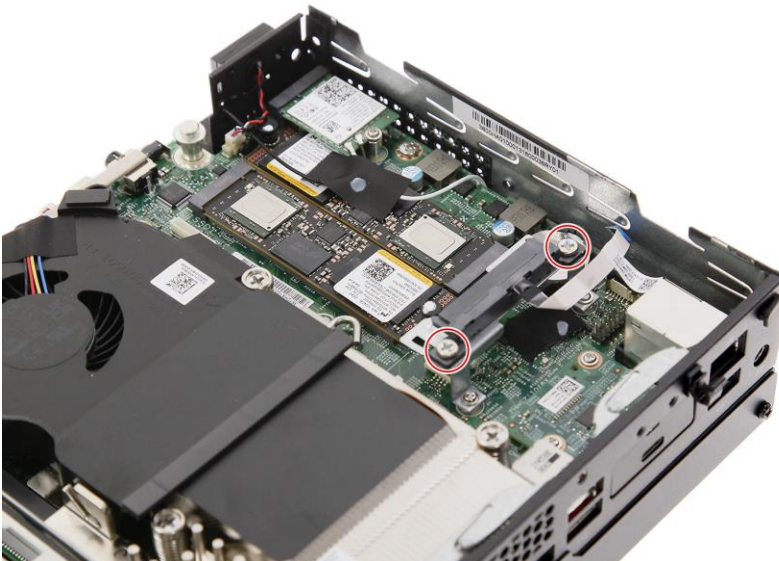
HDD1 Cable Removal

5. Remove the HDD1 cable

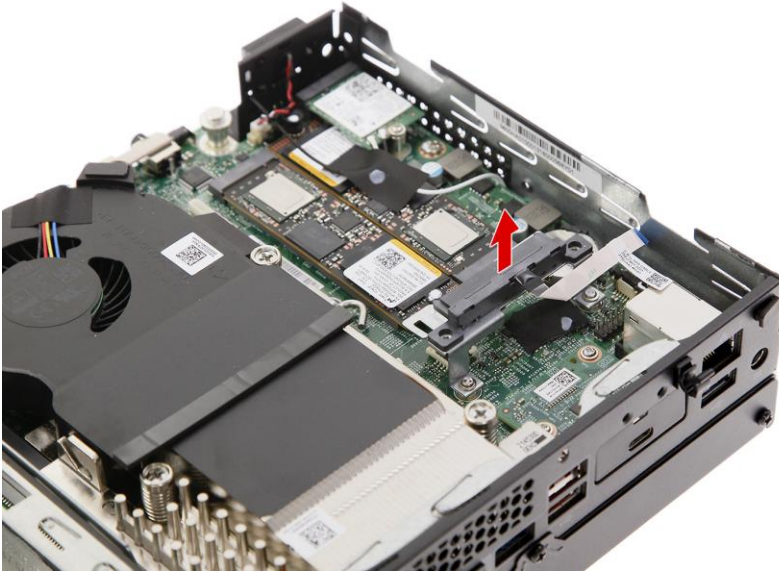
5.1. Disconnect the HDD1 cable from the mainboard.



5.2. Remove the two screws securing the HDD1 cable to the HDD support bracket.



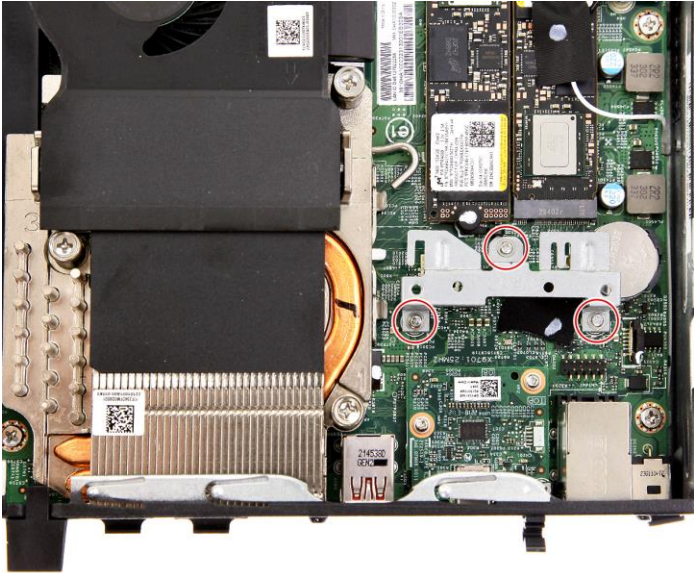
5.3. Detach the HDD1 cable from the HDD support bracket.



