




# Dell™ Inspiron™ 4100

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## Hints, Notices, and Cautions

-  **HINT:** A HINT indicates important information that helps you make better use of your computer.
  -  **NOTICE:** A NOTICE indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.
  -  **CAUTION:** A CAUTION indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.
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## Abbreviations and Acronyms

For a complete list of abbreviations and acronyms, see the *Tell Me How* help file (click the **Start** button on the Microsoft® Windows® desktop, point to **Programs**—> **User's Guides**, and click **Tell Me How**).

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## Using the Dell™ Diagnostics

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### When to Use the Dell Diagnostics

Whenever a major component or device in your computer does not function properly, you may have a component failure. If you are experiencing a problem with your computer, Dell recommends that you perform the checks in "[Solving Problems](#)" and run the Dell Diagnostics *before* you contact Dell for technical assistance.

As long as the microprocessor and the display, keyboard, and CD or DVD drive are working, you can use the Dell Diagnostics. Running the Dell Diagnostics may help you to resolve the problem yourself quickly without having to contact Dell for assistance.

If you are experienced with computers and know what component(s) you need to test, simply select the appropriate diagnostic test group(s) or subtest(s). If you are unsure about how to begin diagnosing a problem, see "[Starting the Dell Diagnostics](#)" and "[Advanced Testing](#)."

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### Features of the Dell Diagnostics

The Dell Diagnostics helps you check your computer hardware without any additional equipment and without destroying any data. By using the diagnostics, you can have confidence in your computer's operation. And if you find a problem you cannot solve by yourself, the diagnostic tests can provide you with important information you will need when talking to Dell's service and support personnel. If you are experiencing a problem with your computer, Dell recommends that you perform the checks in "[Solving Problems](#)" and run the Dell Diagnostics *before* you contact Dell for technical assistance.

➡ **NOTICE:** Use the Dell Diagnostics to test only your Dell computer. Using this program with other computers may cause incorrect computer responses or result in error messages.




The diagnostic test groups or subtests also have these helpful features:

- 1 Options that let you perform quick checks or extensive tests on one or all devices
  - 1 An option that allows you to choose the number of times a test group or subtest is repeated
  - 1 The ability to display test results or to save them in a file
  - 1 Options to temporarily suspend testing if an error is detected, or to terminate testing when an adjustable error limit is reached
  - 1 Extensive online Help screens that describe the tests and how to run them
  - 1 Status messages that inform you whether test groups or subtests were completed successfully
  - 1 Error messages that appear if any problems are detected
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



### Starting the Dell Diagnostics

Before you can start the Dell Diagnostics, reset your boot sequence and boot from the *Drivers and Utilities* CD for your computer:


📀 **NOTE:** You can only boot from a CD, CD-RW, or DVD drive installed as a fixed drive. You cannot boot from a drive installed in the modular bay.

1. Turn off the computer.
2. If the computer is docked (connected to a docking device), undock the computer.
3. Ensure that the computer is connected to an electrical outlet.
4. Turn on the computer.
5. Press  to enter the system setup program as soon as the Dell logo screen appears, and before the Microsoft® Windows® logo screen appears.
6. Press   to locate the page with the **Boot** menu, and make a note of the device currently set to boot first.
7. In the system setup program **Boot** menu, change the boot sequence so that the CD or DVD drive boots first. Then insert the *Drivers and Utilities* CD into the drive.
8. Save the settings and exit the system setup program.


The computer restarts and runs the Dell Diagnostics.

9. When you have completed running diagnostics, remove the *Drivers and Utilities CD*.
10. When the computer restarts, press  as soon as the Dell logo screen appears, and before the Microsoft Windows logo screen appears.
11. In the system setup program, press   until you locate the page with the **Boot** menu.
12. Reset the boot sequence so that the device noted in [step 6](#) boots first.
13. Press  to exit the system setup program and restart Microsoft Windows.
14. Remove the CD from the drive.

When you start the diagnostics, the Dell logo screen appears, followed by a message telling you that the diagnostics is loading. After the diagnostics loads, the **Diagnostics Menu** appears.

To select an option from this menu, highlight the option and press , or press the key that corresponds to the highlighted letter in the option you choose.

