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Use this guide to replace the hard drive in an Xbox One.

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- Difficulty: **Moderate**

Follow this guide to remove the hard drive from your Xbox One, and follow it in reverse to install a new drive.

Your Xbox One console is **not** capable of formatting a replacement hard drive for use as the main drive.

Before you install your replacement drive, you will need to reformat the drive in a computer and install the necessary software, following this technique:

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Relevant Parts

-  ● [Xbox One Hard Drive Bracket](#)
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Edit Step 1 — Upper Case ¶



- To open your Xbox, you're going to have to cut or peel up this tamper-evident tape. This will probably void your warranty. Have fun!

Edit Step 2 ¶



- Use a plastic opening tool to pry up and remove the plastic vent that surrounds the side USB port.



- The vent is fairly flexible, and held in place with weak plastic clips—start prying from the back and peel it out.

Edit Step 3 ¶



- There is a small plastic tab that reinforces the front corner of the Xbox.

- Slide the tab straight back and remove it.

Edit Step 4 ¶

- Insert the flat end of a spudger between the upper and lower case where they meet at the rear of the side vent opening.



- There is a strong plastic clip connecting the two case halves (the first of many), so you'll need to use quite a bit of force.

- Leave the spudger in place until you open the case completely. The clips are very springy and may cause the case to snap shut while you're working.



Edit Step 5 ¶

- The interface between the upper and lower cases is secured by several clips along the rear and remaining side of the Xbox.
- Insert a plastic opening tool between the upper and lower case to separate the clip over the rear vent.

Edit Step 6 ¶



- Keep moving along the rear of the Xbox, prying up clips.
- Make sure the spudger stays in its blocking position—even if the case opens up enough for the spudger to fall out, the remaining clips are springy and may pull the case completely shut. Keep the spudger in the gap to protect your progress.

Edit Step 7 ¶

- Keep popping clips. It may help to slide the plastic

opening tool across the clips.

- By the time you get to the far edge of the rear case, the top case should be ready to come off. If not, run your plastic opening tool around the corner and pop the clips along the side without the USB port.

Edit Step 8 ¶

- Starting with the spudger you left in the crack, pry the upper case up to free the last few clips.
 - Use a plastic opening tool to pop any straggler clips that weren't freed.
- Do not try to remove the upper case yet, as it is still connected by the front panel button cable.
 - Lift the upper case slightly and shift it to give access to the front panel board.

Edit Step 9 ¶

- The front button cable has a unique ZIF connector—pay attention to the next few steps to safely disconnect it.
- Use tweezers to lift the plastic retaining loop over the connector on the board.
- Use the tip of a spudger to push the connector's locking tab toward the cable to unlatch it.

Edit Step 10 ¶

- Use tweezers to pull the cable straight out of the connector on the board.
- Remove the upper case.

Edit Step 11 — Reassembly Instructions ¶

- **The next 4 steps are directions for reassembly. Skip them to continue with disassembly.**
- Use the flat end of a spudger to free the clips securing the front panel to the upper case.
- Remove the front panel from the rest of the upper case.

Edit Step 12 ¶

- Replace the top part of the upper case.
- Line up the clips and press firmly to re-seat them around the perimeter.

Edit Step 13 ¶

- Support the front panel near the front of the Xbox.
- Use tweezers to replace the front button cable in its ZIF socket.
- Use the flat end of a spudger to push the ZIF lock to the left to secure the cable.

Edit Step 14 ¶

- The lower edge of the front panel has plastic hooks that interlock with plastic hooks on the front edge of the lower case.
- With the front panel at a 45 degree angle, interlock its plastic hooks with those in the lower case.
- Push the top of the front panel into the Xbox, like closing a mailbox. Press firmly so that the clips securing the front panel to the upper case lock securely.

Edit Step 15 — Upper Metal Case ¶

- Gently pull up on the speaker cable connector to disconnect it from the front panel board.
- Be careful to pull up on the cable's connector and not the connector on the board. It's pretty flimsy and you might accidentally pull it off the board entirely.
- Use the flat end of a spudger to disconnect the antenna cable from the front panel board.

Edit Step 16 ¶

- Remove the two 9.5 mm T9 Torx screws from the Wi-Fi board.
- Lift the Wi-Fi board straight up from its socket in the upper metal case.

- Leaving the Wi-Fi board antenna cable in place, move the Wi-Fi board aside, exposing the screw labeled "C3" that was beneath it.

Edit Step 17 ¶

- Remove the eight 65 mm Torx T10 screws from the top of the upper metal case.

Edit Step 18 ¶

- Lift—but do not remove—the upper metal case.
 - The Wi-Fi board interconnect cable connects the upper metal case to the motherboard.

Edit Step 19 ¶

- Disconnect the Wi-Fi board interconnect cable from the motherboard.
- Remove the upper metal case.

Edit Step 20 — Hard Drive Assembly ¶

- Disconnect the hard drive SATA power and data cables from the motherboard.

Edit Step 21 ¶

- Lift and remove the hard drive tray from the Xbox.

Edit Step 22 — Hard Drive ¶

- Remove the four 8.5 mm T10 Torx screws securing the hard drive assembly to the hard drive tray.

Edit Step 23 ¶

- Lift the hard drive and connector assembly straight off of the tray.
- For reassembly, note that the connector assembly has two small plastic posts that fit into alignment holes in the tray. Be sure to fit the posts into the holes.

Edit Step 24 ¶

- Unplug the SATA connector block from the hard drive.

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