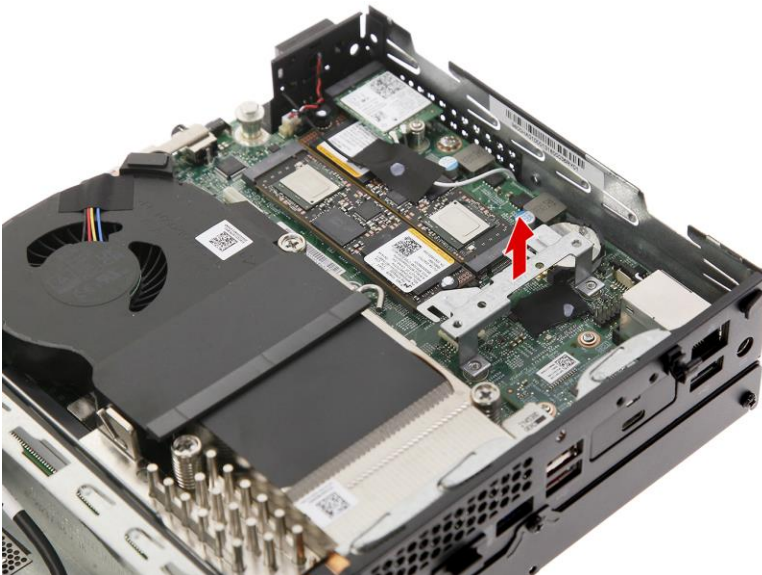
HDD1 Support Bracket Removal

6. Remove the HDD1 Support Bracket

6.1. Remove the three screws securing the HDD1 support bracket to the mainboard.



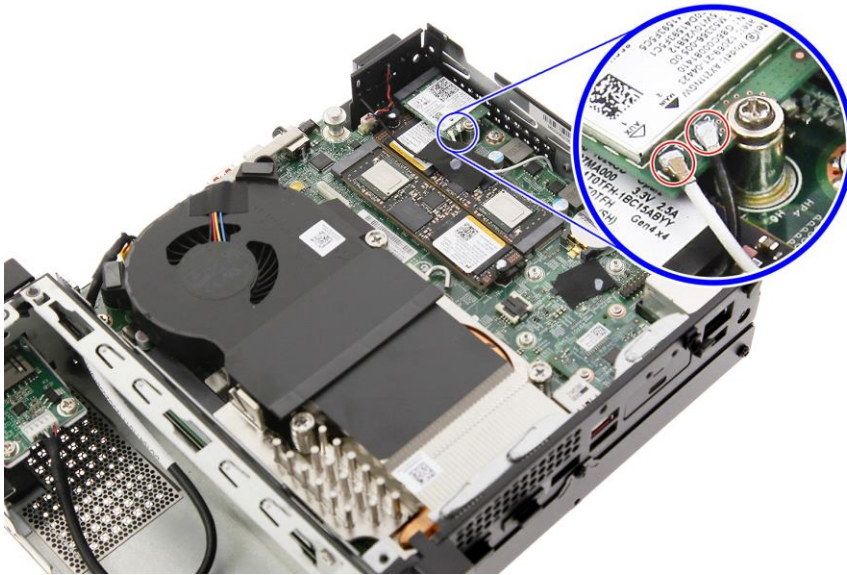
6.2. Detach the HDD1 support bracket from the mainboard.



WLAN Module Removal

7. Remove the WLAN module

7.1. Disconnect the WLAN antenna cables from the WLAN module.



NOTE: For reference during machine reassembly, note which cable color corresponds to the main and auxiliary connectors.

7.2. Remove the screw securing the WLAN module to the mainboard.



7.3. Remove the WLAN module from the mainboard.



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SSD Module Removal

8. Remove the SSD modules

8.1. Disconnect the plastic tab securing the SSD2 module to the mainboard.



8.2. Remove the SSD2 module from the mainboard.



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8.3. Detach the thermal pad from the SSD2 module.

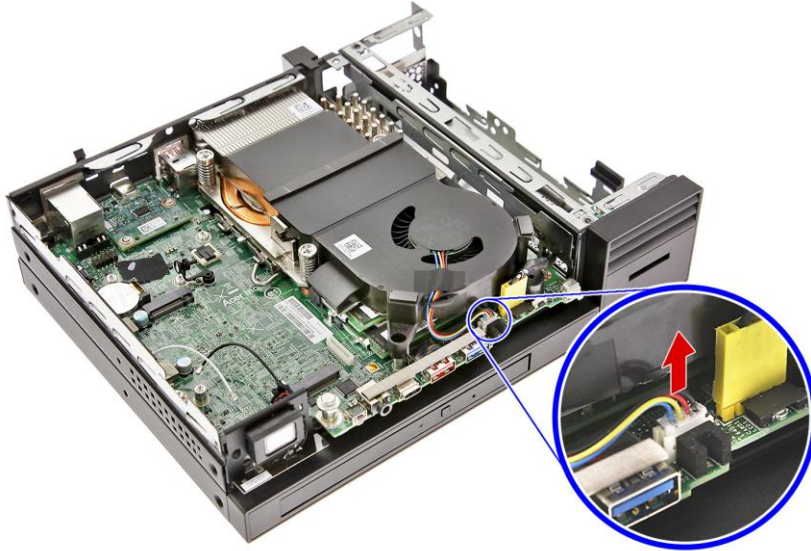


8.4. Repeat Steps [8.1~8.3](#) to remove the SSD1 module.

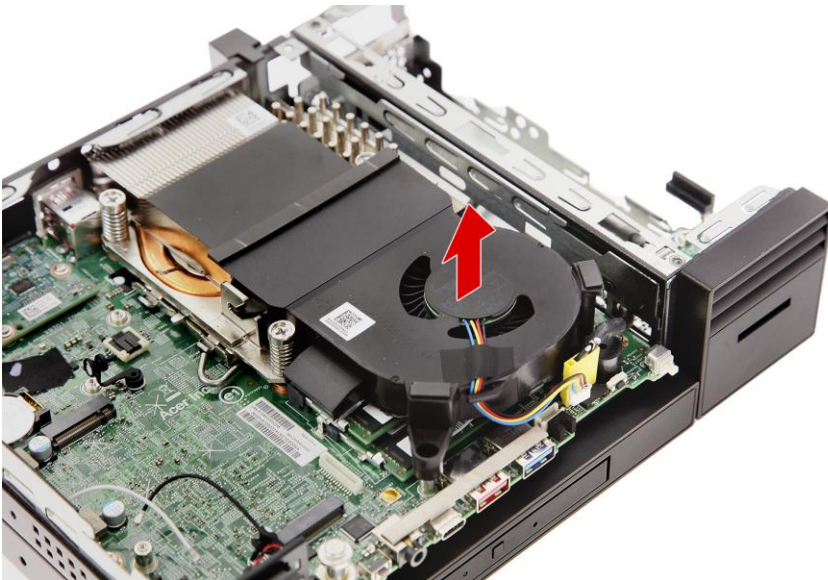
Heatsink Fan Removal

9. Remove the Heatsink Fan

9.1. Disconnect the heatsink fan cable from the mainboard.



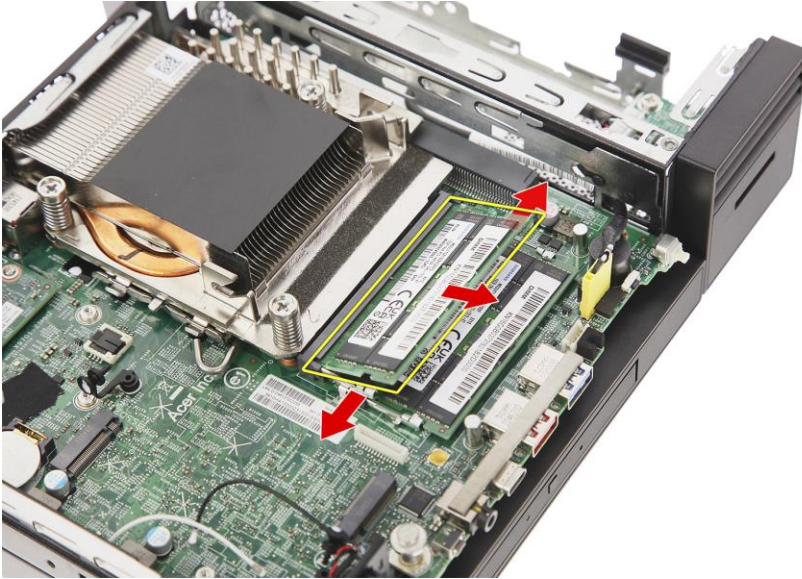
9.2. Detach the heatsink fan from the mainboard.