## Diagnostics Menu



| Option                  | Function   |
|-------------------------|--|
| Test All Devices        | Performs extensive diagnostic tests or quick diagnostic tests on all devices.  |
| Test One Device         | Performs extensive diagnostic tests or quick diagnostic tests on one device after you select it from a list of device groups. After you select <b>Test One Device</b> , press  for more information about a test. |
| Advanced Testing        | Allows you to modify the parameters of a test and select a group of tests to perform. You can access online Help for more information about <b>Advanced Testing</b> .  |
| Information and Results | Provides test results, test errors, version numbers of the subtests used by the Dell Diagnostics, and additional help on the Dell Diagnostics.   |
| Program Options         | Allows you to change the settings of the Dell Diagnostics.   |
| Exit to MS-DOS          | Exits to the MS-DOS® prompt.   |

For a quick check of your computer, select **Quick Tests** from the **Test All Devices** or **Test One Device** option. **Quick Tests** runs only the subtests that do not require user interaction and that do not take a long time to run. Dell recommends that you choose **Quick Tests** first to increase the odds of tracing the source of the problem quickly.


For a thorough check of your computer, select **Extended Tests** from the **Test All Devices** option.

To check a particular area of your computer, select **Extended Tests** from the **Test One Device** option, or select the **Advanced Testing** option to customize your test(s).

## Advanced Testing

When you select **Advanced Testing** from the **Diagnostics Menu**, the following screen appears, listing the diagnostic test device groups and devices of the selected device group, and it allows you to select categories from a menu. Press the arrow keys or   to navigate the screen.

### Advanced Testing Main Screen



 **HINT:** *The test groups reflect the configuration of your computer.*

Information in the **Advanced Testing** screen is presented as follows:

1. On the left side of the screen, the **Device Groups** area lists the diagnostic test groups in the order they will run if you select **All** from the **Run tests** menu category. Press the up- or down-arrow key to highlight a test device group.
1. On the right side of the screen, the **Devices for Highlighted Group** area lists the computer's currently detected hardware and some of the relevant settings.
1. Two lines at the bottom of the screen make up the menu area (see "[Advanced Testing Help Menu](#)"). The first line lists the categories you can select; press the left- or right-arrow key to highlight a menu category. The second line gives information about the category currently highlighted.

### Advanced Testing Help Menu

For more information on using the **Advanced Testing** option:

1. Press .
2. Highlight the **Help** category and press , or press the key that corresponds to the highlighted letter in the category you choose.

### Advanced Testing Help Categories

| Help Category | Description   |
|---------------|---|
| Menu          | Provides descriptions of the main menu screen area, the device groups, and the different diagnostic menus and commands and instructions on how to use them.   |
| Keys          | Explains the functions of all the keystrokes that can be used in the Dell Diagnostics.  |
| Device group  | Describes the test group that is presently highlighted in the <b>Device Groups</b> list on the main menu screen. It also provides reasoning for using some tests.   |
| Device        | Describes the function and purpose of the highlighted device in the <b>Device Groups</b> list. For example, the following information appears when you select the <b>Device Help</b> category for <b>Diskette</b> in the <b>Device Groups</b> list:<br><br>Diskette<br><br>Drive A<br><br>The diskette disk drive device reads and writes data to and from diskettes. Diskettes are flexible recording media, sometimes contained in hard shells. Diskette recording capacities are small and access times are slow relative to hard disk drives, but they provide a convenient means of storing and transferring data. |
| Test          | Provides a thorough explanation of the test procedure of each highlighted test group subtest. An example of the <b>Diskette</b> subtest <b>floppy drive Seek Test</b> is as follows:<br><br>Diskette<br><br>Drive A - floppy drive Seek Test<br><br>This test verifies the drive's ability to position its read/write heads. The test operates in two passes: first, seeking from the beginning to ending cylinders inclusively, and second, seeking alternately from the beginning to ending cylinders with convergence towards the middle.  |
| Versions      | Lists the version numbers of the subtests that are used by the Dell Diagnostics.  |

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## Confirming the System Configuration Information

When you boot your computer from your *Drivers and Utilities CD*, the diagnostics checks your system configuration information and displays it in the **Device Groups** area on the main menu screen.

The following sources supply this configuration information for the diagnostics:

- 1 The system configuration information settings (stored in NVRAM) that you selected while using the system setup program
- 1 Identification tests of the microprocessor, the video controller, the keyboard controller, and other key components
- 1 BIOS configuration information temporarily saved in RAM

Do not be concerned if the **Device Groups** area does not list the names of all the components or devices you know are part of your computer. For example, you may not see a printer listed, although you know one is attached to your computer. Instead, the printer is listed as a parallel port. The computer recognizes the parallel port as LPT1, which is an address that tells the computer where to send outgoing information and where to look for incoming information. Because your printer is a parallel communications device, the computer recognizes the printer by its LPT1 address and identifies it as a parallel port. You can test your printer connection in the **Parallel Ports** tests.

