# Latitude 3540

Service Manual



#### Notes, cautions, and warnings

(i) NOTE: A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your product.

CAUTION: A CAUTION indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.

MARNING: A WARNING indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.

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# Working inside your computer

## Safety instructions

Use the following safety guidelines to protect your computer from potential damage and to ensure your personal safety. Unless otherwise noted, each procedure included in this document assumes that you have read the safety information that shipped with your computer.

- WARNING: Before working inside your computer, read the safety information that is shipped with your computer. For more safety best practices, see the Regulatory Compliance home page at www.dell.com/regulatory\_compliance.
- WARNING: Disconnect your computer from all power sources before opening the computer cover or panels.

  After you finish working inside the computer, replace all covers, panels, and screws before connecting your computer to an electrical outlet.
- CAUTION: To avoid damaging the computer, ensure that the work surface is flat, dry, and clean.
- CAUTION: To avoid damaging the components and cards, handle them by their edges, and avoid touching the pins and the contacts.
- CAUTION: You should only perform troubleshooting and repairs as authorized or directed by the Dell technical assistance team. Damage due to servicing that is not authorized by Dell is not covered by your warranty. See the safety instructions that is shipped with the product or at <a href="https://www.dell.com/regulatory\_compliance">www.dell.com/regulatory\_compliance</a>.
- CAUTION: Before touching anything inside your computer, ground yourself by touching an unpainted metal surface, such as the metal at the back of the computer. While you work, periodically touch an unpainted metal surface to dissipate static electricity which could harm internal components.
- CAUTION: When you disconnect a cable, pull it by its connector or its pull tab, not the cable itself. Some cables have connectors with locking tabs or thumbscrews that you must disengage before disconnecting the cable. When disconnecting cables, keep them evenly aligned to avoid bending the connector pins. When connecting cables, ensure that the ports and the connectors are correctly oriented and aligned.
- CAUTION: Press and eject any installed card from the media-card reader.
- CAUTION: Exercise caution when handling rechargeable Li-ion batteries in laptops. Swollen batteries should not be used and should be replaced and disposed properly.
- NOTE: The color of your computer and certain components may appear differently than shown in this document.

### Before working inside your computer

#### Steps

- 1. Save and close all open files and exit all open applications.
- 2. Shut down your computer. For Windows operating system, click Start > Power > Shut down.
  - NOTE: If you are using a different operating system, see the documentation of your operating system for shut-down instructions.
- 3. Disconnect your computer and all attached devices from their electrical outlets.
- 4. Disconnect all attached network devices and peripherals, such as keyboard, mouse, and monitor from your computer.

- 5. Remove any media card and optical disk from your computer, if applicable.
- **6.** Enter the service mode, if you are able to power on your computer.

#### Service Mode

Service Mode is used to cut-off power, without disconnecting battery cable from system board prior conducting repairs in the computer.

CAUTION: If you are unable to turn on the computer to put it into Service Mode or the computer does not support Service Mode then proceed to disconnect the battery cable. To disconnect the battery cable, follow the steps in Removing the battery.

- (i) NOTE: Ensure that your computer is shut down and the AC adapter is disconnected.
- a. Hold **<B>** key on the keyboard and press the power button for 3 seconds or until the Dell logo appears on the screen.
- b. Press any key to continue.
- c. If the AC adapter is not disconnected, a message prompting you to remove the AC adapter appears on the screen. Remove the AC adapter and then press any key to continue the **Service Mode** procedure. The **Service Mode** procedure automatically skips the following step if the **Owner Tag** of the computer is not set up in advance by the user.
- **d.** When the ready-to-proceed message appears on the screen, press any key to proceed. The computer emits three short beeps and shuts down immediately.
- e. Once the computer shuts down, it has successfully entered Service Mode.
- i NOTE: If you are unable to power on your computer or unable to enter service mode skip this process.

### Safety precautions

The safety precautions chapter details the primary steps to be taken before performing any disassembly instructions.

Observe the following safety precautions before you perform any installation or break/fix procedures involving disassembly or reassembly:

- Turn off the system and all attached peripherals.
- Disconnect the system and all attached peripherals from AC power.
- Disconnect all network cables, telephone, and telecommunications lines from the system.
- Use an ESD field service kit when working inside any to avoid electrostatic discharge (ESD) damage.
- After removing any system component, carefully place the removed component on an anti-static mat.
- Wear shoes with non-conductive rubber soles to reduce the chance of getting electrocuted.

### Standby power

Dell products with standby power must be unplugged before you open the case. Systems that incorporate standby power are essentially powered while turned off. The internal power enables the system to be remotely turned on (wake on LAN) and suspended into a sleep mode and has other advanced power management features.

Unplugging, pressing, and holding the power button for 15 seconds should discharge residual power in the system board.

### Bonding

Bonding is a method for connecting two or more grounding conductors to the same electrical potential. This is done through the use of a field service electrostatic discharge (ESD) kit. When connecting a bonding wire, ensure that it is connected to bare metal and never to a painted or non-metal surface. The wrist strap should be secure and in full contact with your skin, and ensure that you remove all jewelry such as watches, bracelets, or rings prior to bonding yourself and the equipment.

## Electrostatic discharge—ESD protection

ESD is a major concern when you handle electronic components, especially sensitive components such as expansion cards, processors, memory DIMMs, and system boards. Very slight charges can damage circuits in ways that may not be obvious, such as intermittent problems or a shortened product life span. As the industry pushes for lower power requirements and increased density, ESD protection is an increasing concern.

Due to the increased density of semiconductors used in recent Dell products, the sensitivity to static damage is now higher than in previous Dell products. For this reason, some previously approved methods of handling parts are no longer applicable.

Two recognized types of ESD damage are catastrophic and intermittent failures.

- Catastrophic Catastrophic failures represent approximately 20 percent of ESD-related failures. The damage causes
  an immediate and complete loss of device functionality. An example of catastrophic failure is a memory DIMM that has
  received a static shock and immediately generates a "No POST/No Video" symptom with a beep code emitted for missing or
  nonfunctional memory.
- Intermittent Intermittent failures represent approximately 80 percent of ESD-related failures. The high rate of intermittent failures means that most of the time when damage occurs, it is not immediately recognizable. The DIMM receives a static shock, but the tracing is merely weakened and does not immediately produce outward symptoms related to the damage. The weakened trace may take weeks or months to melt, and in the meantime may cause degradation of memory integrity, intermittent memory errors, etc.

The more difficult type of damage to recognize and troubleshoot is the intermittent (also called latent or "walking wounded") failure.

Perform the following steps to prevent ESD damage:

- Use a wired ESD wrist strap that is properly grounded. The use of wireless anti-static straps is no longer allowed; they do not provide adequate protection. Touching the chassis before handling parts does not ensure adequate ESD protection on parts with increased sensitivity to ESD damage.
- Handle all static-sensitive components in a static-safe area. If possible, use anti-static floor pads and workbench pads.
- When unpacking a static-sensitive component from its shipping carton, do not remove the component from the anti-static packing material until you are ready to install the component. Before unwrapping the anti-static packaging, ensure that you discharge static electricity from your body.
- Before transporting a static-sensitive component, place it in an anti-static container or packaging.

#### ESD field service kit

The unmonitored Field Service kit is the most commonly used service kit. Each Field Service kit includes three main components: anti-static mat, wrist strap, and bonding wire.

### Components of an ESD field service kit

The components of an ESD field service kit are:

- Anti-Static Mat The anti-static mat is dissipative and parts can be placed on it during service procedures. When using an anti-static mat, your wrist strap should be snug and the bonding wire should be connected to the mat and to any bare metal on the system being worked on. Once deployed properly, service parts can be removed from the ESD bag and placed directly on the mat. ESD-sensitive items are safe in your hand, on the ESD mat, in the system, or inside a bag.
- Wrist Strap and Bonding Wire The wrist strap and bonding wire can be either directly connected between your wrist and bare metal on the hardware if the ESD mat is not required, or connected to the anti-static mat to protect hardware that is temporarily placed on the mat. The physical connection of the wrist strap and bonding wire between your skin, the ESD mat, and the hardware is known as bonding. Use only Field Service kits with a wrist strap, mat, and bonding wire. Never use wireless wrist straps. Always be aware that the internal wires of a wrist strap are prone to damage from normal wear and tear, and must be checked regularly with a wrist strap tester in order to avoid accidental ESD hardware damage. It is recommended to test the wrist strap and bonding wire at least once per week.
- ESD Wrist Strap Tester The wires inside of an ESD strap are prone to damage over time. When using an unmonitored kit, it is a best practice to regularly test the strap prior to each service call, and at a minimum, test once per week. A wrist strap tester is the best method for doing this test. If you do not have your own wrist strap tester, check with your regional office to find out if they have one. To perform the test, plug the wrist-strap's bonding-wire into the tester while it is strapped to your wrist and push the button to test. A green LED is lit if the test is successful; a red LED is lit and an alarm sounds if the test fails.
- Insulator Elements It is critical to keep ESD sensitive devices, such as plastic heat sink casings, away from internal parts that are insulators and often highly charged.
- Working Environment Before deploying the ESD Field Service kit, assess the situation at the customer location. For example, deploying the kit for a server environment is different than for a desktop or portable environment. Servers are typically installed in a rack within a data center; desktops or portables are typically placed on office desks or cubicles. Always look for a large open flat work area that is free of clutter and large enough to deploy the ESD kit with additional space to accommodate the type of system that is being repaired. The workspace should also be free of insulators that can cause an ESD event. On the work area, insulators such as Styrofoam and other plastics should always be moved at least 12 inches or 30 centimeters away from sensitive parts before physically handling any hardware components

- **ESD Packaging** All ESD-sensitive devices must be shipped and received in static-safe packaging. Metal, static-shielded bags are preferred. However, you should always return the damaged part using the same ESD bag and packaging that the new part arrived in. The ESD bag should be folded over and taped shut and all the same foam packing material should be used in the original box that the new part arrived in. ESD-sensitive devices should be removed from packaging only at an ESD-protected work surface, and parts should never be placed on top of the ESD bag because only the inside of the bag is shielded. Always place parts in your hand, on the ESD mat, in the system, or inside an anti-static bag.
- Transporting Sensitive Components When transporting ESD sensitive components such as replacement parts or parts to be returned to Dell, it is critical to place these parts in anti-static bags for safe transport.

### ESD protection summary

It is recommended to use the traditional wired ESD grounding wrist strap and protective anti-static mat at all times when servicing Dell products. In addition, it is critical to keep sensitive parts separate from all insulator parts while performing service and that they use anti-static bags for transporting sensitive components.

### **Transporting sensitive components**

When transporting ESD sensitive components such as replacement parts or parts to be returned to Dell, it is critical to place these parts in anti-static bags for safe transport.

### After working inside your computer

#### About this task

CAUTION: Leaving stray or loose screws inside your computer may severely damage your computer.

#### Steps

- 1. Replace all screws and ensure that no stray screws remain inside your computer.
- 2. Connect any external devices, peripherals, or cables you removed before working on your computer.
- 3. Replace any media cards, discs, or any other parts that you removed before working on your computer.
- **4.** Connect your computer and all attached devices to their electrical outlets.
  - (i) NOTE: To exit service mode, ensure to connect the AC adapter to the power-adapter port on your computer.
- 5. Press the power button to turn on the computer. Your computer will automatically return to normal functioning mode.

#### **BitLocker**

CAUTION: If BitLocker is not suspended before updating the BIOS, the next time you reboot the system it will not recognize the BitLocker key. You will then be prompted to enter the recovery key to progress, and the system will ask for this on each reboot. If the recovery key is not known this can result in data loss or an unnecessary operating system reinstall. For more information about this subject, see Knowledge Article: updating the BIOS on Dell systems with BitLocker enabled.

The installation of the following components triggers BitLocker:

- Hard disk drive or solid state drive
- System board

# Removing and installing components

i NOTE: The images in this document may differ from your computer depending on the configuration you ordered.

### Recommended tools

The procedures in this document may require the following tools:

- Phillips screwdriver #0
- Phillips screwdriver #1
- Plastic scribe

## **Screw list**

- NOTE: When removing screws from a component, it is recommended to note the screw type, the quantity of screws, and then place them in a screw storage box. This is to ensure that the correct number of screws and correct screw type is restored when the component is replaced.
- NOTE: Some computers have magnetic surfaces. Ensure that the screws are not left attached to such surfaces when replacing a component.
- i NOTE: Screw color may vary with the configuration ordered.

#### Table 1. Screw list

Component	Screw type	Quantity	Screw image
Base cover	Captive	9	
Battery	Captive	5	
M.2 solid-state drive	M2x2	1	*
	M2x2	1	
			•
Wireless-card	M2x3	1	•
Fan	M2x3	2	•
Display assembly	M2.5x5	6	
I/O board	M2x3	1	•
Touchpad	M2x2	6	•

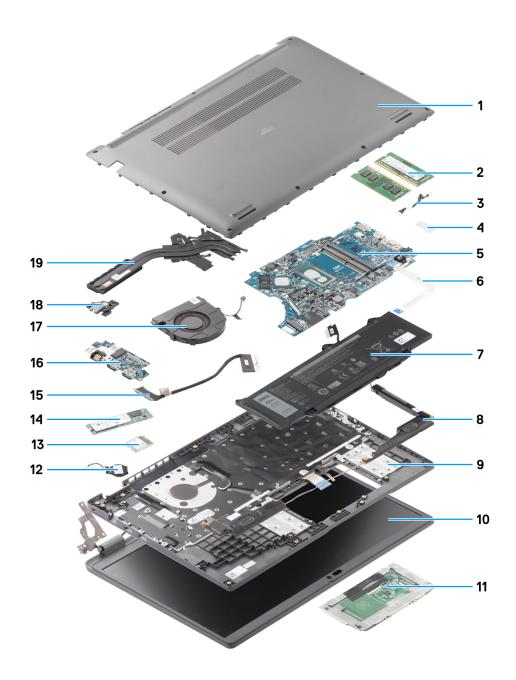
Table 1. Screw list (continued)

Component	Screw type	Quantity	Screw image
Power-adapter port	M2.5x5	3	
Heat sink	Captive	7	
System board	M2x3	6	•

# Major components of Latitude 3540

The following image shows the major components of Latitude 3540.