Memory Module Removal

10. Remove the Memory modules

10.1. Release the latch on both sides of the DIMM slot (1) and remove the DIMM module from the slot (2).



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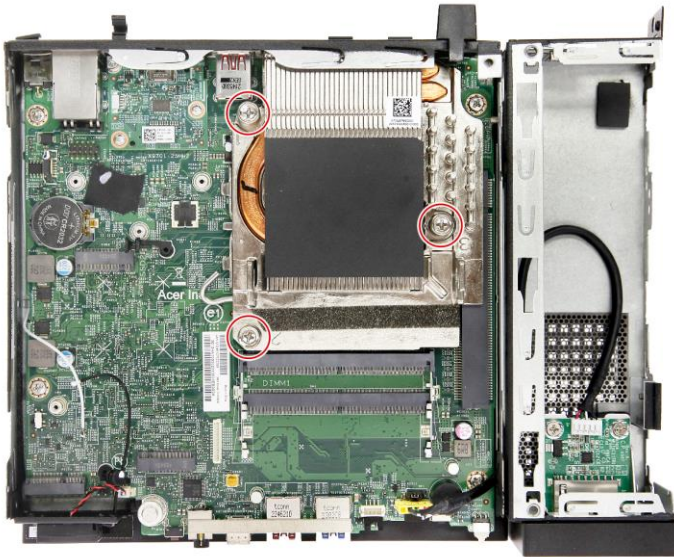
10.2. Repeat Step [10.1](#) to remove the remaining memory module.

Thermal Module Removal

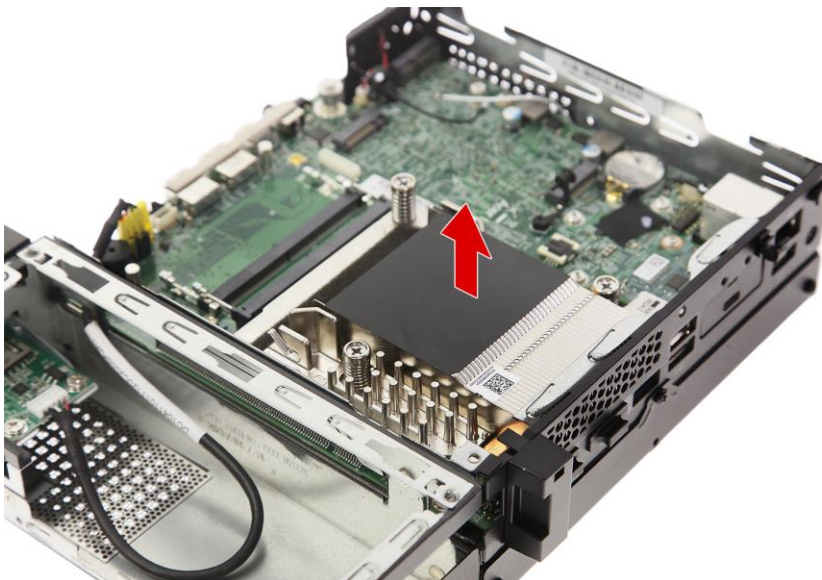
WARNING: The heatsink becomes very hot when the system is on. Wait for the heatsink to cool off before proceeding with below steps.

11. Remove the Thermal Module

11.1. Loosen the three (3) captive screws securing the thermal module to the mainboard.



11.2. Remove the thermal module from the mainboard.



CPU Removal

IMPORTANT: Before removing the CPU from the mainboard, make sure to create a backup file of all important data.

WARNING: The CPU becomes very hot when the system is on. Allow it to cool off first before handling.

12. Remove the CPU

12.1. Press the load lever and move it to the left to release the load lever from the retention tab.



12.2. Pull the load lever to release the CPU cover plate.



12.3. Open the CPU cover plate.



12.4. Lift the CPU from the socket.

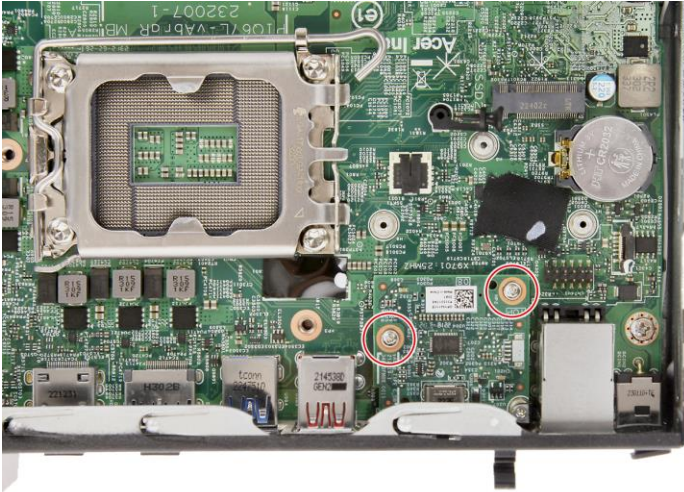


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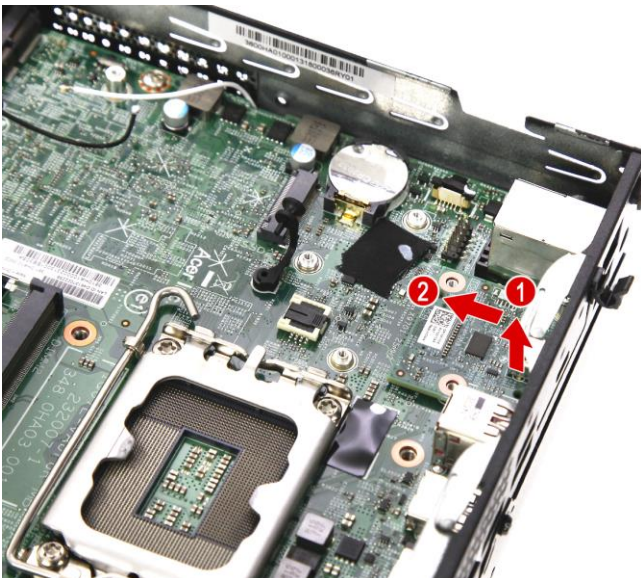
Optional Port Module Removal