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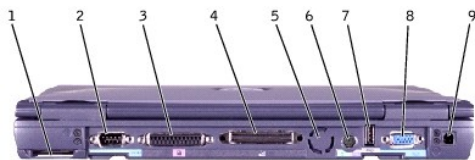
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### Port Locations



|   |                    |   |                      |
|---|--------------------|---|----------------------|
| 1 | air intake         | 6 | PS/2 connector       |
| 2 | serial connector   | 7 | USB connector        |
| 3 | parallel connector | 8 | video connector      |
| 4 | docking connector  | 9 | AC adapter connector |
| 5 | air vent           |   |                      |

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### Serial Connector

Use the 9-pin serial connector to attach a serial device to the computer. The serial connector passes data in serial format (1 bit at a time over one line). This connector supports a variety of devices, including a serial mouse, that require serial data transmission. If you reconfigure your hardware, you may need pin number and signal information for the serial connector.



| Pin   | Signal | I/O | Definition          |
|-------|--------|-----|---------------------|
| 1     | DCD    | I   | Data carrier detect |
| 2     | RXDA   | I   | Receive data        |
| 3     | TXDA   | O   | Transmit data       |
| 4     | DTR    | O   | Data terminal ready |
| 5     | GND    | N/A | Signal ground       |
| 6     | DSR    | I   | Data set ready      |
| 7     | RTS    | O   | Request to send     |
| 8     | CTS    | I   | Clear to send       |
| 9     | RI     | I   | Ring indicator      |
| Shell | N/A    | N/A | Frame ground        |

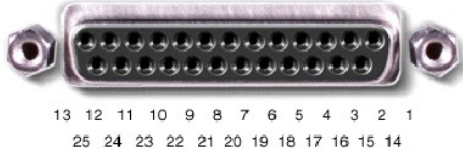
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## Parallel Connector

Use the 25-hole parallel connector to attach a parallel device to the computer. The parallel connector is used primarily for printers. The parallel connector transmits data in parallel format, where 8 data bits (one byte) are sent simultaneously over eight separate lines.

The parallel connector can also be configured for compatibility with the PS/2 standard. Support for the EPP feature improves network adapter performance (adapters connect to the computer's parallel connector and require the appropriate software drivers from the adapter's manufacturer).

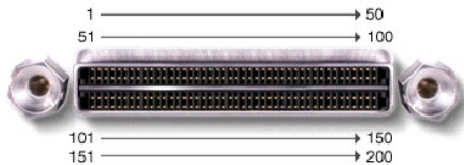
If you reconfigure your hardware, you may need pin number and signal information for the parallel connector.



| Pin   | Signal | I/O | Definition         |
|-------|--------|-----|--------------------|
| 1     | STB#   | I/O | Strobe             |
| 2     | D0     | I/O | Printer data bit 0 |
| 3     | PD1    | I/O | Printer data bit 1 |
| 4     | PD2    | I/O | Printer data bit 2 |
| 5     | PD3    | I/O | Printer data bit 3 |
| 6     | PD4    | I/O | Printer data bit 4 |
| 7     | PD5    | I/O | Printer data bit 5 |
| 8     | PD6    | I/O | Printer data bit 6 |
| 9     | PD7    | I/O | Printer data bit 7 |
| 10    | ACK#   | I   | Acknowledge        |
| 11    | BUSY   | I   | Busy               |
| 12    | PE     | I   | Paper end          |
| 13    | SLCT   | I   | Select             |
| 14    | AFD#   | O   | Automatic feed     |
| 15    | ERR#   | I   | Error              |
| 16    | INIT#  | O   | Initialize printer |
| 17    | SLIN#  | O   | Select in          |
| 18-25 | N/A    | N/A | Ground signal      |
| Shell | N/A    | N/A | Frame ground       |

## Docking Connector

Use this connector to attach your computer to the optional docking device.