(i) NOTE: Dell provides a list of components and their part numbers for the original system configuration purchased. These parts are available according to warranty coverages purchased by the customer. Contact your Dell sales representative for purchase options.



- 1. Base cover
- 3. DC-in port cable
- 5. System board
- 7. Battery
- 9. Palm rest and keyboard assembly
- 11. Touchpad
- 13. Wireless card
- 15. I/O board cable
- 17. Fan
- 19. Heat sink

- 2. memory modules
- 4. Bracket
- 6. Touchpad cable
- 8. Speaker
- 10. Display assembly
- 12. Coin cell battery
- 14. M.2 2280 solid state drive
- 16. I/O board
- 18. Power button

## **Base cover**

## Removing the base cover

#### Prerequisites

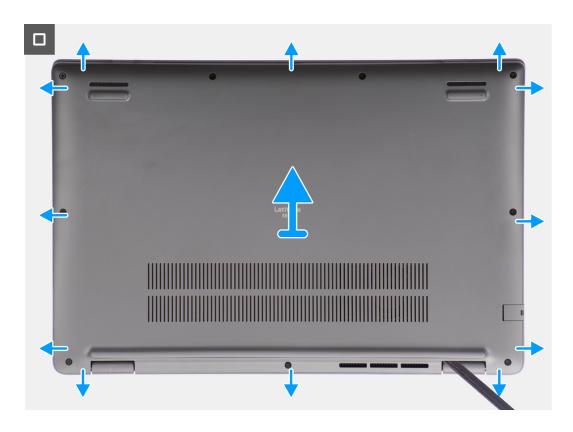
1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the base cover and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.







- 1. Loosen the nine captive screws that secure the base cover to the chassis.
- 2. Using a plastic scribe, pry open the base cover starting from the recesses, which are located in the U-shaped indents at the bottom edge of the base cover, near the hinges.



- 3. Pry open the top side of the base cover and continue working on the left, right and, bottom sides to open the base cover.
- **4.** Carefully lift and remove the base cover from the chassis.

## Installing the base cover

#### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the base cover and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.







- 1. Place the base cover on top of the chassis.
- 2. Align the screw holes on the base cover with the screw holes on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly, and snap the base cover latches into place.
- 3. Tighten the nine captive screws to secure the base cover to the chassis.

#### **Next steps**

1. Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

## **Battery**

## Rechargeable Li-ion battery precautions

### **CAUTION:**

- Exercise caution when handling rechargeable Li-ion batteries.
- Discharge the battery completely before removing it. Disconnect the AC power adapter from the system and operate the computer solely on battery power—the battery is fully discharged when the computer no longer turns on when the power button is pressed.
- Do not crush, drop, mutilate, or penetrate the battery with foreign objects.

- Do not expose the battery to high temperatures, or disassemble battery packs and cells.
- Do not apply pressure to the surface of the battery.
- Do not bend the battery.
- Do not use tools of any kind to pry on or against the battery.
- Ensure any screws during the servicing of this product are not lost or misplaced, to prevent accidental puncture or damage to the battery and other system components.
- If the battery gets stuck inside your computer as a result of swelling, do not try to release it as puncturing, bending, or crushing a rechargeable Li-ion battery can be dangerous. In such an instance, contact Dell technical support for assistance. See <a href="https://www.dell.com/contactdell">www.dell.com/contactdell</a>.
- Always purchase genuine batteries from www.dell.com or authorized Dell partners and resellers.
- Swollen batteries should not be used and should be replaced and disposed properly. For guidelines on how to handle and replace swollen rechargeable Li-ion batteries, see Handling swollen rechargeable Li-ion batteries.

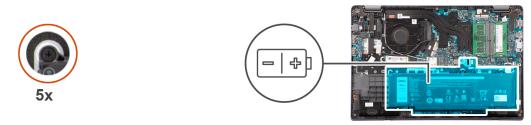
### Removing the battery

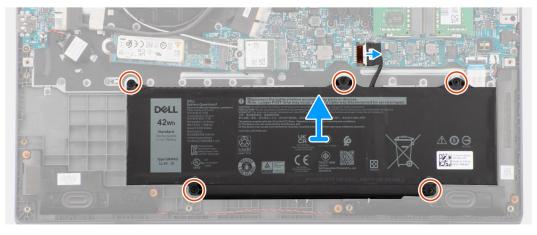
#### **Prerequisites**

- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the battery and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.





#### Steps

- 1. Use the pull tab to disconnect the battery cable from the connector on the system board.
- 2. Loosen the five captive screws that secure the battery to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- **3.** Lift the battery off the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

### Installing the battery

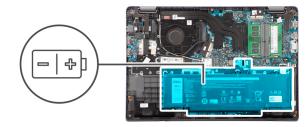
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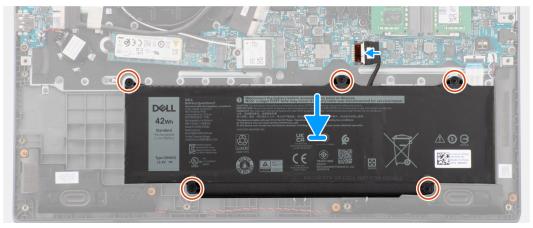
If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the battery and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.







#### Steps

- 1. Align the screw holes on the battery to the screw holes on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- 2. Tighten the five captive screws to secure the battery to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- 3. Connect the battery cable to the connector on the system board.

#### **Next steps**

- 1. Install the base cover.
- 2. Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

## **Battery cable**

## Removing the battery cable

#### **Prerequisites**

- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.
- 3. Remove the battery.

#### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the battery cable and provides a visual representation of the removal procedure.







- 1. Unroute the battery cable from the routing guides on the battery.
- 2. Disconnect the battery cable from the connector on the battery.
- **3.** Lift the battery cable away from the battery.

## Installing the battery cable

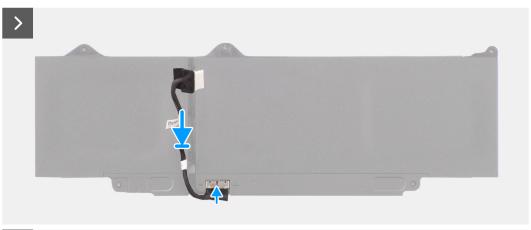
#### **Prerequisites**

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

#### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the battery cable and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.







- 1. Connect the battery cable to the connector on the battery.
- 2. Route the battery cable through the routing guides on the battery.

#### **Next steps**

- 1. Install the battery.
- 2. Install the base cover.
- **3.** Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

# **Memory modules**

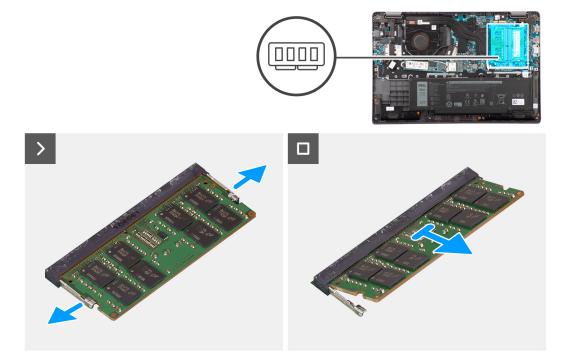
## Removing the memory module

#### Prerequisites

- 1. Follow the procedure in before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.
- 3. Disconnect the battery.

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the memory module and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



#### **Steps**

- 1. Pry the clips securing the memory module until the memory module pops-up.
- 2. Remove the memory module from the memory slot.

### Installing the memory modules

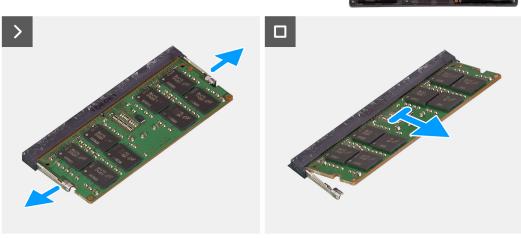
#### **Prerequisites**

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

#### About this task

The figure indicates the location of the memory module and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.





- 1. Align the notch on the memory module with the tab on the memory module slot.
- 2. Slide the memory module firmly into the slot at an angle.
- 3. Press the memory module down until it clicks into place.
  - NOTE: If you do not hear the click, remove the memory module and reinstall it.

#### Next steps

- 1. Install the battery.
- 2. Install the base cover.
- 3. Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

## M.2 solid-state drive

## Removing the M.2 2230 solid-state drive

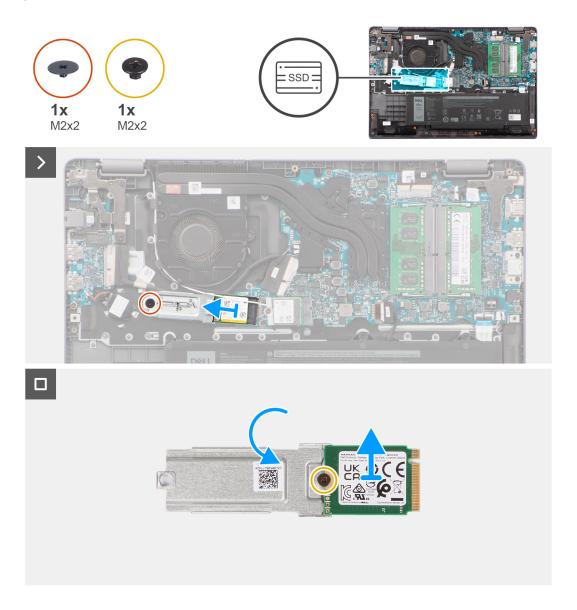
#### **Prerequisites**

- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.

#### About this task

- i) NOTE: This procedure applies only to systems shipped with a M.2 2230 solid-state drive installed.
- NOTE: The M.2 solid-state drive that is installed on your system depends on the configuration ordered. Supported card configurations on the M.2 solid-state drive slot are:
  - M.2 2230 solid-state drive
  - M.2 2280 solid-state drive

The following images indicate the location of the M.2 2230 solid-state drive and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



#### Steps

- 1. Remove the screw (M2x2) to secure the M.2 2230 solid-state drive holder to the system board.
- 2. Lift the M.2 2230 solid-state drive holder off the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- **3.** Flip the M.2 2230 solid-state drive holder and remove the single screw (M2x2) that secure the M.2 2230 solid-state drive to the M.2 2230 solid-state drive holder.
- 4. Remove the M.2 2230 solid-state drive.

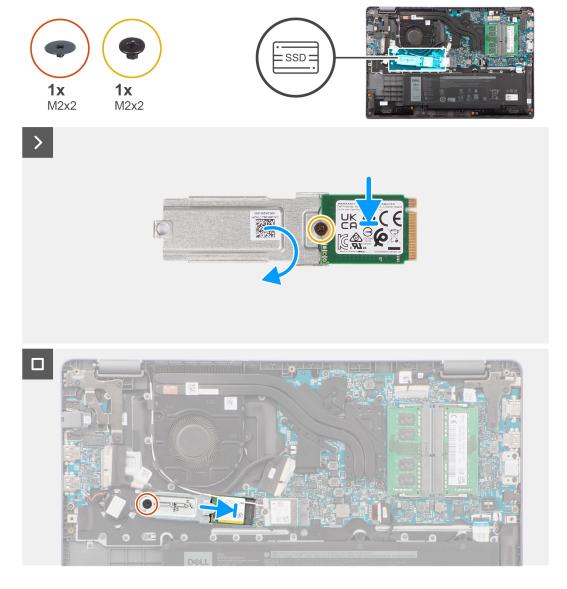
## Installing the M.2 2230 solid-state drive

#### **Prerequisites**

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the M.2 2230 solid-state drive and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.



- 1. Flip the M.2 2230 solid-state drive holder and align the notch on the M.2 2230 solid-state drive with the tab on the M.2 2230 solid-state drive holder.
- 2. Replace the single screw (M2x2) that secure the M.2 2230 solid-state drive to the M.2 2230 solid-state drive holder.
- 3. Slide the M.2 2230 solid-state drive into the M.2 card connector on the system board.
- 4. Align the screw hole on the M.2 2230 solid-state drive holder with the screw hole on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- 5. Replace the screw (M2x2) to secure the M.2 2230 solid-state drive holder to the system board.

#### **Next steps**

- 1. Install the base cover.
- 2. Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

## Removing the M.2 2280 solid-state drive

#### **Prerequisites**

- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.

#### About this task

- (i) NOTE: This procedure applies only to systems shipped with a M.2 2280 solid-state drive installed.
- NOTE: The M.2 solid-state drive that is installed on your system depends on the configuration ordered. Supported card configurations on the M.2 solid-state drive slot are:
  - M.2 2230 solid-state drive
  - M.2 2280 solid-state drive

The following images indicate the location of the M.2 2280 solid-state drive and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.





#### Steps

- 1. Remove the screw (M2x2) that secures the M.2 2280 solid-state drive to the system board.
- 2. Slide and remove the M.2 2280 solid-state drive from the M.2 card connector on the system board.

## Installing the M.2 2280 solid-state drive

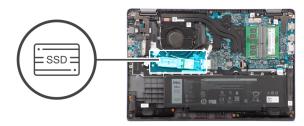
#### **Prerequisites**

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the M.2 2280 solid-state drive and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.







- 1. Align the notch on the M.2 2280 solid-state drive with the tab on the M.2 card connector on the system board.
- 2. Slide the M.2 2280 solid-state drive into the M.2 card connector on the system board.
- 3. Align the screw hole on the M.2 2280 solid-state drive with the screw hole on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- 4. Replace the screw (M2x2) to secure the M.2 2280 solid-state drive thermal plate to the system board.

