# MacBook A2337 - Screen Replacement

## Project Overview

Somewhere around 2023 my fat ass dog stood on my laptop and broke the screen. Having regretfully bought the MacBook to begin with, I looked up the price of screen repairs and made the cowards decision to leave it in box for years and pretend it never happened and buy a Lenovo ThinkPad (one of the best decisions I've ever made). Fast forward two years I'm a bit more involved in general software/hardware so I figured why not pull it out and fix the screen myself, it really can't be that hard. Turns out I should've done it years ago because it literally took all of 15 minutes. Most difficult part ended up being keeping track of the ridiculous set of screws apple use.



## Steps

#### 1. Introduction & Issue Identification

- The MacBook Air M1 (A2337) has a **badly damaged LCD**, with only a small functional corner.
- The goal is to replace the LCD with a new one.

#### 2. Removing the Bottom Case

- Flip the laptop over and remove all pentalobe screws securing the bottom case.
- Use a suction cup to lift and remove the bottom case.

#### 3. Disconnecting the Battery

- Before proceeding, disconnect the battery to avoid damage to components.
- Pull down and away on the battery retention bar to release it.
- Fully detach the **battery connector** to prevent accidental power surges.

#### 4. Removing the LCD Assembly

- Start by removing three T8 screws on each side that secure the LCD to the top case.
- Switch to a T5 screwdriver and remove:
  - Four silver screws holding the Wi-Fi vent module.
  - Two black screws securing the LCD bungee in place.

#### 5. Detaching the LCD from the Logic Board

- Use a plastic spudger to carefully disconnect the LCD cable from the logic board.
- Remove a bracket and screw securing the Wi-Fi antenna cables to the logic board using a T3 screwdriver.

#### 6. Removing the Wi-Fi Vent Module

- The Wi-Fi vent module is glued down and needs to be carefully peeled off.
- Work slowly and gently to avoid damage, as the adhesive is strong.
- To make removal easier, slightly open the laptop's hinges to loosen the module.

### 7. Fully Detaching the LCD Screen

- Ensure the **LCD bungee** is floating freely to prevent unnecessary tension.
- Open the laptop further and fully separate the top case (LCD assembly) from the rest of the MacBook.

#### 8. Preparing the New LCD for Installation

- Unbox the new LCD screen and prepare it for installation.
- Open the new LCD's hinges slightly to make attachment easier.

#### 9. Installing the New LCD

- Align the new LCD assembly with the MacBook's body.
- Insert the LCD bungee correctly before securing the LCD in place.
- Partially open the laptop to allow the hinges to snap into position.
- Secure the LCD with at least one or two T8 screws to prevent accidental movement or damage.

#### 10. Reattaching Internal Components

- Reinstall the Wi-Fi vent module, ensuring the LCD bungee is properly positioned.
- Reconnect the LCD display connector and Wi-Fi antenna cables, securing them with their respective T3 screws and brackets.

### 11. Reconnecting the Battery & Reassembling the Laptop

- Reconnect the battery by clipping it back into place.
- Reattach the bottom case, securing it with the pentalobe screws.
- Note that the longest screws go at the top, while the remaining screws are uniform in size.

#### 12. Powering On & Testing the New LCD

- Flip the MacBook over and connect the charger to ensure the battery has power.
- Power on the MacBook and confirm the new LCD works properly.

## **☆** Tools

- Screwdrivers: Torx T3, T4, T5 and T8 (good screwdriver set will cover it)
- MacBook Air 13" A2337 M1 2020 Full Assembly LCD Screen Replacement

# Problems & Resolutions

- 13. Connection module wasn't easy to disconnect ->
- 14. Tricky to refit new screen ->
- 15. Latches are very stiff and uncomfortable to move ->

## References

#### YouTube

- TEKDEP A2337 Screen Replacement Tutorial
- <u>UberGeeks</u> A2337 Screen Replacement Tutorial

#### ebay

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