13. Remove the Optional Port Module (Display Port / HDMI / D-SUB / USB Type A/C)

13.1. Remove the two screws securing the optional port module to the mainboard.



13.2. Detach the optional port module from the mainboard.



13.3. Remove the screw securing the optional port module to the port bracket.



13.4. Remove the optional port module from the bracket.

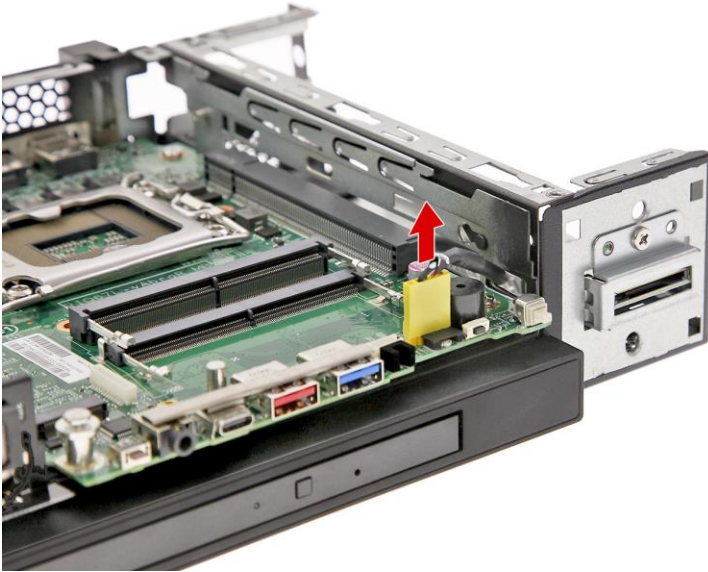


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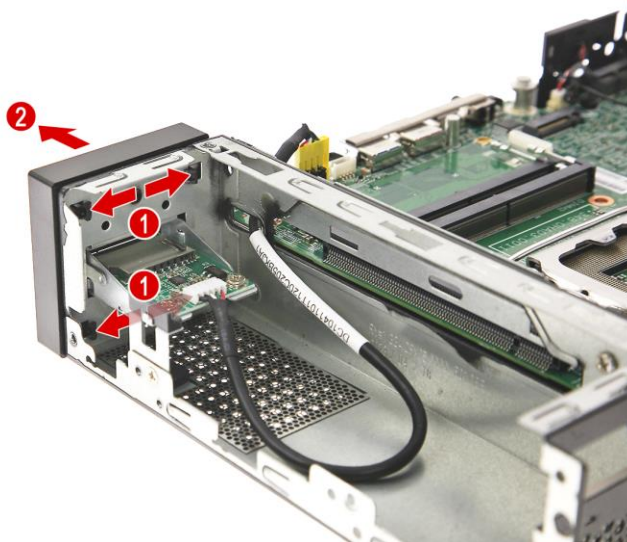
Card Reader Assembly Removal

14. Remove the Card Reader Assembly

14.1. Disconnect the card reader cable from the mainboard.



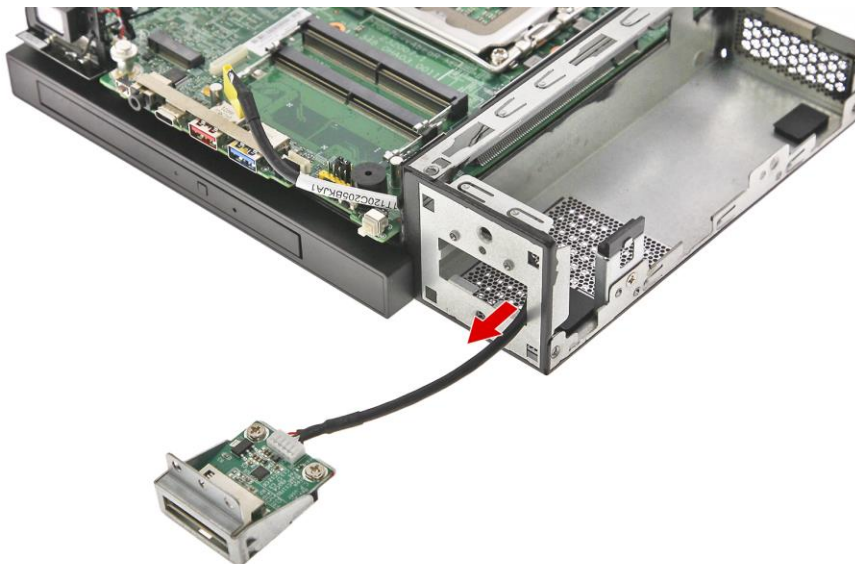
14.2. Disengage the latches securing the front bezel to the expansion box 2 chassis (1) then detach the front bezel from the expansion box 2 chassis (2).



14.3. Remove the screw securing the card reader bracket to the expansion box 2 chassis.



14.4. Pull the bracket with the cables out of the chassis.



14.5. Remove the two screws securing the card reader board to the bracket.



14.6. Remove the card reader board from the bracket.

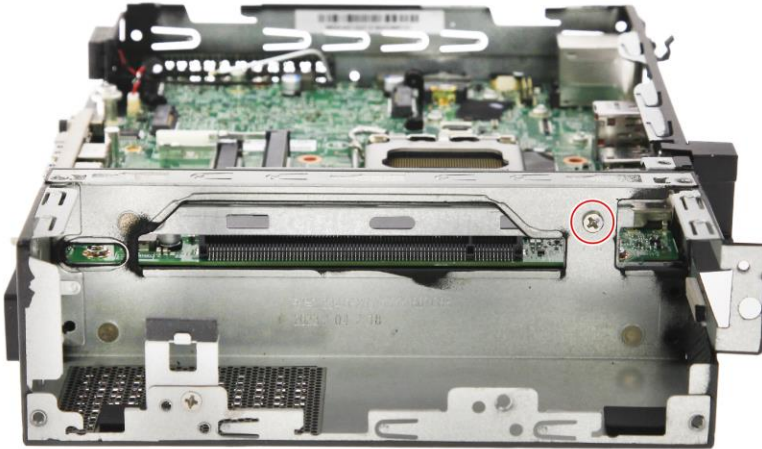


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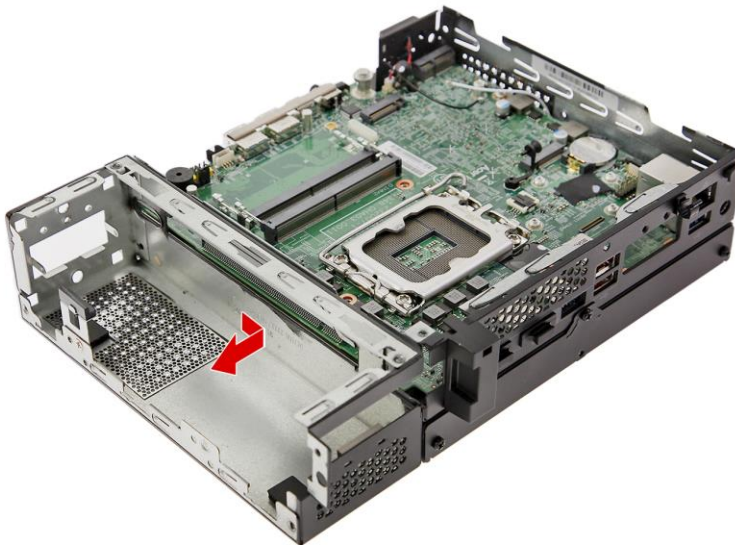
Expansion Box 2 Removal