#### **Next steps**

- 1. Install the base cover.
- 2. Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

## Wireless card

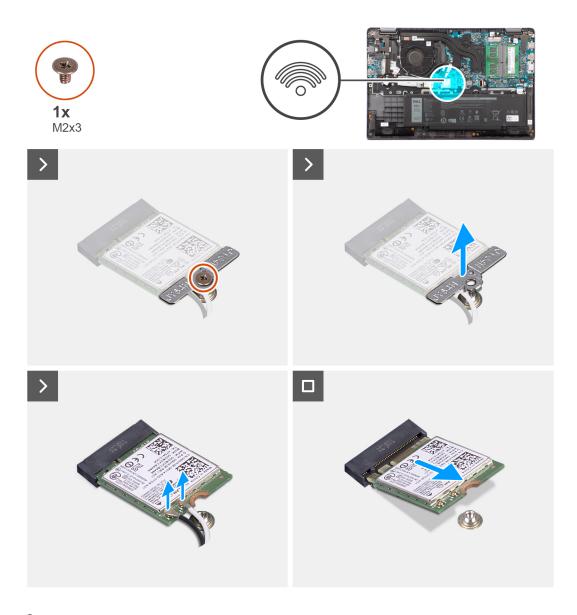
## Removing the wireless card

#### **Prerequisites**

- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the wireless card and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



- 1. Remove the screw (M2x3) that secures wireless-card bracket to the system board.
- 2. Slide and remove the wireless-card bracket from the system.
- 3. Disconnect the WLAN-antenna cables from the respective connectors on the wireless card.
- **4.** Lift and remove the wireless card from the wireless card slot on the system board.

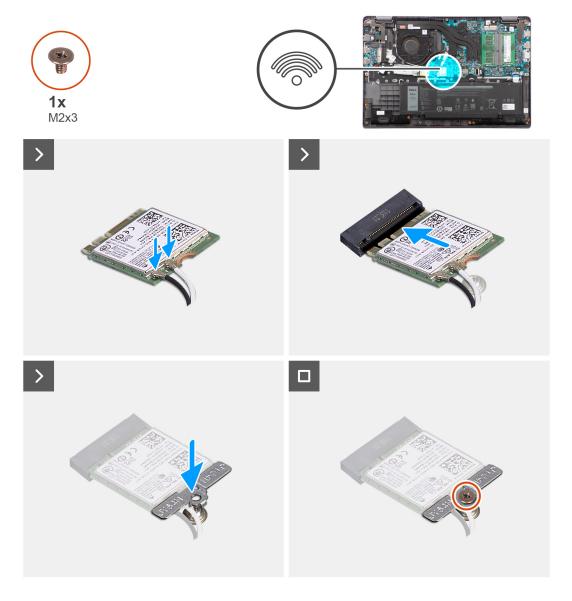
## Installing the wireless card

#### Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the wireless card and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.



- 1. Connect the WLAN-antenna cables to the respective connectors on the wireless card.
  - (i) NOTE: The WLAN-antenna cable connectors are fragile, and utmost care should be taken while replacing them.

Table 2. WLAN-antenna cable color scheme

Connectors on the wireless card	Antenna-cable color
Main - White triangle (^) on the wireless module of the system board	White cable
Auxiliary - Solid triangle (▲) on the wireless module of the system board	Black cable

- 2. Align the notch on the wireless card with the tab on the wireless card slot.
- 3. Slide the wireless card at an angle into the wireless card slot.
- 4. Place the wireless-card bracket on the wireless card.
- 5. Align the screw hole on the wireless-card bracket with the screw hole on the system board.
- 6. Replace the screw (M2x3) to secure the wireless-card bracket and the wireless card to the system board.

#### **Next steps**

- 1. Install the base cover.
- 2. Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

# Wireless Wide Area Network (WWAN) card

## Removing the WWAN card

#### **Prerequisites**

- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.
- 3. Remove the battery.

#### About this task

The figure indicates the location of the WWAN card and provides a visual representation of the removal procedure.







#### **Steps**

- 1. Remove the single (M2x3) screw that secures the WWAN bracket to the computer.
- 2. Remove the WWAN bracket.
- 3. Disconnect the WWAN antenna cables from the WWAN module.
- 4. Slide and remove the WWAN card from the WWAN card slot.

## Installing the WWAN card

#### **Prerequisites**

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

#### About this task

The figure indicates the location of the WWAN card and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.











#### Steps

- Align the notch on the WWAN card with the tab on the WWAN-card slot and insert the WWAN card at an angle into the WWAN-card slot.
- 2. Connect the WWAN antenna cables to the WWAN card.
- 3. Align and place the WWAN-card bracket to secure the WWAN card to the system board.
- 4. Replace the single (M2x3) screw to secure the WWAN card to the system board.

#### **Next steps**

- 1. Install the battery.
- 2. Install the base cover.
- 3. Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

## Fan

### Removing the thermal fan

#### **Prerequisites**

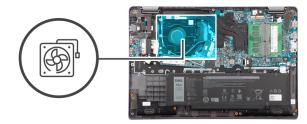
- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.

#### About this task

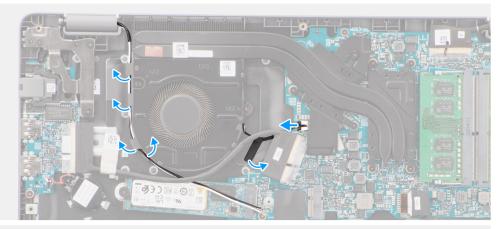
- NOTE: The thermal fan may become hot during normal operation. Allow sufficient time for the thermal fan to cool before you touch it.
- NOTE: For maximum cooling of the processor, do not touch the heat transfer areas on the thermal fan. The oils in your skin can reduce the heat transfer capability of the thermal grease.

The following image indicates the location of the thermal fan and provides a visual representation of the removal procedure.

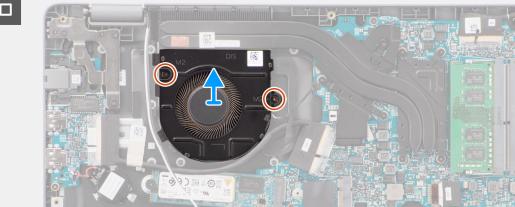












- 1. Disconnect the thermal-fan cable from the connector on the system board.
- 2. Remove the two screws (M2x3) that secure the thermal fan to the system board.
- 3. Lift and remove the thermal fan from the system board.

## Installing the thermal fan

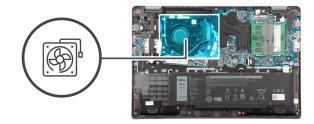
#### **Prerequisites**

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

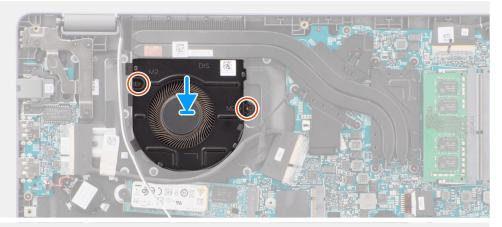
#### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the thermal fan and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.













- 1. Place the thermal fan into its slot on the system board.
- 2. Align the screw holes on the thermal fan to the screw holes on the system board.
- 3. Replace the two screws (M2x3) to secure the thermal fan to the system board.
- 4. Connect the thermal-fan cable to the connector on the system board.

#### Next steps

- 1. Install the base cover.
- 2. Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

# **Coin-cell battery**

## Removing the coin-cell battery

#### **Prerequisites**

1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.

2. Remove the base cover.

#### About this task

i NOTE: When the coin-cell battery is removed, it clears the CMOS settings.

The following image indicates the location of the coin-cell battery and provides a visual representation of the removal procedure.





#### Steps

- 1. Disconnect the coin-cell battery cable from the connector on the system board.
- 2. Using a plastic scribe, pry the coin-cell battery off its slot on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

## Installing the coin-cell battery

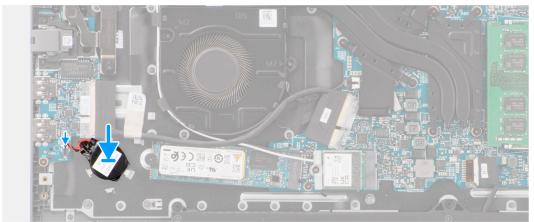
#### **Prerequisites**

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

#### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the coin-cell battery and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.





- 1. Align and place the coin-cell battery into its slot on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- 2. Connect the coin-cell battery cable to the connector on the system board.

#### **Next steps**

- 1. Install the base cover.
- 2. Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

### I/O board

## Removing the I/O board

#### **Prerequisites**

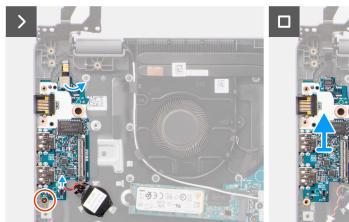
- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.

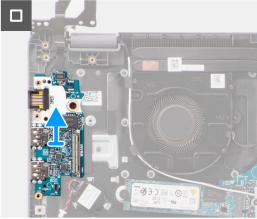
#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the I/O board and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.









CAUTION: The system has a coin-cell battery that is connected to the I/O board. Disconnecting the I/O board cable resets the BIOS setup program settings to default. Note the BIOS setup program settings before disconnecting the I/O board cable.

#### Steps

- 1. Remove the screw (M2x3) that secures the I/O board to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- 2. Lift the I/O board off the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

## Installing the I/O board

#### **Prerequisites**

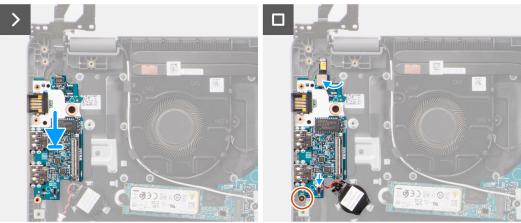
If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the I/O board and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.







CAUTION: The system has a coin-cell battery that is connected to the I/O board. Disconnecting the I/O board cable resets the BIOS setup program settings to default. Note the BIOS setup program settings before disconnecting the I/O board cable.

#### Steps

- 1. Align and place the I/O board on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- 2. Align the screw holes on the I/O board with the screw holes on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- 3. Replace the screw (M2x3) to secure the I/O board to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

#### Next steps

- 1. Install the base cover.
- 2. Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

## **Power-button board**

## Removing the power button

#### **Prerequisites**

- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.
- 3. Remove the I/O board.

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the power button and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.





Lift to remove the power button from the slot on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

# Installing the power button

# Prerequisites

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the power button and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.





Align and place the power button into its slot on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

## **Next steps**

- 1. Install the I/O board.
- 2. Install the base cover.
- **3.** Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

# Power button with optional fingerprint reader

# Removing the power button with optional fingerprint reader

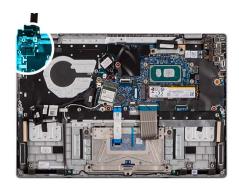
## **Prerequisites**

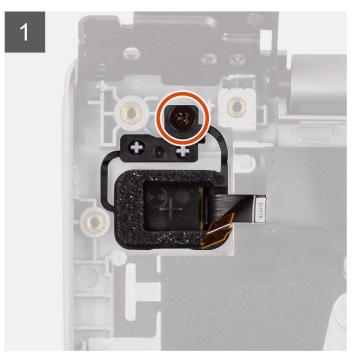
- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.
- 3. Remove the I/O board.

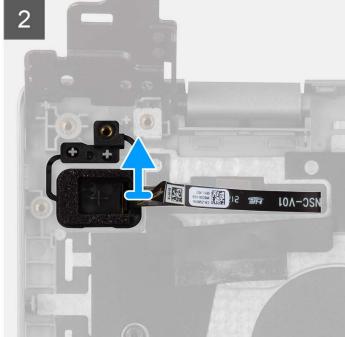
#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the power button with optional fingerprint reader and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.









- 1. Remove the screw (M2x3) that secures the power button with optional fingerprint reader to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- 2. Peel off the fingerprint reader flexible printed circuits from the connector on the power button.
- 3. Remove the power button with optional fingerprint reader from the slot on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

# Installing the power button with optional fingerprint reader

# **Prerequisites**

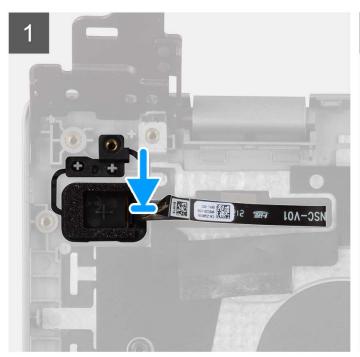
If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

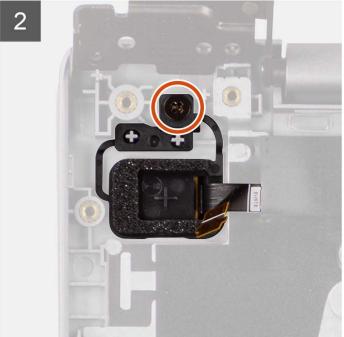
## About this task

The following images indicate the location of the power button with optional fingerprint reader and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.









- 1. Align and place the power button with optional fingerprint reader into its slot on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- 2. Adhere the fingerprint reader flexible printed circuits to the connector on the power button.
- **3.** Align the screw hole on the power button with optional fingerprint reader to the screw hole on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- **4.** Replace the screw (M2x3) to secure the power button with optional fingerprint reader to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

# Next steps

- 1. Install the I/O board.
- 2. Install the base cover.
- **3.** Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

# **Touchpad**

# Removing the touchpad

# **Prerequisites**

- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.

3. Remove the battery.

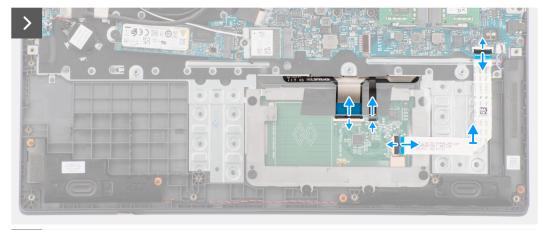
#### About this task

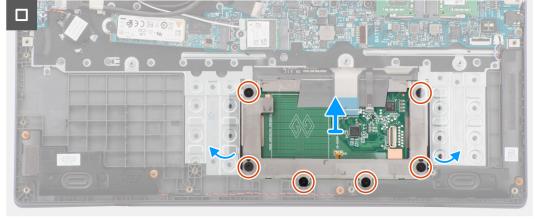
The following images indicate the location of the touchpad and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



**6x** M2x2







#### Steps

- 1. Open the latch and disconnect the touchpad cable from the connector on the system board.
- 2. Open the latch and disconnect the keyboard-cable from the connector on the touchpad module.
- 3. Open the latch and disconnect the keyboard backlight-cable from the connector on the touchpad.
- **4.** Remove the six screws (M2x2) that secure the touchpad bracket to the touchpad module.
- **5.** Lift the touchpad module at an angle and slide it out to remove the touchpad module from the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

# Installing the touchpad

## **Prerequisites**

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

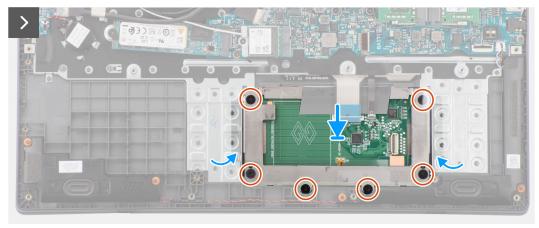
#### About this task

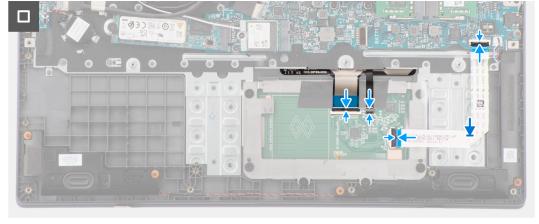
The following images indicate the location of the touchpad and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.