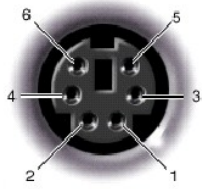


| Pin | Signal   | Pin | Signal   | Pin | Signal  | Pin | Signal   |
|-----|----------|-----|----------|-----|---------|-----|----------|
| 1   | STRB#/5V | 51  | HSYNC    | 101 | VGA_GRN | 151 | GND      |
| 2   | PD0      | 52  | VSYNC    | 102 | GND     | 152 | CLK_SPCI |
| 3   | PD1      | 53  | GND      | 103 | VGA_RED | 153 | GND      |
| 4   | PD2      | 54  | DOCKED   | 104 | GND     | 154 | SAD0     |
| 5   | PD3      | 55  | USB_VD1+ | 105 | VGA_BLU | 155 | SAD1     |

|    |              |     |             |     |              |     |         |
|----|--------------|-----|-------------|-----|--------------|-----|---------|
| 6  | PD4          | 56  | USB_VD1-    | 106 | DOCK_SD/MODE | 156 | SAD2    |
| 7  | PD5          | 57  | GND         | 107 | D_IRTX       | 157 | SAD3    |
| 8  | PD6          | 58  | USB_VD2+    | 108 | D_IRRX       | 158 | SAD4    |
| 9  | PD7          | 59  | USB_VD2-    | 109 | GND          | 159 | SAD5    |
| 10 | GND          | 60  | DOCKOC1#    | 110 | SPIROB#      | 160 | SAD6    |
| 11 | DOC_SPKR     | 61  | RUN_ON#     | 111 | SPIROC#      | 161 | GND     |
| 12 | DOCK_MIC     | 62  | GND         | 112 | DAT_DDC2     | 162 | SAD7    |
| 13 | DOCK_LINE    | 63  | NC          | 113 | CLK_DDC2     | 163 | SAD8    |
| 14 | DOCK_CDROM   | 64  | DOCK_SCLK   | 114 | SPAR         | 164 | SC/BE0# |
| 15 | GND          | 65  | DOCK_LRCK   | 115 | SPME#        | 165 | SAD9    |
| 16 | M_SEN#       | 66  | DOCK_MCLK   | 116 | GND          | 166 | SAD10   |
| 17 | POWER_SW#    | 67  | GND         | 117 | SSERR#       | 167 | SAD11   |
| 18 | OPCIEN#      | 68  | +12V        | 118 | SPERR#       | 168 | SAD12   |
| 19 | S1.6M_EN#    | 69  | AFD#        | 119 | SLOCK#       | 169 | GND     |
| 20 | DFDD/LPT#    | 70  | ERROR#      | 120 | SSTOP#       | 170 | SAD13   |
| 21 | GND          | 71  | ACK#        | 121 | GND          | 171 | SAD14   |
| 22 | NC           | 72  | GND         | 122 | SDEVSEL#     | 172 | SAD15   |
| 23 | NC           | 73  | INIT#       | 123 | STRDY#       | 173 | SAD16   |
| 24 | D_ATCTLED    | 74  | SLCT_IN#    | 124 | SIRDY#       | 174 | SC/BE1# |
| 25 | D_PWRELED    | 75  | BUSY        | 125 | SFRAME#      | 175 | SC/BE2# |
| 26 | DOCK_PWR_SRC | 76  | PE          | 126 | SCLKRUN#     | 176 | GND     |
| 27 | DOCK_PWR_SRC | 77  | SLCT        | 127 | GND          | 177 | SAD17   |
| 28 | DOCK_PWR_SRC | 78  | GND         | 128 | SGNTA#       | 178 | SAD18   |
| 29 | GND          | 79  | DAT_SMB     | 129 | SREQA#       | 179 | SAD19   |
| 30 | +5VDOCK      | 80  | DCLK_SMB    | 130 | SGNT0#       | 180 | SAD20   |
| 31 | +5VDOCK      | 81  | SMB_INIT#   | 131 | SREQ0#       | 181 | SAD21   |
| 32 | +5VDOCK      | 82  | GND         | 132 | SPCIRST#     | 182 | GND     |
| 33 | +5VDOCK      | 83  | DAT_DOCSM1  | 133 | SH1SEL#      | 183 | SAD22   |
| 34 | +5VDOCK      | 84  | CLK_DOCKSM1 | 134 | GND          | 184 | SAD23   |
| 35 | GND          | 85  | DAT_DOCKBD  | 135 | SWRPRT#      | 185 | SAD24   |
| 36 | DOCK_PWR_SRC | 86  | CLK_DOCKBD  | 136 | SDSKCHG#/DRQ | 186 | SC/BE3# |
| 37 | DOCK_PWR_SRC | 87  | GND         | 137 | SDIR#        | 187 | SAD25   |
| 38 | DOCK_PWR_SRC | 88  | R10         | 138 | STRK0#       | 188 | GND     |
| 39 | DOCK_PWR_SRC | 89  | CTS0        | 139 | SSTEP#       | 189 | SAD26   |
| 40 | GND          | 90  | RTS0        | 140 | SDRV1#       | 190 | SAD27   |
| 41 | DOCK_+DC_IN  | 91  | DSR0        | 141 | GND          | 191 | SAD28   |
| 42 | DOCK_+DC_IN  | 92  | GND         | 142 | SMRT1#       | 192 | SAD29   |
| 43 | DOCK_+DC_IN  | 93  | DTR0        | 143 | SWRDATA#     | 193 | SAD30   |
| 44 | DOCK_+DC_IN  | 94  | TXD0#       | 144 | SWGATE#      | 194 | SAD31   |
| 45 | DOCK_+DC_IN  | 95  | RXD0#       | 145 | SRDATA#      | 195 | GND     |
| 46 | DOCK_+DC_IN  | 96  | DCD0        | 146 | SINDEX#      | 196 | NC      |
| 47 | DOCK_+DC_IN  | 97  | NC          | 147 | GND          | 197 | NC      |
| 48 | DOCK_+DC_IN  | 98  | +5VSUS      | 148 | NC           | 198 | NC      |
| 49 | GND          | 99  | NC          | 149 | +5VALW       | 199 | NC      |
| 50 | LOW_PWR      | 100 | NC          | 150 | NC           | 200 | GND     |