15. Remove the Expansion Box 2

15.1. Remove the screw securing the expansion box 2 to the chassis.



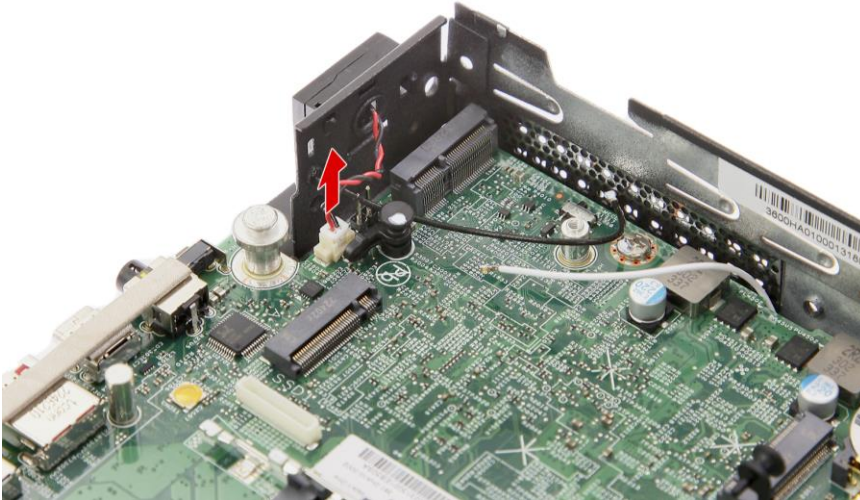
15.2. Detach the expansion box 2 from the chassis.



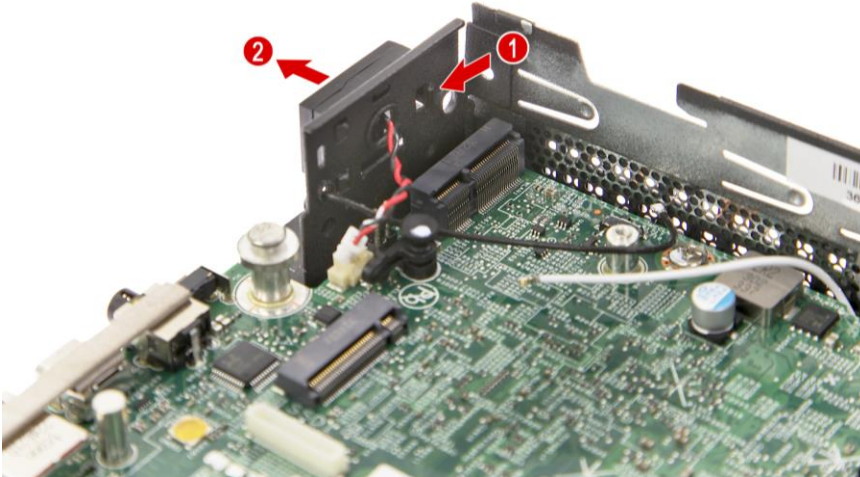
Speaker Removal

16. Remove the Speaker

16.1. Disconnect the speaker cable from the mainboard.



16.2. Detach the speaker from the chassis.



Expansion Box 1 Cover Removal

17. Remove the Expansion Box 1 Cover

17.1. Remove the three screws securing the expansion box 1 cover to the expansion box.



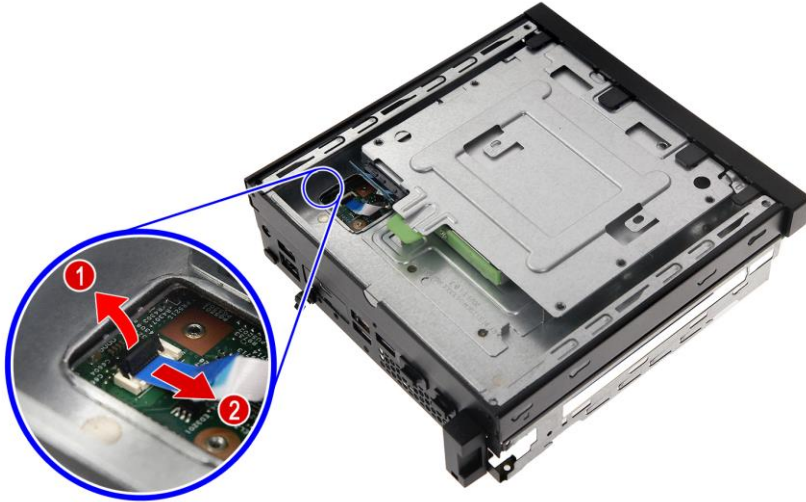
17.2. Detach the expansion box 1 cover from the expansion box.



ODD Module Removal

18. Remove the ODD (for models with ODD module on Expansion Box 1 only)

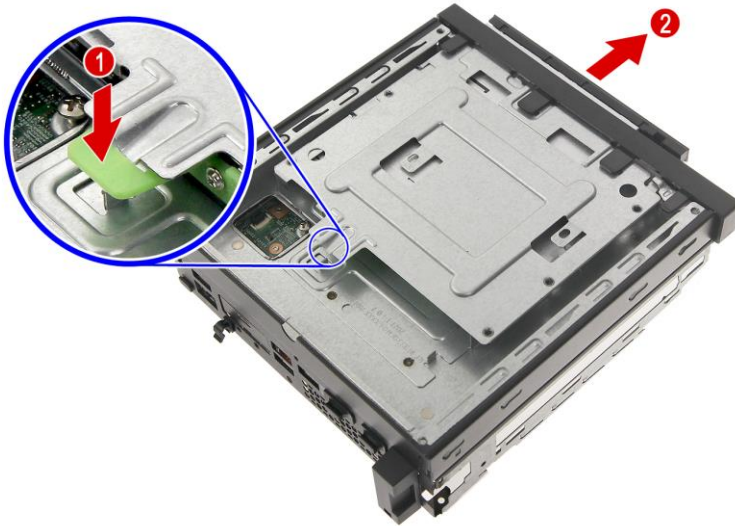
18.1. Disconnect the cable from the mainboard.



