



How to Cleanly Remove Stickers from a Laptop

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INTRODUCTION

Note: The best time to do this is when the system is new. Darker systems (Ex: Dark Blue/Black) often have a more visible contrast then lighter laptops (Ex: Silver/aluminum).

On many PCs the OEMs put stickers which are prone to poorly wearing on laptops. Removing these stickers can improve device cosmetics in the long term.

Guide notes

- ***The battery must be removed if it is placed where the sticker is placed. They can explode if they get too hot!***
 - Follow a guide specific to your laptop. ***All laptops are different.***
 - ***Be careful not to use too much heat. Plastic parts can melt if they get too hot, and will need to be replaced if this happens.***
 - ***To avoid damaging plastic, only use enough heat to remove the stickers.***
 - ***Goof Off WILL DAMAGE PLASTIC. Goo Gone is a far safer choice all around.***
 - ***If you are in uncomfortable using solvents unless all options are exhausted, a piece of tape works, or the old case sticker that was removed.***
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Annoying OEM stickers

- Windows XP/Vista
- Intel (Some newer stickers come off cleaner then old ones, but require more heat).
- AMD CPU (pre-2011)

Guide Notes

- This procedure can be used to remove most stickers. These were selected on this laptop as a common example.
- ***While some stickers can be harder than others (often due to age or type of adhesive), the same procedure applies.***

TOOLS:

Hair Dryer (1)

Used for sticker removal.

iFixit Opening Picks (Set of 6) (1)

Useful for removing thin stickers.

PARTS:

Goo Gone (1)

Pro Power recommended.

Denatured alcohol (1)

See note on Step 3 - only use if needed.

Step 1 — Remove the battery (Laptops only)



 ***The procedure to remove the battery is specific to every laptop.***

- Before removing the stickers, remove the battery.

Step 2 — Warm up the adhesive



⚠ 30-60 seconds of heat is sufficient.

- ① If you are removing a thin or stubborn sticker, a [guitar pick](#) may help with these to minimize the post removal mess.
- ***After removing the battery, warm up the palmrest with a hairdryer until it is warm to the touch.***
- Peel the stickers off.

Step 3 — Clean the remaining glue



⚠ While denatured alcohol works, it may "strip" some rubber coatings and paint. It should only be done as a last resort or on surfaces like aluminum!

- After the sticker(s) have been removed, clean the residual glue with a ***small amount*** of gentle solvent.
 - Clean the solvent after a few seconds.
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