## PS/2 Connector

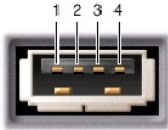
Use the 6-hole, miniature DIN PS/2 connector to attach PS/2-compatible devices such as a mouse, keyboard, or external numeric keypad. If you reconfigure your hardware, you may need pin number and signal information for the PS/2 connector.



| Pin   | Signal     | I/O | Definition                                    |
|-------|------------|-----|---|
| 1     | EXK_MSDATA | I/O | External keyboard/keypad/mouse data           |
| 2     | KBD_DATA   | I   | Keyboard data                                 |
| 3     | GND        | N/A | Signal ground                                 |
| 4     | EXK_MSPWR  | N/A | External keyboard/keypad/mouse supply voltage |
| 5     | EXK_MSCLK  | I/O | External keyboard/keypad/mouse clock          |
| 6     | KBD_CLK    | I   | Keyboard clock                                |
| Shell | N/A        | N/A | Chassis ground                                |

## USB Connector

Use the USB connector to attach one or more USB devices, such as a mouse, to the computer. USB is a peripheral standard that enables automatic detection of USB-compliant peripheral devices.



| Pin | Signal | Definition   |
|-----|--------|--------------|
| 1   | VCC    | Cable power  |
| 2   | - Data | N/A          |
| 3   | +Data  | N/A          |
| 4   | Ground | Cable ground |

## Video Connector

Use the 15-pin video connector to attach an external monitor to the computer. If the image does not appear on the monitor immediately, press



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10 9 8 7 6  
15 14 13 12 11

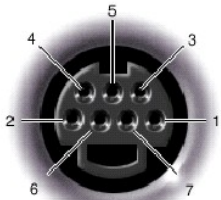
| Pin | Signal | I/O | Definition |
|-----|--------|-----|------------|
|-----|--------|-----|------------|



|       |             |     |  |
|-------|-------------|-----|--|
| 1     | RED         | O   | Red video                                |
| 2     | GREEN       | O   | Green video                              |
| 3     | BLUE        | O   | Blue video                               |
| 4     | DDC2_MONID2 | I   | Monitor detect ID2                       |
| 5     | GND         | N/A | Signal ground                            |
| 6     | GND         | N/A | Signal ground                            |
| 7     | GND         | N/A | Signal ground                            |
| 8     | GND         | N/A | Signal ground                            |
| 9     | CRTVCC      | O   | 5-V power source for CRT                 |
| 10    | GND         | N/A | Signal ground                            |
| 11    | M-SEN#      | I   | Digital monitor sense/monitor detect ID1 |
| 12    | DDC_DATA    | I   | Monitor detect serial data               |
| 13    | HSYNC       | O   | Horizontal synchronization               |
| 14    | VSYNC       | O   | Vertical synchronization                 |
| 15    | DDC_CLK     | 1   | Monitor Detect serial clock              |
| Shell | N/A         | N/A | Frame ground                             |