18.2. Disconnect the cable from the ODD module.



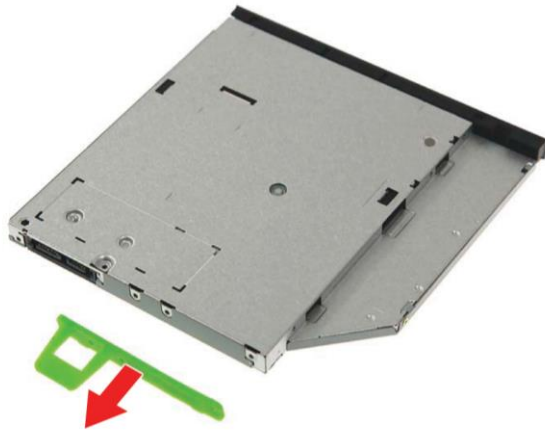
18.3. Press the retaining latch (1) and slide the ODD module out of the expansion box 1 (2).



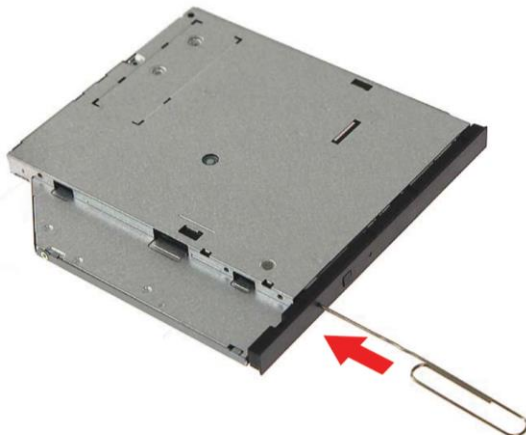
18.4. Remove the two screws securing the ODD rear bracket to the ODD.



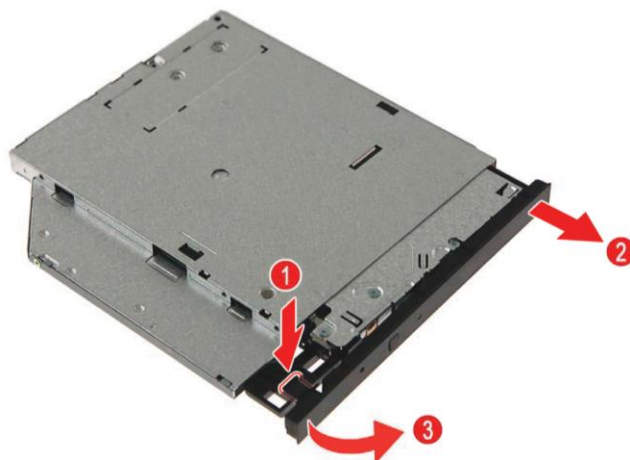
18.5. Detach the ODD rear bracket from the ODD.



18.6. Force eject the ODD tray by inserting a thin metal object into the ODD emergency eject hole.



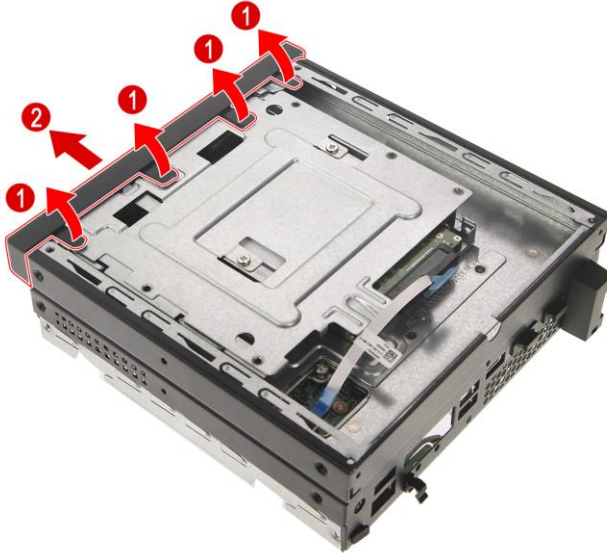
18.7. Disengage the latch securing the ODD bezel to the ODD tray, then remove the ODD bezel.



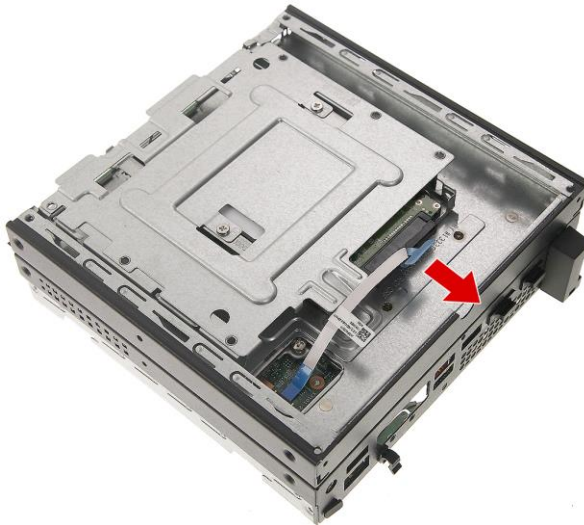
HDD2 Module Removal

19. Remove the HDD2 (for models with HDD2 module on Expansion Box 1 only)

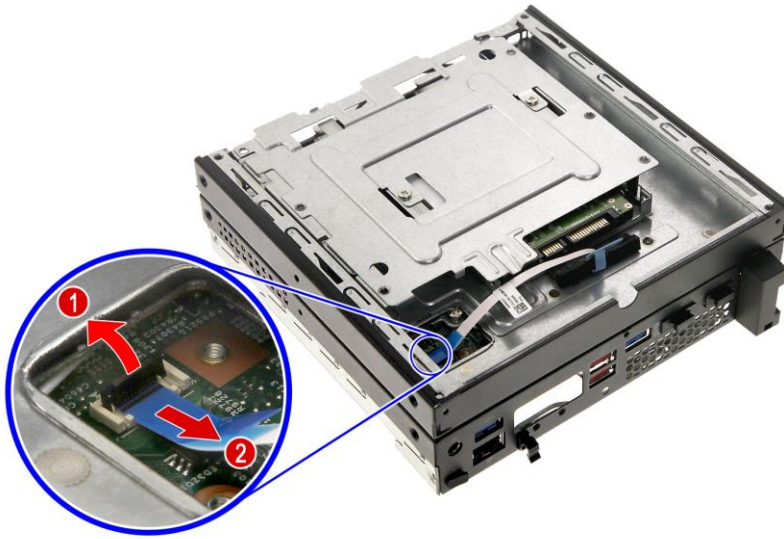
19.1. Detach the ODD dummy door from the expansion box 1.