**6x** M2x2







#### Steps

- 1. Align and place the touchpad module into the slot on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- 2. Align the screw holes on the touchpad module to the screw holes on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- $\textbf{3.} \ \ \text{Replace the six screws (M2x2) to secure the touchpad module to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.}$
- 4. Connect the keyboard backlight-cable to the connector on the touchpad module. .
- **5.** Connect the keyboard-cable to the connector on the touchpad module close the latch.
- 6. Connect the touchpad cable to the connector on the system board and close the latch.

## **Next steps**

- 1. Install the battery.
- 2. Install the base cover.
- **3.** Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

# Power-adapter port

# Removing the power-adapter port

#### **Prerequisites**

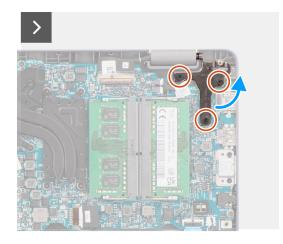
- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.

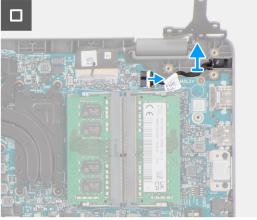
#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the power-adapter port and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.









#### **Steps**

- 1. Remove the three screws (M2.5x5) that secure the right display hinge to the system.
- 2. Lift the right display hinge in upward direction away from the system.
- **3.** Disconnect the power-adapter port cable from the connector on the system board and remove the power-adapter port from the system board.

# Installing the power-adapter port

# **Prerequisites**

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

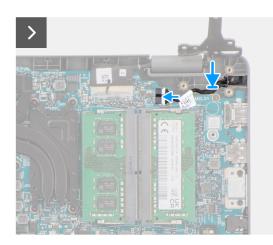
#### About this task

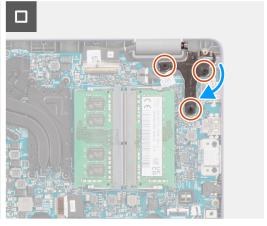
The following images indicate the location of the power-adapter port and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.



**3x** M2.5x5







## Steps

- 1. Align and place the power-adapter port on the system board.
- 2. Connect the power-adapter port cable to the connector on the system board.
- 3. Gently press the right display hinge in downward direction towards the system.
- **4.** Align the screw holes on the right display hinge with the screw holes on the system.
- 5. Replace the three screws (M2.5x5) to secure the right display hinge to the system.

#### **Next steps**

- 1. Install the base cover.
- 2. Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

# **Speakers**

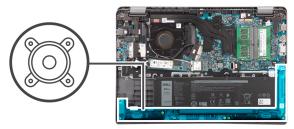
# Removing the speakers

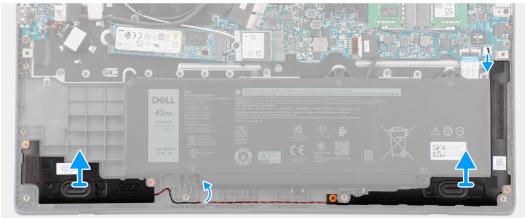
#### **Prerequisites**

- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.

## About this task

The following images indicate the location of the speakers and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.





- 1. Disconnect the speaker cable from the connector on the system board.
- 2. Unroute the speaker cable from the routing guides on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- **3.** Remove the speakers from the chassis.

# Installing the speakers

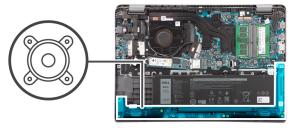
# **Prerequisites**

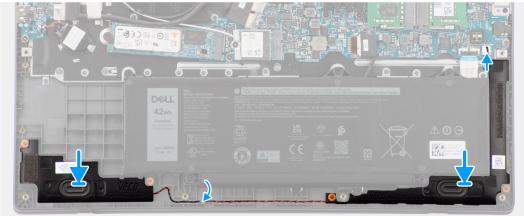
If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

## About this task

NOTE: If the rubber grommets are pushed out when removing the speakers, push them back in place before replacing the speakers.

The following images indicate the location of the speakers and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.





- 1. Align and place the speakers in the slot on the chassis.
- 2. Route the speaker cables through the routing guides on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- **3.** Connect the speaker cable to the connector on the system board.

## **Next steps**

- 1. Install the base cover.
- 2. Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

# **Heat sink**

# Removing the heat-sink for integrated graphics

#### **Prerequisites**

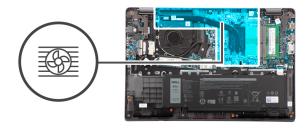
- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.

## About this task

- NOTE: The heat-sink may become hot during normal operation. Allow sufficient time for the heat-sink to cool before you touch it.
- NOTE: For maximum cooling of the processor, do not touch the heat transfer areas on the heat-sink. The oils in your skin can reduce the heat transfer capability of the thermal grease.

The following image indicates the location of the heat-sink and provides a visual representation of the removal procedure.







- 1. Loosen the four captive screws that secure the heat-sink to the system board.
  - NOTE: Loosen the four captive screws in the reverse sequential order mentioned on the heat-sink [4 > 3 > 2 > 1]
- 2. Lift and remove the heat-sink from the system board.

# Installing the heat-sink for integrated graphics

## **Prerequisites**

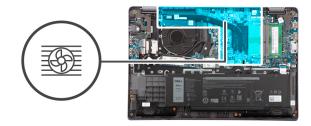
If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

## About this task

NOTE: If either the system board or the heat-sink is replaced, use the thermal grease provided in the kit to ensure that thermal conductivity is achieved.

The following image indicates the location of the heat-sink and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.







- 1. Place the heat-sink into its slot on the system board.
- 2. Align the screw holes on the heat-sink to the screw holes on the system board.
- ${\bf 3.}\;\;$  Tighten the four captive screws to secure the heat-sink to the system board.
  - NOTE: Tighten the four captive screws in the sequential order mentioned on the heat-sink [1 > 2 > 3 > 4]

#### **Next steps**

- 1. Install the base cover.
- 2. Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

# System board

# Removing the system board

## **Prerequisites**

- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.
- 3. Remove the battery.
- 4. Remove the M.2 2230 solid-state drive or the M.2 2280 solid-state drive, whichever applicable.
- **5.** Remove the wireless card.
- 6. Remove the thermal fan.
- 7. Remove the thermal heatsink.
- 8. Remove the display assembly.

# About this task

The following image indicates the connectors on your system board.

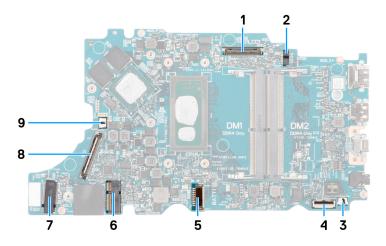


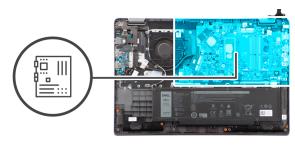
Figure 1. System-board connectors

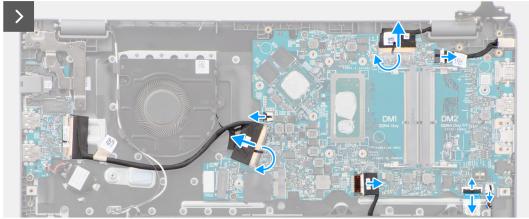
- 1. Display cable connector
- 3. Speaker cable connector
- 5. Battery cable connector
- 7. M.2 solid-state drive connector
- 9. Fan cable connector

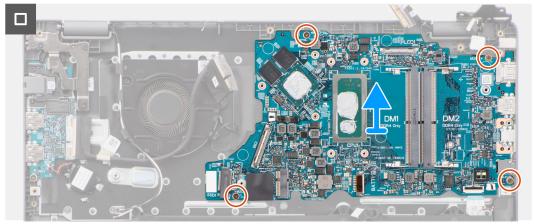
- 2. DC-in port connector
- 4. Touchpad cable connector
- 6. WLAN card connector
- 8. I/O board cable connector

The following images indicate the location of the system board and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.









CAUTION: The system has a coin-cell battery that is connected to the I/O board. Disconnecting the I/O board cable resets the BIOS setup program settings to default. Note the BIOS setup program settings before disconnecting the I/O board cable.

#### **Steps**

- 1. Disconnect the following cables from the respective connectors on the system board:
  - a. Touchpad cable
  - b. I/O board cable
  - c. Speaker cable
  - d. Fan cable
  - e. Display cable
  - f. Power adapter port cable
- 2. Remove the four screws (M2x3) that secure the system board to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- 3. Lift and remove the system board from the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

# Installing the system board

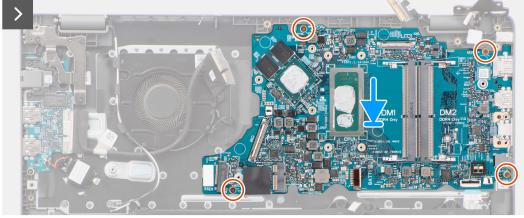
# Prerequisites

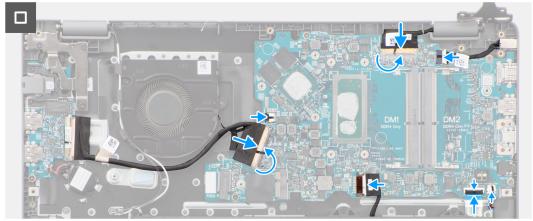
If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the system board and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.







CAUTION: The system has a coin-cell battery that is connected to the I/O board. Disconnecting the I/O board cable resets the BIOS setup program settings to default. Note the BIOS setup program settings before disconnecting the I/O board cable.

#### Steps

- 1. Align and place the system board on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- 2. Align the screw holes on the system board with the screw holes on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- 3. Replace the four screws (M2x3) to secure the system board to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- **4.** Connect the following cables to the respective connectors on the system board:
  - a. Touchpad cable
  - b. I/O board cable
  - c. Speaker cable
  - d. Thermal fan cable
  - e. Display cable
  - f. Power adapter port cable

## **Next steps**

- 1. Install the display assembly.
- 2. Install the thermal heat-sink.
- 3. Install the thermal fan.
- 4. Install the wireless card.
- 5. Install the M.2 2230 solid-state drive or the M.2 2280 solid-state drive, whichever applicable.
- 6. Install the battery.
- 7. Install the base cover.
- 8. Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

# Display assembly

# Removing the display assembly

# **Prerequisites**

- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.

#### About this task

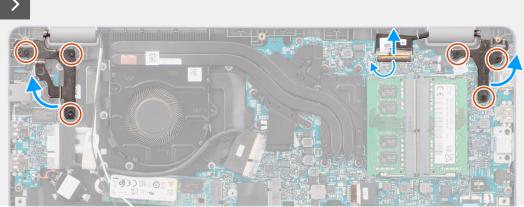
i NOTE: The display assembly removal procedure is the same for both clamshell and 2-in-1 convertible chassis.

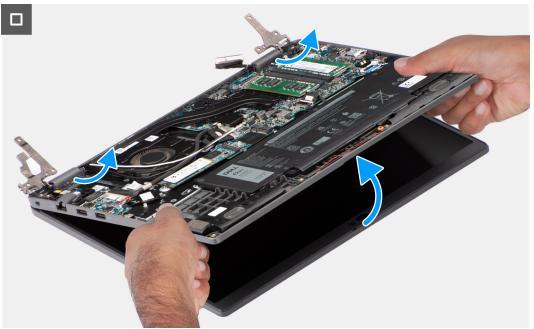
The following images indicate the location of the display assembly and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.











- 1. Peel the adhesive tape that secures the display cable.
- 2. Disconnect the display cable from the connector on the system board.
- 3. Unroute the WLAN antennae cables from the routing guides on the fan.
- 4. Place the computer on a flat surface such that the palm-rest and keyboard assembly lay flat on the surface.
- 5. Remove the six screws (M2.5x5) that secure the display hinges to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- 6. Lift the left and right hinges in upward direction, away from the system.
- 7. Lift the palm-rest and keyboard assembly at an angle to free it from the hinges and remove it from the display assembly.
  - NOTE: The display assembly is a Hinge-Up Design (HUD) assembly and cannot be further disassembled once it is removed from the bottom chassis. If any components in the display assembly are malfunctioning and is required to be replaced, replace the entire display assembly.

# Installing the display assembly

## **Prerequisites**

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

#### About this task

- i NOTE: The display assembly installation procedure is the same for both clamshell and 2-in-1 convertible chassis.
- NOTE: Ensure that the hinges are opened to the maximum before replacing the display assembly on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

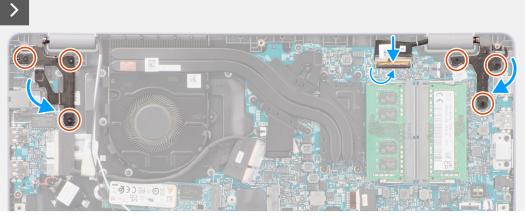
The following images indicate the location of the display assembly and provide a visual representation of the installation procedure.





**6x** M2.5x5







- 1. Place the display assembly on a flat surface.
- 2. Slide the display assembly at an angle and place the system chassis under the hinges of the display assembly.
- **3.** Gently press down on the display hinges to align the screw holes on the display hinges with the screw holes on the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- 4. Replace the six screws (M2.5x5) to secure the display hinges to the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.
- 5. Route the WLAN antennae cables over the routing guides on the fan.
- 6. Connect the display cable to its connector on the system board.
- 7. Adhere the adhesive tape to secure the display cable.