## S-Video TV-Out Connector

Use this connector on the right side of the computer to connect your computer to a television.



| S-Video |         | Composite Video |         |
|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| Pin     | Signal  | Pin             | Signal  |
| 1       | GND     | 5               | NC      |
| 2       | GND     | 6               | DCMPS-L |
| 3       | DLUMA-L | 7               | GND     |
| 4       | DCRMA-L |                 |         |

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## Conserving Power

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### Conservation Tips

- 1 You automatically conserve battery power each time you attach your computer to an electrical outlet. When the AC adapter is attached, the battery is charged while the computer uses AC power. Your battery's life expectancy is largely determined by the number of times it is charged, so use an AC power source to run the computer if one is available.
  - 1 When the computer is using battery power, remove the PC Cards that you are not using.
  - 1 When possible, attach your computer to an electrical outlet when you play CDs and DVDs. Playing a CD or DVD uses a lot of battery power.
  - 1 Place the computer in standby mode or hibernate mode when you leave the computer unattended for long periods of time.
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### Power Conservation Modes



#### Standby Mode


Standby mode conserves power by turning off the display and the hard drive after a predetermined period of inactivity (a time-out). When you exit standby mode, the desktop is restored to the same state that it was in before the computer entered standby mode.

To activate standby mode:

- 1 Click the **Start** button, click **Shut down (Turn Off Computer)** in the Microsoft® Windows® XP Home Edition operating system), click **Stand by**, and then click **OK**.

or

- 1 Press the power button or the power conservation key combination,  , that you can program via the **Advanced** tab.

 **HINT:** You can use the **Advanced** tab to program the display-close option, the power button, and the power conservation key combination to activate standby mode.

To exit standby mode, press the power button, or if you activated standby mode by closing the display, open (raise) the display.


#### Hibernate Mode

Hibernate mode conserves power by copying system data to a reserved area on the hard drive and then completely turning off the computer. When you exit hibernate mode, the programs and files that were open before you activated hibernate mode are still open.

Your computer enters hibernate mode if the battery charge level becomes critically low, or if either the power button, the power conservation key combination,



, or the display-close option are programmed to activate hibernate mode in the **Advanced** tab of the **Power Options Properties** window.

 **HINT:** Some PC Cards may not operate correctly after exiting hibernate mode. If you encounter problems with a PC Card, reinsert the card or restart your computer.

To exit hibernate mode, press the power button. The computer may take a short time to exit hibernate mode. Pressing a key or touching the touch pad or track stick does not bring the computer out of hibernate mode.

Hibernate mode requires a special file on your hard drive with enough disk space to store the contents of the computer memory. Dell creates an appropriately sized hibernate mode file before shipping the computer to you.

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### Power Options Properties

To access the Windows **Power Options Properties** window:

*Windows XP*

1. Click the **Start** button, and then click **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Performance and Maintenance**.
3. Click the **Power Options** icon.

*Windows 2000*

1. Click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and then click **Control Panel**.
2. Click the **Power Options** icon.

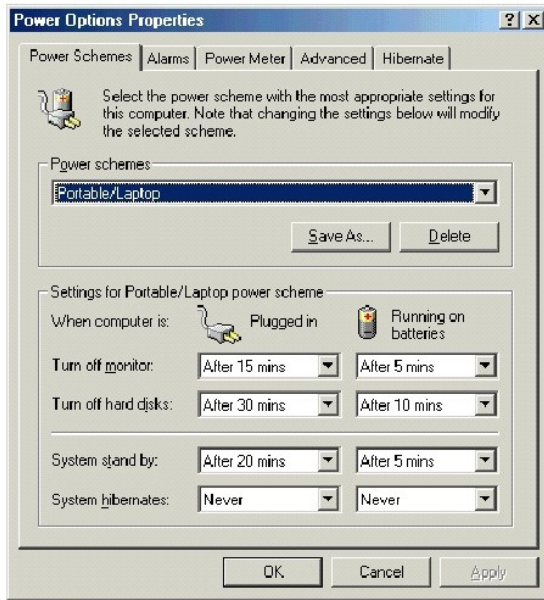
## Power Schemes Tab

The **Power schemes** pull-down menu displays the selected preset power scheme:

- 1 **Portable/Laptop** (default)
- 1 **Home/Office**
- 1 **Always On**
- 1 **Presentation** (Windows XP and Windows 2000 only)
- 1 **Minimal Power Management** (Windows XP and Windows 2000 only)
- 1 **Max Battery** (Windows XP and Windows 2000 only)

 **HINT:** Dell recommends that you continue to use the **Portable/Laptop** power scheme to maximize battery power conservation.