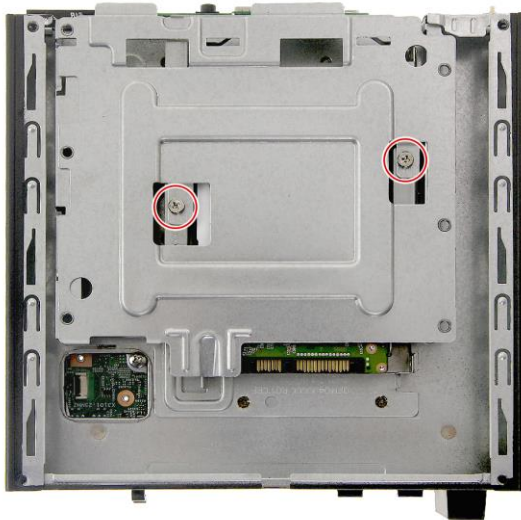
19.2. Disconnect the cable from the HDD2 module.



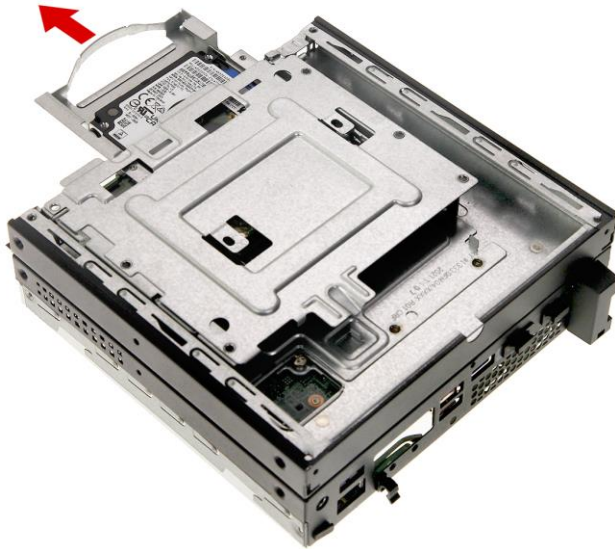
19.3. Disconnect the cable from the mainboard.



19.4. Remove the two screws securing the HDD2 module to the expansion box 1.



19.5. Gently pull out the HDD2 module from the expansion box 1.



19.6. Remove the four screws securing the HDD2 to the HDD bracket.



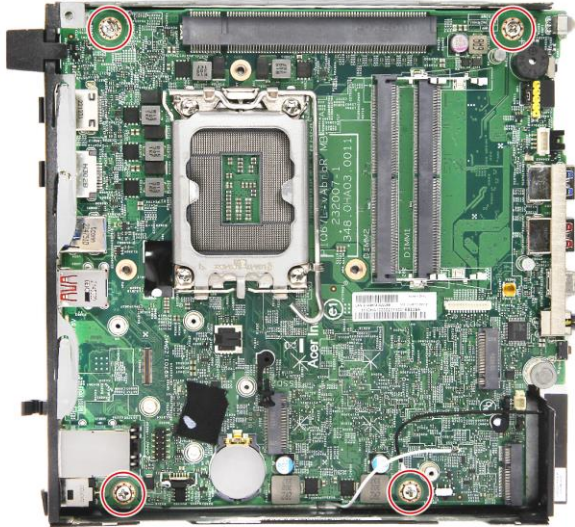
19.7. Gently pull out the HDD2 module from the bracket.



Mainboard Removal

20. Remove the Mainboard

20.1. Remove the four screws securing the mainboard to the chassis.



20.2. Gently lift the mainboard off the chassis.

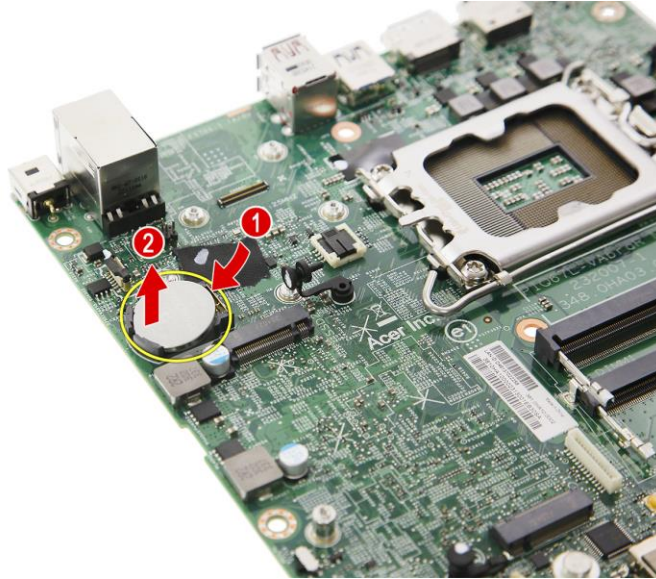


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RTC Battery Removal

21. Remove the RTC battery

21.1. Gently push the RTC battery sideways (1), then lift it off the mainboard (2).



Note: WEEE Annex VII component. The RTC battery has been highlighted with the yellow circle as shown above. Please follow local regulations for disposal of used batteries.



Caution: Risk of explosion if battery is replaced by an incorrect type. Dispose of used batteries according to the instructions.

Troubleshooting

This chapter provides troubleshooting information for the Veriton VN6720GT/VN4720GT Mini PC.

- Power-On Self-Test (POST)
- POST Error Messages List

Power-On Self-Test (POST)

Each time you turn on the system, the Power-on Self Test (POST) is initiated. Several items are tested during POST, but for the most part transparent to the user.

The Power-On Self Test (POST) is a BIOS procedure that boots the system, initializes and diagnoses the system components, and controls the operation of the power-on password option. If POST discovers errors in system operations at power-on, it displays error messages on screen, generates a check point code at port 80h or even halts the system if the error is fatal.

The main components on the main board that must be diagnosed and/or initialized by POST to ensure system functionality are as follows:

- Microprocessor with built-in numeric co-processor and cache memory subsystem
- Direct Memory Access (DMA) controller
- Interrupt system
- Three programmable timers
- ROM subsystem
- RAM subsystem
- CMOS RAM subsystem and real time clock/calendar with battery backup
- Onboard parallel interface controller
- Embedded hard disk interface and one diskette drive interface
- Keyboard and auxiliary device controllers
- I/O ports
 - One parallel port
 - One PS/2-compatible mouse port
 - One PS/2-compatible keyboard port

POST Error Messages List

If you cannot run the diagnostics program tests but did receive a POST error message, use "POST Error Messages List" to diagnose system problems. If you did not receive any error message, look for a description of your error symptoms in "Error Symptoms List".

If you are unable to correct the problem by using the "BIOS Messages List" table and "Error Symptoms List" table, go to "Undetermined Problems".

To diagnose a problem, first find the BIOS error messages in the left column. If directed to a check procedure, replace the FRU indicated in the check procedure. If no check procedure is indicated, the first Action/FRU listed in right column is the most likely cause.