## **Next steps**

- 1. Install the base cover.
- 2. Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

# Display bezel

# Removing the display bezel

#### **Prerequisites**

- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.
- 3. Remove the display assembly.

#### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the display bezel and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



- (i) NOTE: The display bezel is adhered to the display panel with adhesive. Insert a plastic scribe into the recesses near both hinge caps to start the prying process to release the display bezel. Pry along the outside edge of the display bezel and work your way around the entire display bezel until the display bezel is separated from the display cover.
- CAUTION: Carefully pry and remove the display bezel to minimize the risk of display panel damages.
- 1. Using a plastic scribe, pry open the recesses near the left and right hinges on the bottom edge of the display bezel.
- 2. Carefully work your way around the edges of the display bezel to release it from the display back cover.
- 3. Lift the display bezel from the display assembly.

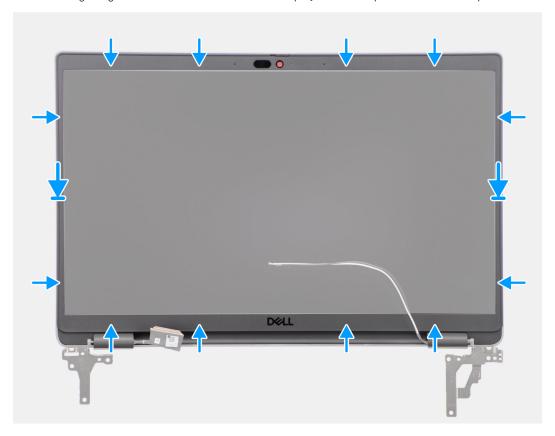
# Installing the display bezel

#### **Prerequisites**

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

#### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the display bezel and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



## Steps

- NOTE: While installing the replacement display bezel for the models that are shipped with a camera, carefully peel off the piece of tape that is used to secure the camera shutter to the replacement display bezel.
- CAUTION: You must take extra care when peeling the tape. An abrupt peeling may remove the camera shutter from the display bezel and damage the camera shutter.
- 1. Align and place the display bezel on the display assembly.
- 2. Gently snap the display bezel into place.

## **Next steps**

- 1. Install the display assembly.
- 2. Install the base cover.
- 3. Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

# **Display panel**

# Removing the display panel

## **Prerequisites**

- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.
- **3.** Remove the display assembly.
- 4. Remove the display bezel.

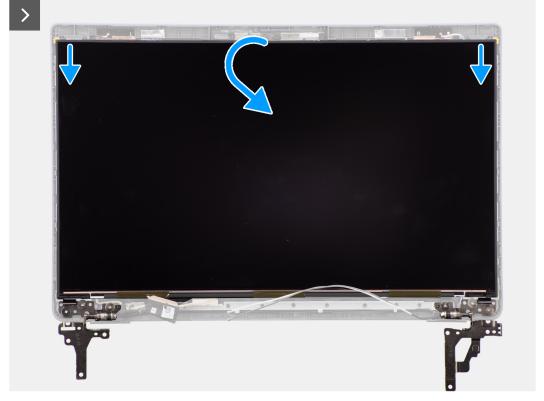
#### About this task

The following images indicate the location of the display panel and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.













NOTE: The display panel is preassembled with the display brackets as a single service part. Do not pull the Stretch Release (SR) tapes and separate the brackets from the display panel.



- 1. Remove the six (M2.5x2.5) screws that secure left and right hinges to the display back cover.
  - i NOTE: While removing the display panel, disengage the display panel tabs from the display cover before flipping it over
- 2. Lift and open the display panel to access the display cable.
- 3. Peel the conductive tape on the display cable connector.
- 4. Open the latch and disconnect the cable from the connector on the display panel.
- 5. Lift the display panel away from the display back cover.

# Installing the display panel

## **Prerequisites**

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

# About this task

The following images indicate the location of the display panel and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.











**6x** M2.5x2.5



- 1. Connect the display cable to the connector on the display panel and close the latch.
- 2. Adhere the conductive tape to secure the display cable to the display panel.
- 3. Insert the display panel tabs into the slots on the display cover.
- 4. Replace the six (M2.5x2.5) screws to secure the display panel to the display back cover.

#### **Next steps**

- 1. Install the display bezel.
- 2. Install the display assembly.
- 3. Install the base cover.
- **4.** Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

# Camera

# Removing the camera

#### **Prerequisites**

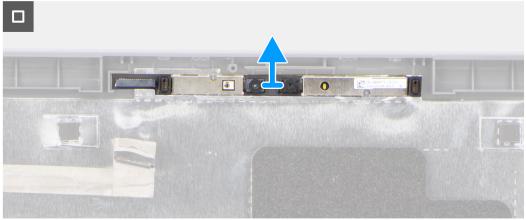
- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.
- 3. Remove the display assembly.
- 4. Remove the display bezel.
- 5. Remove the display panel.

## About this task

The following images indicate the location of the camera and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.







- 1. Disconnect the camera cable from the camera module.
- 2. Lift to remove the camera module from the display back cover.

# Installing the camera

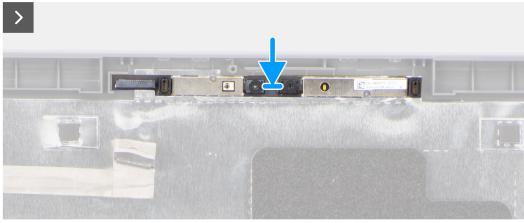
## **Prerequisites**

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

## About this task

The following images indicate the location of the display panel and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.







- 1. Align and replace the camera module on the display back cover.
- 2. Connect the camera cable to the camera module.

# Next steps

- 1. Install the display panel.
- 2. Install the display bezel.
- 3. Install the display assembly.
- **4.** Install the base cover.
- 5. Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

# eDP/display cable

# Removing the eDP cable

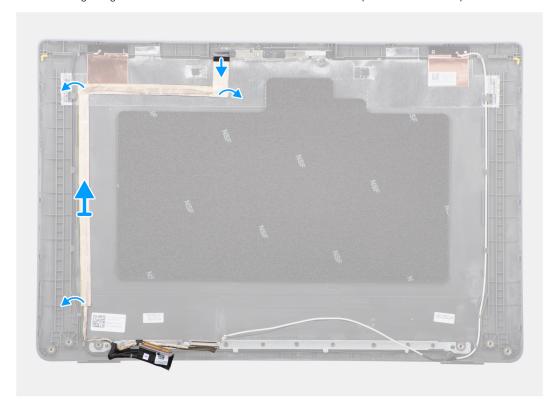
## **Prerequisites**

1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.

- 2. Remove the base cover.
- 3. Remove the display assembly.
- 4. Remove the display bezel.
- 5. Remove the display panel.
- 6. Remove the camera.

#### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the eDP cable and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



# Steps

- 1. Disconnect the eDP cable from the connector on the camera module.
- 2. Peel the conductive tape and unroute the eDP cable to release it from adhesive and lift the eDP cable from the display back cover.

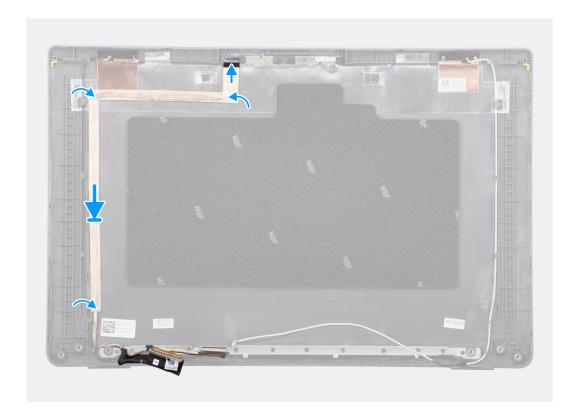
# Installing the eDP cable

# **Prerequisites**

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

## About this task

The following image indicates the location of the eDP cable and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



- 1. Connect the eDP cable to the connector on the camera module.
- 2. Adhere the eDP cable to the display back cover.
- 3. Adhere the conductive tape and route the eDP cable to the display back cover.

## **Next steps**

- 1. Install the camera.
- 2. Install the display panel.
- 3. Install the display bezel.
- 4. Install the display assembly.
- 5. Install the base cover.
- **6.** Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

# Display back cover

# Removing the display back cover

# **Prerequisites**

- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.
- 3. Remove the display assembly.
- 4. Remove the display bezel.
- 5. Remove the display panel.
- 6. Remove the camera.
- 7. Remove the eDP cable.

#### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the display back cover and provide a visual representation of the removal procedure.



## Steps

After performing the steps in the pre-requisites, we are left with the display back cover.

# Installing the display back cover

### **Prerequisites**

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

## About this task

The following image indicates the location of the display back cover and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



Place the display back cover on a flat surface.

## **Next steps**

- 1. Install the eDP cable.
- 2. Install the camera.
- 3. Install the display panel.
- 4. Install the display bezel.
- 5. Install the display assembly.
- 6. Install the base cover.
- 7. Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

# Palm-rest and keyboard assembly

# Removing the palm-rest and keyboard assembly

# **Prerequisites**

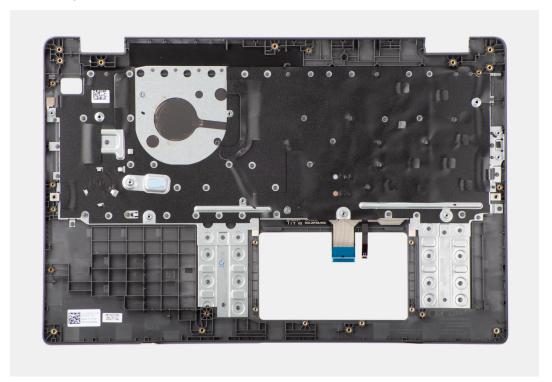
- 1. Follow the procedure in Before working inside your computer.
- 2. Remove the base cover.
- 3. Remove the battery.
- 4. Remove the M.2 2230 solid-state drive or the M.2 2280 solid-state drive, whichever applicable.
- **5.** Remove the wireless card.
- 6. Remove the thermal fan.
- 7. Remove the thermal heat-sink.
- 8. Remove the coin-cell battery.
- 9. Remove the display assembly.
- 10. Remove the I/O board.
- **11.** Remove the power button.

- 12. Remove the speakers.
- 13. Remove the touchpad.
- 14. Remove the system board.
  - NOTE: The system board can be removed with the thermal heat-sink attached to it in order to simplify the procedure and preserve the thermal bond between the system board and the thermal heat-sink.
- 15. Remove the power-adapter port.

## About this task

NOTE: The palm-rest assembly cannot be further disassembled once all the pre-removal parts procedures are completed. If the keyboard is malfunctioning and is required to be replaced, replace the entire palm-rest assembly.

The image below shows the palm-rest assembly after the pre-removal parts procedures have been performed for any palm-rest assembly replacement.



# Steps

After performing the pre-requisites, you are left with the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

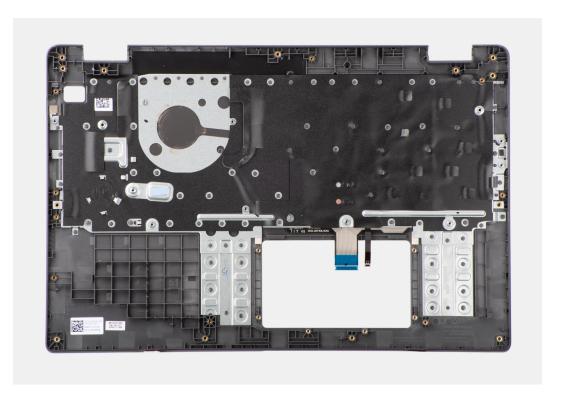
# Installing the palm-rest and keyboard assembly

#### **Prerequisites**

If you are replacing a component, remove the existing component before performing the installation procedure.

#### About this task

The following image indicates the location of the palm-rest and keyboard assembly and provides a visual representation of the installation procedure.



Place the palm-rest and keyboard assembly on a flat surface and perform the post-requisites to install the palm-rest and keyboard assembly.

## **Next steps**

- 1. Install the power-adapter port.
- 2. Install the system board.
  - NOTE: The system board can be installed with the thermal heat-sink attached to it in order to simplify the procedure and preserve the thermal bond between the system board and the thermal heat-sink.
- 3. Install the touchpad.
- 4. Install the speakers.
- 5. Install the power button .
- 6. Install the I/O board.
- 7. Install the display assembly.
- 8. Install the coin-cell battery.
- 9. Install the thermal heat-sink.
- 10. Install the thermal fan.
- 11. Install the wireless card.
- 12. Install the M.2 2230 solid-state drive or the M.2 2280 solid-state drive, whichever applicable.
- 13. Install the battery.
- 14. Install the base cover.
- 15. Follow the procedure in After working inside your computer.

# **Drivers and downloads**

When troubleshooting, downloading or installing drivers it is recommended that you read the Dell Knowledge Base article, Drivers and Downloads FAQ 000123347.

# **BIOS setup**

- CAUTION: Unless you are an expert computer user, do not change the settings in the BIOS Setup program.

  Certain changes can make your computer work incorrectly.
- (i) NOTE: Depending on the computer and its installed devices, the items listed in this section may or may not be displayed.
- NOTE: Before you change BIOS Setup program, it is recommended that you write down the BIOS Setup program screen information for future reference.

Use the BIOS Setup program for the following purposes:

- Get information about the hardware installed in your computer, such as the amount of RAM and the size of the hard drive.
- Change the system configuration information.
- Set or change a user-selectable option, such as the user password, type of hard drive installed, and enabling or disabling base devices.

# **Entering BIOS setup program**

#### About this task

Turn on (or restart) your computer and press F2 immediately.

# **Navigation keys**

NOTE: For most of the System Setup options, changes that you make are recorded but do not take effect until you restart the system.

## Table 3. Navigation keys

Keys	Navigation
Up arrow	Moves to the previous field.
Down arrow	Moves to the next field.
Enter	Selects a value in the selected field (if applicable) or follow the link in the field.
Spacebar	Expands or collapses a drop-down list, if applicable.
Tab	Moves to the next focus area.  i NOTE: For the standard graphics browser only.
Esc	Moves to the previous page until you view the main screen. Pressing Esc in the main screen displays a message that prompts you to save any unsaved changes and restarts the system.