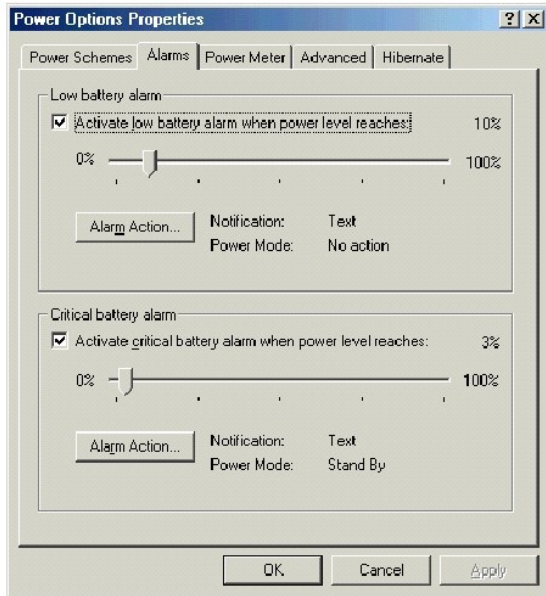
Each preset power scheme has different time-out settings for putting the computer into standby mode, turning off the display, and turning off the hard drive.



## Alarms Tab

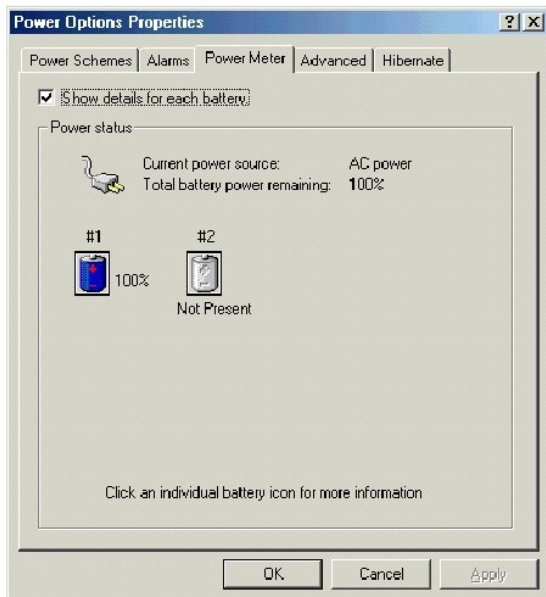
 **HINT:** To enable audible alarms, click each **Alarm Action** button and select **Sound alarm**.

The **Low battery alarm** and **Critical battery alarm** settings alert you with a message when the battery charge falls below a certain percentage. When you receive your computer, the **Lower battery alarm** and **Critical battery alarm** check boxes are selected. Dell recommends that you continue to use these defaults.



### Power Meter Tab

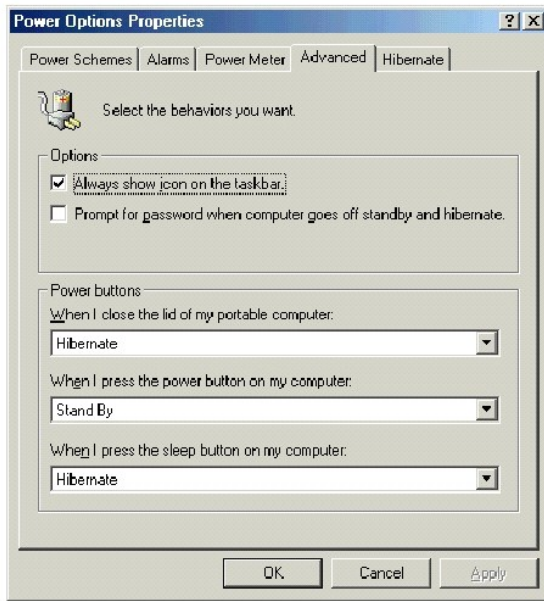
The **Power Meter** tab displays the current power source and amount of battery charge remaining.




### Advanced Tab

The **Advanced** tab allows you to:

- 1 Set icon and standby password options.
- 1 Program the following functions:
  - o Activate standby mode.
  - o Activate hibernate mode.
  - o Shut down Windows and turn off the computer.
  - o No action (**None**).