BIOS Messages	Action/FRU
BIOS ROM checksum error - System halted	The checksum of the BIOS code in the BIOS chip is incorrect, indicating the BIOS code may have become corrupt. Contact your system dealer to replace the BIOS.
CMOS Battery Failed	The CMOS battery is no longer functional. Contact your system dealer for a replacement the BIOS.
CMOS Checksum Error- defaults loaded	Checksum of CMOS is incorrect, so the system loads the default equipment configuration. A checksum error may indicate that CMOS has become corrupt. A weak battery may have caused this error. Check the battery and replace if necessary.
CPU at run	Displays the running speed of CPU.
Display switch is set incorrectly	The display switch on the motherboard can be set to either monochrome or color. This message indicates the switch is set to a different setting than indicated in Setup. Determine which setting is correct, and then either turn off the system and change the jumper, or enter Setup and change the Video selection.
Press ESC to skip memory test	The user may press Esc to skip the full memory test.
HARD DISK initializing - Please wait a	Some hard drives require extra time to initialize.
HARD DISK INSTALL FAILURE	Cannot find or initialize the hard drive controller or the drive. Make sure the controller is installed correctly. If no hard drives are installed, be sure the Hard Drive Selection in Setup is set to NONE.
Hard disk(s) diagnosis fail	The system may run specific disk diagnostic Routines. This message appears if one or more hard disks return an error when the diagnostics run.
Keyboard Error Or No Keyboard Present	Cannot initialize the keyboard. Make sure the keyboard is attached correctly and no keys are pressed during POST. To purposely configure the system without a keyboard, set the error halt condition in Setup to HALT ON ALL, BUT KEYBOARD. The BIOS then ignores the missing keyboard during POST.
Keyboard is locked out - Unlock the key	This message usually indicates that one or more keys have been pressed during the keyboard tests. Be sure no objects are resting on the keyboard.
Memory Test:	This message displays during a full memory test, counting down the memory areas being tested.

Memory test fail	If POST detects an error during memory testing, additional information appears giving specifics about the type and location of the memory error.
Override enabled - Defaults loaded	If the system cannot boot using the current CMOS configuration, the BIOS can override the current configuration with a set of BIOS defaults designed for the most stable, minimal-performance system operations.
Press TAB to show POST screen	System OEMs may replace the Phoenix Technologies Award BIOS POST display with their own proprietary display. Including this message in the OEM display permits the operator to switch between the OEM display and the default POST display.
Primary master hard disk fail	POST detects an error in the primary master hard drive.
Primary slave hard disk fail	POST detects an error in the secondary master hard drive.
Secondary master hard disk fail	POST detects an error in the primary slave hard drive.
Secondary slave hard disk fail	POST detects an error in the secondary slave hard drive.

Exploded Diagrams

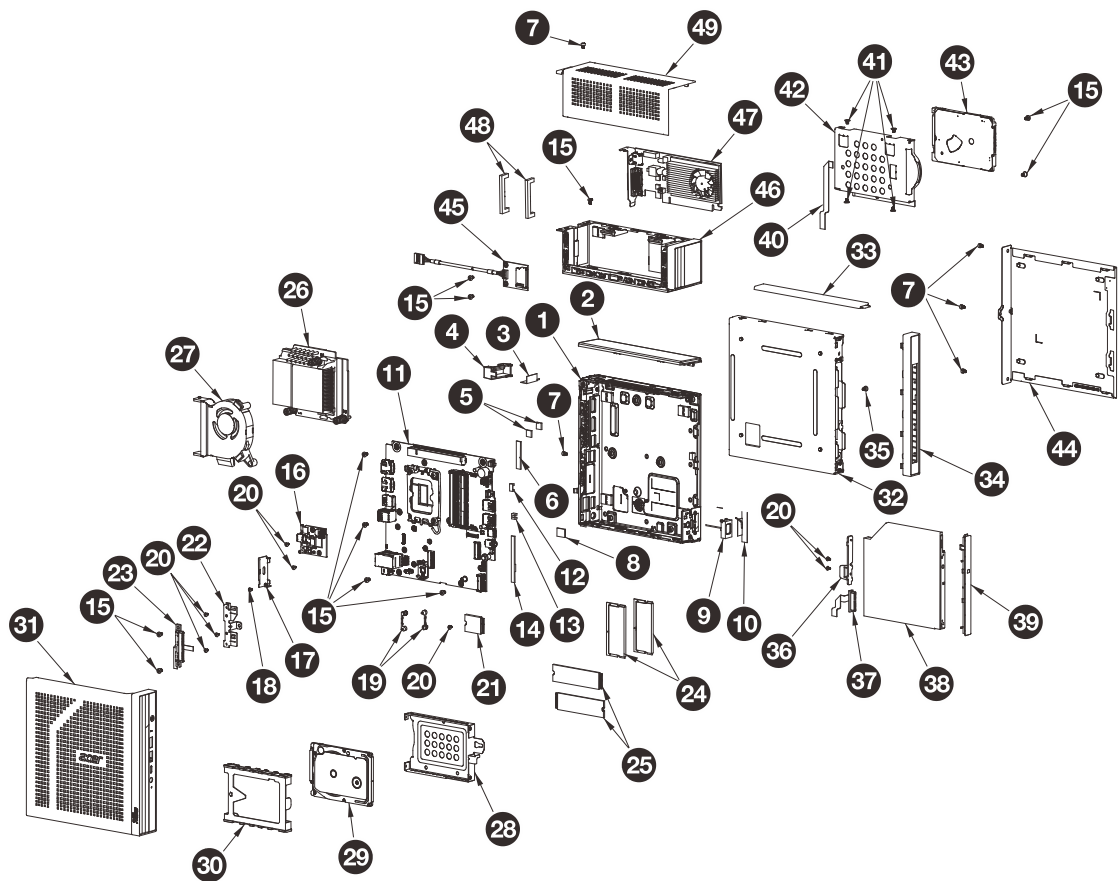








Figure 1 System Exploded Diagram

FRU (Field Replaceable Unit) List

Please contact your local service center to find out how to obtain the part or replace your device

To remove your personal data

- Option 1: Select **Start**  > **Settings**  > **Update & Security**  > **Recovery**. Under **Reset this PC**, select **Get started**. [Open Recovery settings](#).
- Option 2: Restart your PC to get to the sign-in screen, then press and hold down the **Shift key** while you select the **Power**  icon > **Restart** in the lower-right corner of the screen. After your computer restarts, select **Troubleshoot** > **Reset this PC**.
- Option 3: Select **Start**  , then press and hold down the **Shift key** while you select the **Power**  icon > **Restart** to restart your computer into Recovery Mode. After your computer restarts, select **Troubleshoot** > **Reset this PC**.