# One time boot menu

To enter **one time boot menu**, turn on your computer, and then press F2 immediately.

i NOTE: It is recommended to shutdown the computer if it is on.

The one-time boot menu displays the devices that you can boot from including the diagnostic option. The boot menu options are:

- Removable Drive (if available)
- STXXXX Drive (if available)
  - i NOTE: XXX denotes the SATA drive number.
- Optical Drive (if available)
- SATA Hard Drive (if available)
- Diagnostics
  - i NOTE: Choosing Diagnostics, will display the ePSA diagnostics screen.

The boot sequence screen also displays the option to access the System Setup screen.

## One Time Boot menu

To enter One Time Boot menu, turn on your computer, and then press F12 immediately.

NOTE: It is recommended to shutdown the computer if it is on.

The one-time boot menu displays the devices that you can boot from including the diagnostic option. The boot menu options are:

- Removable Drive (if available)
- STXXXX Drive (if available)
  - i NOTE: XXX denotes the SATA drive number.
- Optical Drive (if available)
- SATA Hard Drive (if available)
- Diagnostics

The boot sequence screen also displays the option to access the System Setup screen.

# System setup options

NOTE: Depending on your system and its installed devices, the items that are listed in this section may or may not appear.

Table 4. System setup options—System information menu

Overview	
Latitude 3540	
BIOS Version	Displays the BIOS version number.
Service Tag	Displays the Service Tag of the system.
Asset Tag	Displays the Asset Tag of the system.
Manufacture Date	Displays the manufacture date of the system.
Ownership Date	Displays the ownership date of the system.
Express Service Code	Displays the express service code of the system.
Ownership Tag	Displays the Ownership Tag of the system.
Signed Firmware Update	Displays whether the Signed Firmware Update is enabled on your system.
Battery Information	
Primary	Displays that battery is primary.
Battery Level	Displays the battery level of the system.
Battery State	Displays the battery state of the system.
Health	Displays the battery health of the system.

Table 4. System setup options—System information menu (continued)

#### Overview

AC Adapter Displays whether the AC adapter is connected or not.

Battery Life Type Displays the battery life type of the system.

**Processor Information** 

Processor Type Displays the processor type.

Maximum Clock Speed Displays the maximum processor clock speed.

Minimum Clock Speed Displays the minimum processor clock speed.

Current Clock Speed Displays the current processor clock speed.

Core Count Displays the number of cores on the processor.

Processor ID Displays the processor identification code.

Processor L2 Cache

Displays the processor L2 Cache size.

Processor L3 Cache

Displays the processor L3 Cache size.

Microcode Version Displays the microcode version.

Intel Hyper-Threading Capable Displays whether the processor is Hyper-Threading (HT) capable.

64-Bit Technology Displays whether 64-bit technology is used.

**Memory Information** 

Memory Installed Displays the total system memory installed.

Memory Available Displays the total system memory available.

Memory Speed Displays the memory speed.

Memory Channel Mode Displays single or dual channel mode.

Memory Technology Displays the technology that is used for the memory.

DIMM\_SLOT 1 Displays the memory information in slot 1.

DIMM\_SLOT 2 Displays the memory information in slot 2.

**Devices Information** 

Panel Type Displays the Panel Type of the system.

Video Controller Displays the video controller type of the system.

Video Memory Displays the video memory information of the system.

Wi-Fi Device Displays the wireless device information of the system.

Native Resolution Displays the native resolution of the system.

Video BIOS Version Displays the video BIOS version of the system.

Audio Controller Displays the audio controller information of the system.

Bluetooth Device Displays the Bluetooth device information of the system.

LOM MAC Address

Displays the LOM MAC Address device information of the system.

Pass-Through MAC Address

Displays the Pass-through MAC address information of the system.

Cellular Device Displays the cellular device information of the system.

dGPU Video Controller Displays the video controller device information of the system.

## Table 5. System setup options—Boot Configuration menu

## **Boot Configuration**

## **Boot Sequence**

Boot mode Displays the boot mode.

Table 5. System setup options—Boot Configuration menu (continued)

oot Configuration	
Boot Sequence	Displays the boot sequence.
Secure Boot	
Enable Secure Boot	Enable or disable the secure boot feature.
	By default, the option is not enabled.
Enable Microsoft UEFI CA	Enable or disable the Microsoft UEFI CA boot feature.
	By default, the option is enabled.
Secure Boot Mode	Enable or disable to change the secure boot mode options.
	By default, the <b>Deployed Mode</b> is enabled.
Expert Key Management	
Enable Custom Mode	Enable or disable custom mode.
	By default, the <b>custom mode</b> option is not enabled.
Custom Mode Key Management	Select the custom values for expert key management.

## Table 6. System setup options—Integrated Devices menu

tegrated Devices	
Date/Time	Displays the current date in MM/DD/YYYY format and current time in HH:MM:SS AM/PM format.
Camera	Enables or disable the camera.
	By default, the <b>Enable Camera</b> option is selected
Audio	
Enable Audio	Enable or disable the integrated audio controller.
	By default, all the options are enabled.
USB Configuration	<ul> <li>Enable or disable booting from USB mass storage devices that are connected to external USB ports.</li> </ul>
	By default, the <b>Enable External USB Ports</b> option is enabled.
	<ul> <li>Enable or disable booting from USB mass storage devices such as external hard drive, optical drive, and USB drive.</li> </ul>
	By default, the <b>Enable USB Boot Support</b> option is enabled.
Disable USB4 PCIE Tunneling	Disable the USB4 PCIE Tunneling option.
	By default, the option is disabled.
Miscellaneous Devices	Enable or disable the Fingerprint reader Device.
	By default, the <b>Miscellaneous Devices</b> option is enabled.
Unobtrusive Mode	Enable or disable the Unobtrusive Mode. Enabling this option will turn off all system light and sound.
	By default, the <b>Unobtrusive Mode</b> option is disabled.

## Table 7. System setup options—Storage menu

Storage	
SATA/NVMe Operation	
SATA/NVMe Operation	Set the operating mode of the integrated storage device controller.

Table 7. System setup options—Storage menu (continued)

orage	
	By default, the <b>RAID On</b> option is enabled.
Storage interface	
Port Enablement	This page allows you to enable the onboard drives.
	By default, the M.2 PCle SSD option is enabled.
SMART Reporting	
Enable SMART Reporting	Enable or disable Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology (SMART) during system startup.
	By default, the <b>Enable SMART Reporting</b> option is not enabled.
Drive Information	
M.2 PCIe SSD	
Туре	Displays the M.2 PCle SSD type information of the system.
Device	Displays the M.2 PCIe SSD device information of the system.

## Table 8. System setup options—Display menu

Display	
Display Brightness	
Brightness on battery power	Enable to set screen brightness when the system is running on battery power.
Brightness on AC power	Enable to set screen brightness when the system is running on AC power.
Touchscreen	Enable or disable the touchscreen functionality.
	By default, this option is enabled.
EcoPower	Enable or disable EcoPower Feature in your panel. EcoPower can increase the battery life of your system by reducing the display brightness when appropriate.
	By default, <b>Enable EcoPower</b> option is enabled.
Full Screen Logo	Enable or disable full screen logo.
	By default, the option is not enabled.

## Table 9. System setup options—Connection menu

Connection	
Network Controller Configuration	Allows you to choose the integrated NIC options.
	By default, <b>Enabled with PXE</b> option is enabled.
Wireless Device Enable	
WLAN	Enable or disable the internal WLAN device.
	By default, the option enabled.
Bluetooth	Enable or disable the internal Bluetooth device
	By default, the option enabled.
Enable UEFI Network Stack	Enable or disable UEFI Network Stack and controls the on-board LAN Controller.
	By default, the <b>Enable UEFI Network Stack</b> option is enabled.
HTTP(s) Boot Feature	
HTTP(s) Boot	Enable or disable the HTTPs Boot feature.

Table 9. System setup options—Connection menu (continued)

Connection	
	By default, the <b>HTTPs Boot</b> option is enabled.
HTTP(s) Boot Modes	By default, the <b>Auto Mode</b> option is enabled.

## Table 10. System setup options—Power menu

Power	
Battery configuration	Enables the system to run on battery during peak power usage hours. Use the table <b>Custom Charge Start</b> and <b>Custom Charge Stop</b> , to prevent AC power usage between certain times of each day.
	By default, the <b>Adaptive</b> option is enabled.
Advanced Configuration	
Enable Advanced Battery Charge	Enable or disable the advanced battery charge configuration.
Configuration	By default, the <b>Enable Advanced Battery Charge Configuration</b> option is disabled.
Peak Shift	Enables the system to run on battery during peak power usage hours.
Enable Peak Shift	By default, the <b>Enable Peak Shift</b> option is disabled.
USB PowerShare	When enabled, external devices like phones or portable music players can be powered or charged using the stored system battery when the system is in sleep state.
Enable USB PowerShare	By default, the <b>USB PowerShare</b> option is disabled.
Thermal Management	Enables to cool the fan and processor heat management to adjust the system performance, noise, and temperature.
	By default, the <b>Optimized</b> option is enabled.
USB Wake Support	
Wake on Dell USB-C Dock	When enabled, connecting a Dell USB-C Dock will wake the system from Standby, Hibernate, and Power Off.
	By default, the Wake on Dell USB-C Dock option is enabled.
Block Sleep	Enables to block entering sleep (S3) mode in the operating system.
	By default, the <b>Block Sleep</b> option is disabled.
Lid Switch	
Enable Lid Switch	Enable or disable the lid switch.
	By default, the <b>Enable Lid Switch</b> option is enabled.
Intel Speed Shift Technology	Enable or disable the Intel speed shift technology support.
	By default, the Intel Speed Shift Technology option is enabled.

## Table 11. System setup options—Security menu

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Security	
TPM 2.0 Security	
TPM 2.0 Security On	Allows you to enable or disable TPM visibility to operating system.
	By default, the <b>TPM 2.0 Security On</b> option is enabled.
Attestation Enable	Enables to control whether the Trusted Platform Module (TPM) Endorsement Hierarchy is available to the operating system.

Table 11. System setup options—Security menu (continued)

ecurity	
	By default, the <b>Attestation Enable</b> option is enabled.
Key Storage Enable	Enables to control whether the Trusted Platform Module (TPM) Storage Hierarchy is available to the operating system.
	By default, the <b>Key Storage Enable</b> option is enabled.
SHA-256	When enabled, the BIOS and TPM will use the SHA-256 hash algorithm to extend measurements into the TPM PCRs during BIOS boot.
	By default, the <b>SHA-256</b> option is enabled.
Clear	Enables to clear the TPM owner information and returns the TPM to the default state.
	By default, the <b>Clear</b> option is disabled.
PPI Bypass for Clear Commands	Controls the TPM Physical Presence Interface (PPI).
	By default, the <b>PPI ByPass for clear Commands</b> option is disabled.
Chassis Intrusion	This feature controls the chassis intrusion feature
	By default, the <b>Chassis Intrusion</b> option is disabled.
SMM Security Mitigation	Enable or disable additional UEFI SMM Security Mitigation protections.
	By default, the option is enabled.
Data Wipe on Next Boot	
Start Data Wipe	Enable or disable the data wipe on next boot.
	By default, the <b>Start Data Wipe</b> option is disabled.
Absolute	Enable or disable or permanently disable the BIOS module interface of the optional Absolute Persistence Module service from Absolute software.
	By default, the option is enabled.
	WARNING: The 'Permanently Disabled' option can only be selected once. When 'Permanently Disabled' is selected, Absolute Persistence cannot be re-enabled. No further changes to the Enable/Disable states are allowed.
	NOTE: The Enable/Disable options will be unavailable while Computrace is in the activated state.
UEFI Boot Path Security	Controls whether the system will prompt the user to enter the admin password (if set) when booting to a UEFI boot path device from the F12 boot menu.
	By default, the <b>Always Except Internal HDD</b> option is enabled.
Firmware Device Tamper Detection	
Firmware Device Tamper Detection	By default, the Firmware Device Tamper Detection option is selected as <b>Silent</b> .
Clear Firmware Device Tamper Detection	By default, the Clear Firmware Device Tamper Detection option is selected as $\ensuremath{\mathbf{OFF}}.$

## Table 12. System setup options—Passwords menu

Passwords	
Admin Password	Set, change, or delete the administrator password.
System Password	Set, change, or delete the system password.
M.2 PCIe SSD-0	Set, change, or delete the M.2 PCle SSD-0 password.

Table 12. System setup options—Passwords menu (continued)

sswords		
Password Configuration		
Upper Case Letter	Reinforces password must have at least one upper case letter.	
	By default, the option is disabled.	
Lower Case Letter	Reinforces password must have at least one lower case letter.	
	By default, the option is disabled.	
Digit	Reinforces password must have at least one digit number.	
	By default, the option is disabled.	
Special Character	Reinforces password must have at least one special character.	
	By default, the option is disabled.	
Minimum Characters	Set the minimum characters allowed for password.	
Password Bypass	When enabled, this always prompts for system and internal hard drive passwords when powered on from the off state.	
	By default, the <b>Disabled</b> option is selected.	
Password Changes		
Allow Non-Admin Password Changes	Enable or disable to change system and hard drive password without the need for admin password.	
	By default, the option is enabled.	
Admin Setup Lockout		
Enable Admin Setup Lockout	Enables administrators control over how their users can or cannot access BIOS setup.	
	By default, the option is disabled.	
Master Password Lockout		
Enable Master Password Lockout	When enabled, this disables the master password support.	
	By default, the option is disabled.	
Allow Non-Admin PSID Revert		
Enable Allow Non-Admin PSID Revert	Controls access to the Physical Security ID (PSID) revert of NVMe hard-drives from the Dell Security Manager prompt.	
	By default, the option is disabled.	

Table 13. System setup options—Update, Recovery menu

UEFI Capsule Firmware Updates	Enable or disable BIOS updates through UEFI capsule update packages.  (i) NOTE: Disabling this option will block BIOS updates from services such a Microsoft Windows Update and Linux Vendor Firmware Service (LVFS).
	By default, the option is enabled.
BIOS Recovery from Hard Drive	Enables the user to recover from certain corrupted BIOS conditions from a recovery file on the user primary hard drive or an external USB key.
	By default, the option is enabled.
	(i) <b>NOTE:</b> BIOS Recovery from Hard Drive is not available for self-encryptin drives (SED).

Table 13. System setup options—Update, Recovery menu (continued)

Update, Recovery		
Allow BIOS Downgrade	This field controls the flashing of the system firmware to previous revisions.	
	By default, the option is enabled.	
SupportAssist OS Recovery	Enable or disable the boot flow for SupportAssist OS Recovery tool in the event of certain system errors.	
	By default, the option is enabled.	
BIOSConnect	Enable or disable cloud Service operating system recovery if the main operating system fails to boot with the number of failures equal to or greater than the value specified by the Auto operating system Recovery Threshold setup option and local Service operating system does not boot or is not installed.	
	By default, the option is enabled.	
Dell Auto OS Recovery Threshold	Controls the automatic boot flow for SupportAssist System Resolution Console and for Dell operating system Recovery Tool.	
	By default, the threshold value is set to 2.	

Table 14. System setup options—System Management menu

Service Tag	Displays the Service Tag of the system.	
Asset Tag	Create a system Asset Tag.	
AC Behavior		
Wake on AC	Enable or disable the wake on AC option.	
	By default, the option is disabled.	
Wake on LAN	Enable or disable the wake on LAN option.	
	By default, the option is disabled.	
Auto on Time	Enable to set the system to turn on automatically every day or on a preselected date and time. This option can be configured only if the Auto On Time is set to Everyday, Weekdays, or Selected Days.	
	By default, the option is disabled.	
Diagnostics		
OS Agent Requests	This feature schedules onboard diagnostics on a subsequent boot that helps assist in prevention and resolution of hardware related issues.	
	By default, the option is enabled.	
Power-on-Self-Test Automatic Recovery	This feature attempts to automatically recover the computer from BIOS settings issues or booting issues to the operating system.	
	By default, the option is enabled.	

## Table 15. System setup options—Keyboard menu

Keyboard	
Numlock Enable	Allows you to enable or disable the Numlock function when the system boots.
	By default, the option <b>Fn Lock Options</b> is enabled.
Fn Lock Options	By default, the <b>Fn Lock Options</b> is enabled.
Lock Mode	By default, the <b>Lock Mode Secondary</b> option is enabled. With this option, the F1-F2 keys scan the code for their secondary functions.
Keyboard Illumination	Allows you to choose the desired keyboard illumination.

Table 15. System setup options—Keyboard menu (continued)

Keyboard	
Keyboard Illumination	By default, <b>Dim</b> option is enabled.
Keyboard Backlight Timeout on AC	Allows you to schedule timeout for keyboard backlight on AC power.
Keyboard Backlight Timeout on AC	By default, 10 seconds option is enabled.
Keyboard Backlight Timeout on Battery	Allows you to schedule timeout for keyboard backlight on battery power.
Keyboard Backlight Timeout on Battery	By default, 10 seconds option is enabled.

Table 16. System setup options—Pre-boot Behavior menu

Pre-boot Behavior	
Adapter Warnings	
Enable Adapter Warnings	Enable or disable the warning messages during boot when the adapters with less power capacity are detected.
	By default, the option is enabled.
Warning and Errors	Enable or disable the action to be done when a warning or error is encountered.
	By default, the <b>Prompt on Warnings and Errors</b> option is enabled.
USB-C Warnings	
Enable Dock Warning Messages	By default, the option is enabled.
Fastboot	Allows you to configure the speed of the UEFI boot process.
	By default, the <b>Minimal</b> option is enabled.
Extend BIOS POST Time	Set the BIOS POST load time.
	By default, the <b>0 seconds</b> option is enabled.
MAC Address Pass-Through	Allows you to replace the external NIC MAC address with the selected MAC address from the system.
	By default, the <b>Passthough MAC Address</b> option is enabled.

Table 17. System setup options—Virtualization menu

Virtualization	
Intel Virtualization Technology	
Enable Intel Virtualization Technology (VT)	When enabled, the system will be able to run a Virtual Machine Monitor (VMM).
	By default, the option is enabled.
VT for Direct I/O	When enabled, the system will be able to perform Virtualization Technology for Direct I/O (VT-d).
	By default, the option is enabled.
DMA Protection	Allows you to control the BIOS support for Pre-Boot and Kernal DMA protections.
Enable Pre-Boot DMA Support	Allows you to control Pre-boot DMA protection for both Internal and External ports.
	By default, the option is enabled.
Enable OS Kernal DMA Support	Allows you to control Kernal DMA protection for both Internal and External ports.
	By default, the option is enabled.

Table 18. System setup options—Performance menu

#### Performance

## Multi Core Support

Multiple Atom Cores Allows you to chaage the number of Atom cores available to the operating

system.

By default, the All Cores option is enabled.

Intel SpeedStep

Enable Intel SpeedStep Technology Enables the system to dynamically adjust processor voltage and core

frequency, decreasing average power consumption and heat production.

By default, the option is enabled.

**C-States Control** 

Enable C-State Control Enable the ability of the CPU to enter and exit low power state. When disabled,

it disabled all C-states. When enabled, it enabled all C-states that the chipset

or platform allows.

By default, the option is enabled.

Enable Adaptive C-States for Discrete

Graphics

Enable the ability of the CPU to enter and exit low power state when external graphics card is used. When disabled, it disabled all C-states. When enabled, it

enabled all C-states that the chipset or platform allows.

By default, the option is enabled.

**Intel Turbo Boost Technology** 

Enable Intel Turbo Boost Technology Enable or disable the Intel Turbo Boost mode of the processor.

By default, the option is enabled.

Intel Hyper-Threading Technology

Enable Intel Hyper-Threading Technology Enable or disable Hyper-Threading in the processor.

By default, the option is enabled.

## Table 19. System setup options—System Logs menu

## System Logs

## **BIOS Event Log**

Clear Bios Event Log Displays BIOS events.

By default, the **Keep Log** option is enabled.

Thermal Event Log

Clear Thermal Event Log Displays Thermal events.

By default, the **Keep Log** option is enabled.

**Power Event Log** 

Clear Power Event Log Displays power events.

By default, the **Keep Log** option is enabled.

**License Information** Displays the license information of the system.

# **Updating the BIOS**

## **Updating the BIOS in Windows**

#### About this task

CAUTION: If BitLocker is not suspended before updating the BIOS, the next time you reboot the system it will not recognize the BitLocker key. You will then be prompted to enter the recovery key to progress and the system will ask for this on each reboot. If the recovery key is not known this can result in data loss or an unnecessary operating system re-install. For more information on this subject, search in the Knowledge Base Resource at www.dell.com/support.

#### **Steps**

- 1. Go to www.dell.com/support.
- 2. Click Product support. In the Search support box, enter the Service Tag of your computer, and then click Search.
  - NOTE: If you do not have the Service Tag, use the SupportAssist feature to automatically identify your computer. You can also use the product ID or manually browse for your computer model.
- 3. Click Drivers & Downloads. Expand Find drivers.
- **4.** Select the operating system installed on your computer.
- 5. In the Category drop-down list, select BIOS.
- 6. Select the latest version of BIOS, and click **Download** to download the BIOS file for your computer.
- 7. After the download is complete, browse the folder where you saved the BIOS update file.
- **8.** Double-click the BIOS update file icon and follow the on-screen instructions. For more information, search in the Knowledge Base Resource at www.dell.com/support.

## **Updating the BIOS in Linux and Ubuntu**

To update the system BIOS on a computer that is installed with Linux or Ubuntu, see the knowledge base article 000131486 at www.dell.com/support.

## Updating the BIOS using the USB drive in Windows

## About this task

CAUTION: If BitLocker is not suspended before updating the BIOS, the next time you reboot the system it will not recognize the BitLocker key. You will then be prompted to enter the recovery key to progress and the system will ask for this on each reboot. If the recovery key is not known this can result in data loss or an unnecessary operating system re-install. For more information on this subject, search in the Knowledge Base Resource at www.dell.com/support.

#### Steps

- 1. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 6 in Updating the BIOS in Windows to download the latest BIOS setup program file.
- 2. Create a bootable USB drive. For more information, search in the Knowledge Base Resource at www.dell.com/support.
- 3. Copy the BIOS setup program file to the bootable USB drive.
- 4. Connect the bootable USB drive to the computer that needs the BIOS update.
- 5. Restart the computer and press F12.
- 6. Select the USB drive from the One Time Boot Menu.
- Type the BIOS setup program filename and press Enter.
   The BIOS Update Utility appears.
- 8. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the BIOS update.

## Updating the BIOS from the F12 One-Time boot menu

Update your computer BIOS using the BIOS update.exe file that is copied to a FAT32 USB drive and booting from the F12 One-Time boot menu.

#### About this task

CAUTION: If BitLocker is not suspended before updating the BIOS, the next time you reboot the system it will not recognize the BitLocker key. You will then be prompted to enter the recovery key to progress and the system will ask for this on each reboot. If the recovery key is not known this can result in data loss or an unnecessary operating system re-install. For more information on this subject, search in the Knowledge Base Resource at www.dell.com/support.

## **BIOS Update**

You can run the BIOS update file from Windows using a bootable USB drive or you can also update the BIOS from the F12 One-Time boot menu on the computer.

Most of the Dell computers built after 2012 have this capability, and you can confirm by booting your computer to the F12 One-Time Boot Menu to see if BIOS FLASH UPDATE is listed as a boot option for your computer. If the option is listed, then the BIOS supports this BIOS update option.

(i) NOTE: Only computers with BIOS Flash Update option in the F12 One-Time boot menu can use this function.

### Updating from the One-Time boot menu

To update your BIOS from the F12 One-Time boot menu, you need the following:

- USB drive formatted to the FAT32 file system (key does not have to be bootable)
- BIOS executable file that you downloaded from the Dell Support website and copied to the root of the USB drive
- AC power adapter that is connected to the computer
- Functional computer battery to flash the BIOS

Perform the following steps to perform the BIOS update flash process from the F12 menu:

CAUTION: Do not turn off the computer during the BIOS update process. The computer may not boot if you turn off your computer.

### Steps

- 1. From a turn off state, insert the USB drive where you copied the flash into a USB port of the computer.
- 2. Turn on the computer and press F12 to access the One-Time Boot Menu, select BIOS Update using the mouse or arrow keys then press Enter.

The flash BIOS menu is displayed.

- 3. Click Flash from file.
- 4. Select external USB device.
- 5. Select the file and double-click the flash target file, and then click **Submit**.
- 6. Click **Update BIOS**. The computer restarts to flash the BIOS.
- 7. The computer will restart after the BIOS update is completed.

# System and setup password

## Table 20. System and setup password

Password type	Description	
System password	Password that you must enter to log in to your system.	
	Password that you must enter to access and make changes to the BIOS settings of your computer.	

You can create a system password and a setup password to secure your computer.

CAUTION: The password features provide a basic level of security for the data on your computer.

CAUTION: Anyone can access the data that is stored on your computer if it is not locked and left unattended.

i NOTE: System and setup password feature is disabled.

## Assigning a system setup password

## **Prerequisites**

You can assign a new System or Admin Password only when the status is in Not Set.

#### About this task

To enter the system setup, press F12 immediately after a power-on or reboot.

### Steps

- In the System BIOS or System Setup screen, select Security and press Enter.
  The Security screen is displayed.
- 2. Select System/Admin Password and create a password in the Enter the new password field.

Use the following guidelines to assign the system password:

- A password can have up to 32 characters.
- At least one special character: ! " # \$ % & ' ( ) \* + , . / : ; < = > ? @ [ \ ] ^ \_ ` { | }
- Numbers 0 through 9.
- Upper case letters from A to Z.
- Lower case letters from a to z.
- 3. Type the system password that you entered earlier in the Confirm new password field and click OK.
- 4. Press Esc and save the changes as prompted by the pop-up message.
- **5.** Press Y to save the changes. The computer restarts.

## Deleting or changing an existing system setup password

## **Prerequisites**

Ensure that the **Password Status** is Unlocked (in the System Setup) before attempting to delete or change the existing System and/or Setup password. You cannot delete or change an existing System or Setup password, if the **Password Status** is Locked.

#### About this task

To enter the System Setup, press F12 immediately after a power-on or reboot.

#### **Steps**

- 1. In the **System BIOS** or **System Setup** screen, select **System Security** and press Enter. The **System Security** screen is displayed.
- 2. In the System Security screen, verify that Password Status is Unlocked.
- 3. Select System Password, update, or delete the existing system password, and press Enter or Tab.
- 4. Select **Setup Password**, update, or delete the existing setup password, and press Enter or Tab.
  - NOTE: If you change the System and/or Setup password, reenter the new password when prompted. If you delete the System and/or Setup password, confirm the deletion when prompted.
- 5. Press Esc and a message prompts you to save the changes.
- **6.** Press Y to save the changes and exit from System Setup. The computer restarts.

# **Clearing CMOS settings**

## About this task

CAUTION: Clearing CMOS settings will reset the BIOS settings on your computer.

## **Steps**

- 1. Remove the base cover.
- 2. Disconnect the battery cable from the system board.
- 3. Remove the coin-cell battery.
- 4. Wait for one minute.
- 5. Replace the coin-cell battery.
- 6. Connect the battery cable to the system board.
- 7. Replace the base cover.

# Clearing BIOS (System Setup) and System passwords

## About this task

To clear the system or BIOS passwords, contact Dell technical support as described at www.dell.com/contactdell.

NOTE: For information on how to reset Windows or application passwords, refer to the documentation accompanying Windows or your application.

# **Troubleshooting**

# Handling swollen rechargeable Li-ion batteries

Like most laptops, Dell laptops use rechargeable Li-ion batteries. One type of rechargeable li-ion battery is the rechargeable Li-ion battery. Rechargeable Li-ion batteries have increased in popularity in recent years and have become standard in the electronics industry due to customer preferences for a slim form factor (especially with newer ultra-thin laptops) and long battery life. Inherent to rechargeable Li-ion battery technology is the potential for swelling of the battery cells.

Swollen battery may impact the performance of the laptop. To prevent possible further damage to the device enclosure or internal components leading to malfunction, discontinue the use of the laptop and discharge it by disconnecting the AC adapter and letting the battery drain.

Swollen batteries should not be used and should be replaced and disposed of properly. We recommend contacting Dell product support for options to replace a swollen battery under the terms of the applicable warranty or service contract, including options for replacement by a Dell authorized service technician.

The guidelines for handling and replacing rechargeable Li-ion batteries are as follows:

- Exercise caution when handling rechargeable Li-ion batteries.
- Discharge the battery before removing it from the system. To discharge the battery, unplug the AC adapter from the system and operate the system only on battery power. When the system will no longer power on when the power button is pressed, the battery is fully discharged.
- Do not crush, drop, mutilate, or penetrate the battery with foreign objects.
- Do not expose the battery to high temperatures, or disassemble battery packs and cells.
- Do not apply pressure to the surface of the battery.
- Do not bend the battery.
- Do not use tools of any type to pry on or against the battery.
- If a battery gets stuck in a device as a result of swelling, do not try to free it as puncturing, bending, or crushing a battery can be dangerous.
- Do not attempt to reassemble a damaged or swollen battery into a laptop.
- Swollen batteries that are covered under warranty should be returned to Dell in an approved shipping container (provided by Dell)—this is to comply with transportation regulations. Swollen batteries that are not covered under warranty should be disposed of at an approved recycling center. Contact Dell product support at <a href="https://www.dell.com/support">https://www.dell.com/support</a> for assistance and further instructions.
- Using a non-Dell or incompatible battery may increase the risk of fire or explosion. Replace the battery only with a compatible battery purchased from Dell that is designed to work with your Dell computer. Do not use a battery from other computers with your computer. Always purchase genuine batteries from <a href="https://www.dell.com">https://www.dell.com</a> or otherwise directly from Dell

Rechargeable Li-ion batteries can swell for various reasons such as age, number of charge cycles, or exposure to high heat. For more information on how to improve the performance and lifespan of the laptop battery and to minimize the possibility of occurrence of the issue, search Dell Laptop Battery in the Knowledge Base Resource at <a href="https://www.dell.com/support">www.dell.com/support</a>.

# Dell SupportAssist Pre-boot System Performance Check diagnostics

## About this task

SupportAssist diagnostics (also known as system diagnostics) performs a complete check of your hardware. The Dell SupportAssist Pre-boot System Performance Check diagnostics is embedded with the BIOS and is launched by the BIOS internally. The embedded system diagnostics provides a set of options for particular devices or device groups allowing you to:

- Run tests automatically or in an interactive mode
- Repeat tests
- Display or save test results

- Run thorough tests to introduce additional test options to provide extra information about the failed device(s)
- View status messages that inform you if tests are completed successfully
- View error messages that inform you of problems encountered during testing
- NOTE: Some tests for specific devices require user interaction. Always ensure that you are present at the computer terminal when the diagnostic tests are performed.

For more information, see https://www.dell.com/support/kbdoc/000180971.

## Running the SupportAssist Pre-Boot System Performance Check

#### **Steps**

- 1. Turn on your computer.
- 2. As the computer boots, press the F12 key as the Dell logo appears.
- 3. On the boot menu screen, select the **Diagnostics** option.
- Click the arrow at the bottom left corner. Diagnostics front page is displayed.
- Click the arrow in the lower-right corner to go to the page listing. The items detected are listed.
- 6. To run a diagnostic test on a specific device, press Esc and click Yes to stop the diagnostic test.
- 7. Select the device from the left pane and click Run Tests.
- 8. If there are any issues, error codes are displayed.

  Note the error code and validation number and contact Dell.

# **Built-in self-test (BIST)**

## M-BIST

M-BIST (Built In Self-Test) is the system board's built-in self-test diagnostics tool that improves the diagnostics accuracy of system board embedded controller (EC) failures.

i NOTE: M-BIST can be manually initiated before POST (Power On Self Test).

## How to run M-BIST

- NOTE: M-BIST must be initiated on the system from a power-off state either connected to AC power or with battery only.
- 1. Press and hold both the **M** key on the keyboard and the **power button** to initiate M-BIST.
- 2. With both the **M** key and the **power button** held down, the battery indicator LED may exhibit two states:
  - a. OFF: No fault detected with the system board
  - b. AMBER: Indicates a problem with the system board
- 3. If there is a failure with the system board, the battery status LED will flash one of the following error codes for 30 seconds:

## Table 21. LED error codes

Blinking Pattern		Possible Problem	
Amber	White		
2	1	CPU Failure	
2	8	LCD Power Rail Failure	
1	1	TPM Detection Failure	
2	4	Memory/RAM failure	

**4.** If there is no failure with the system board, the LCD will cycle through the solid color screens described in the LCD-BIST section for 30 seconds and then power off.

## LCD Power rail test (L-BIST)

L-BIST is an enhancement to the single LED error code diagnostics and is automatically initiated during POST. L-BIST will check the LCD power rail. If there is no power being supplied to the LCD (that is if the L-BIST circuit fails), the battery status LED will flash either an error code [2,8] or an error code [2,7].

i NOTE: If L-BIST fails, LCD-BIST cannot function as no power will be supplied to the LCD.

## How to invoke L-BIST Test:

- 1. Press the power button to start the system.
- 2. If the system does not start up normally, look at the battery status LED:
  - If the battery status LED flashes an error code [2,7], the display cable may not be connected properly.
  - If the battery status LED flashes an error code [2,8], there is a failure on the LCD power rail of the system board, hence there is no power supplied to the LCD.
- 3. For cases, when a [2,7] error code is shown, check to see if the display cable is properly connected.
- 4. For cases when a [2,8] error code is shown, replace the system board.

## LCD Built-in Self Test (BIST)

Dell laptops have a built-in diagnostic tool that helps you determine if the screen abnormality you are experiencing is an inherent problem with the LCD (screen) of the Dell laptop or with the video card (GPU) and PC settings.

When you notice screen abnormalities like flickering, distortion, clarity issues, fuzzy or blurry image, horizontal or vertical lines, color fade etc., it is always a good practice to isolate the LCD (screen) by running the Built-In Self Test (BIST).

## How to invoke LCD BIST Test

- 1. Power off the Dell laptop.
- 2. Disconnect any peripherals that are connected to the laptop. Connect only the AC adapter (charger) to the laptop.
- 3. Ensure that the LCD (screen) is clean (no dust particles on the surface of the screen).
- 4. Press and hold **D** key and **Power on** the laptop to enter LCD built-in self test (BIST) mode. Continue to hold the D key, until the system boots up.
- 5. The screen will display solid colors and change colors on the entire screen to white, black, red, green, and blue twice.
- 6. Then it will display the colors white, black and red.
- 7. Carefully inspect the screen for abnormalities (any lines, fuzzy color or distortion on the screen).
- 8. At the end of the last solid color (red), the system will shut down.
- NOTE: Dell SupportAssist Pre-boot diagnostics upon launch, initiates an LCD BIST first, expecting a user intervention confirm functionality of the LCD.

# System-diagnostic lights

This section lists the system-diagnostic lights of your Latitude 3540.

Table 22. System-diagnostic lights

Blinking pattern			
Amber	White	Problem description	Suggested resolution
1	1	TPM detection failure	Replace the system board.
1	2	Unrecoverable SPI Flash Failure	Replace the system board.
1	5	EC unable to program i-Fuse	Replace the system board.

Table 22. System-diagnostic lights (continued)

Blinking pattern			
Amber	White	Problem description	Suggested resolution
1	6	Generic catch-all for ungraceful EC code flow errors	Disconnect all power source (AC, battery, coin cell) and drain flea power by pressing and holding down power button for 3~5 seconds.
2	1	CPU failure	<ul> <li>Run the Dell Support         Assist/Dell Diagnostics         tool.</li> <li>If problem persists,         replace the system board.</li> </ul>
2	2	System board failure (included BIOS corruption or ROM error)	<ul><li>Flash latest BIOS version</li><li>If problem persists, replace the system board.</li></ul>
2	3	No memory/RAM detected	<ul> <li>Confirm that the memory module is installed properly.</li> <li>If problem persists, replace the memory module.</li> </ul>
2	4	Memory/RAM failure	<ul> <li>Reset and swap memory modules among the slots.</li> <li>If problem persists, replace the memory module.</li> </ul>
2	5	Invalid memory installed	<ul> <li>Reset and swap memory modules among the slots.</li> <li>If problem persists, replace the memory module.</li> </ul>
2	6	System board/Chipset Error	Replace the system board.
2	7	LCD failure (SBIOS message)	Replace the LCD module.
2	8	LCD failure (EC detection of power rail failure)	Replace the system board.
3	1	CMOS battery failure	<ul> <li>Reset the main battery connection.</li> <li>If problem persists, replace the main battery.</li> </ul>
3	2	PCI or Video card/chip failure	Replace the system board.
3	3	BIOS Recovery image not found	<ul><li>Flash latest BIOS version</li><li>If problem persists, replace the system board.</li></ul>
3	4	BIOS Recovery image found but invalid	<ul><li>Flash latest BIOS version</li><li>If problem persists, replace the system board.</li></ul>
3	5	Power rail failure	Replace the system board.
3	6	Flash corruption detected by SBIOS.	Press power button for over 25 seconds to do

Table 22. System-diagnostic lights (continued)

Blinking pattern			
Amber	White	Problem description	Suggested resolution
			RTC reset. If problem persists, replace the system board.  Disconnect all power source (AC, battery, coin cell) and drain flea power by pressing and holding down power button 3~5 seconds to ensure all power are drained.  Run "BIOS recovery from USB", and the instructions are in the website Dell support.  If problem persists, replace the system board.
3	7	Timeout waiting on ME to reply to HECI message.	Replace the system board.

NOTE: Blinking 3-3-3 LEDs on Lock LED (Caps-Lock or Nums-Lock), Power button LED (without Fingerprint reader), and Diagnostic LED indicates failure to provide input during LCD panel test on Dell SupportAssist Pre-boot System Performance Check diagnostics.

# Recovering the operating system

When your computer is unable to boot to the operating system even after repeated attempts, it automatically starts Dell SupportAssist OS Recovery.

Dell SupportAssist OS Recovery is a standalone tool that is preinstalled in all Dell computers installed with Windows operating system. It consists of tools to diagnose and troubleshoot issues that may occur before your computer boots to the operating system. It enables you to diagnose hardware issues, repair your computer, back up your files, or restore your computer to its factory state.

You can also download it from the Dell Support website to troubleshoot and fix your computer when it fails to boot into their primary operating system due to software or hardware failures.

For more information about the Dell SupportAssist OS Recovery, see *Dell SupportAssist OS Recovery User's Guide* at www.dell.com/serviceabilitytools. Click **SupportAssist** and then, click **SupportAssist OS Recovery**.

# Real-Time Clock (RTC Reset)

The Real Time Clock (RTC) reset function allows you or the service technician to recover Dell systems from No POST/No Power/No Boot situations. The legacy jumper enabled RTC reset has been retired on these models.

Start the RTC reset with the system powered off and connected to AC power. Press and hold the power button for thirty (30) seconds

. The system RTC Reset occurs after you release the power button.

# Backup media and recovery options

It is recommended to create a recovery drive to troubleshoot and fix problems that may occur with Windows. Dell proposes multiple options for recovering Windows operating system on your Dell PC. For more information, see Dell Windows Backup Media and Recovery Options.

# Wi-Fi power cycle

#### About this task

If your computer is unable to access the Internet due to Wi-Fi connectivity issues a Wi-Fi power cycle procedure may be performed. The following procedure provides the instructions on how to conduct a Wi-Fi power cycle:

(i) NOTE: Some ISPs (Internet Service Providers) provide a modem/router combo device.

#### **Steps**

- 1. Turn off your computer.
- 2. Turn off the modem.
- 3. Turn off the wireless router.
- 4. Wait for 30 seconds.
- 5. Turn on the wireless router.
- 6. Turn on the modem.
- 7. Turn on your computer.

# Drain residual flea power (perform hard reset)

#### About this task

Flea power is the residual static electricity that remains in the computer even after it has been powered off and the battery is removed.

For your safety, and to protect the sensitive electronic components in your computer, you are requested to drain residual flea power before removing or replacing any components in your computer.

Draining residual flea power, also known as a performing a "hard reset", is also a common troubleshooting step if your computer does not power on or boot into the operating system.

## To drain residual flea power (perform a hard reset)

#### Steps

- 1. Turn off your computer.
- 2. Disconnect the power adapter from your computer.
- 3. Remove the base cover.
- 4. Remove the battery.
- 5. Press and hold the power button for 20 seconds to drain the flea power.
- 6. Install the battery.
- 7. Install the base cover.
- 8. Connect the power adapter to your computer.
- 9. Turn on your computer.
  - NOTE: For more information about performing a hard reset, search in the Knowledge Base Resource at www.dell.com/support.

# Getting help and contacting Dell

# Self-help resources

You can get information and help on Dell products and services using these self-help resources:

## Table 23. Self-help resources

Self-help resources	Resource location	
Information about Dell products and services	www.dell.com	
Tips	**	
Contact Support	In Windows search, type Contact Support, and press Enter.	
Online help for operating system	www.dell.com/support/windows	
	www.dell.com/support/linux	
Access top solutions, diagnostics, drivers and downloads, and learn more about your computer through videos, manuals and documents.	Your Dell computer is uniquely identified by a Service Tag or Express Service Code. To view relevant support resources for your Dell computer, enter the Service Tag or Express Service Code at www.dell.com/support.	
	For more information on how to find the Service Tag for your computer, see Locate the Service Tag on your computer.	
Dell knowledge base articles for a variety of computer concerns	<ol> <li>Go to www.dell.com/support.</li> <li>On the menu bar at the top of the Support page, select Support &gt; Knowledge Base.</li> <li>In the Search field on the Knowledge Base page, type the keyword, topic, or model number, and then click or tap the search icon to view the related articles.</li> </ol>	

# Contacting Dell

To contact Dell for sales, technical support, or customer service issues, see www.dell.com/contactdell.

- i NOTE: Availability varies by country/region and product, and some services may not be available in your country/region.
- NOTE: If you do not have an active Internet connection, you can find contact information about your purchase invoice, packing slip, bill, or Dell product catalog.