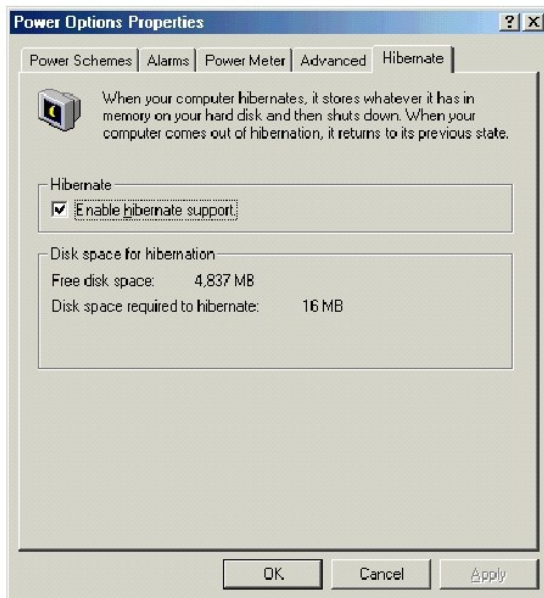



 **HINT:** If you are going to connect your computer to a docking device, click **None** when you program the **display-close** option. This setting ensures that your computer does not enter standby mode or hibernate mode when you close (lower) the display.

To program these functions, click an option from the corresponding pull-down menu, and then click **OK**.

### Hibernate Tab

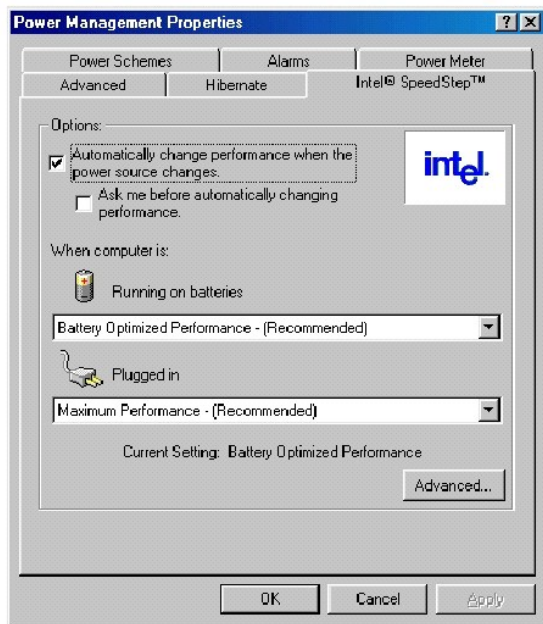
The **Hibernate** tab lets you enable hibernate mode by clicking the **Enable hibernate support** check box.




 **HINT:** Windows XP automatically handles fluctuations in microprocessor performance during power source changes. Therefore, Intel SpeedStep technology is not included with computers running Windows XP.

### Intel® SpeedStep™ Tab

If your computer has a Mobile Intel Pentium® III processor, the **Power Options Properties** window includes the **Intel® SpeedStep™** tab.



To change the Intel SpeedStep options, click the **Advanced** button and then click one of the following options.

 **HINT:** If you disable Intel SpeedStep, the processor operates at its minimum speed.

- 1 **Disable Intel SpeedStep technology control.**
- 1 **Remove flag icon.**
- 1 **Disable audio notification when performance changes.**

Click **Apply** to accept any changes, and then click **OK** to close the **Intel SpeedStep technology** window.

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### Preparing to Work Inside the Computer

➔ **NOTICE:** Only a certified service technician should perform repairs on your computer. Damage due to servicing that is not authorized by Dell is not covered by your warranty.

➔ **NOTICE:** To avoid damaging the computer, perform the following steps before you begin working inside the computer.

1. Make sure that the work surface is clean to prevent scratching the computer cover.
2. Save any work in progress and exit all open programs.
3. Turn off the computer and all attached devices.

🔧 **HINT:** Make sure the computer is turned off and not in suspend mode or hibernate mode. If you cannot shut down the computer using the computer operating system, press and hold the power button for 4 seconds.

4. Make sure the computer is undocked.
5. Disconnect the computer from the electrical outlet.
6. To avoid possible damage to the system board, wait 10 to 20 seconds and then disconnect any attached devices.
7. Disconnect all other external cables from the computer.
8. Remove any installed PC Cards or plastic blanks from the PC Card slot.
9. Close the display and turn the computer upside down on a flat work surface.

➔ **NOTICE:** To avoid damaging the system board, you must remove the main battery and secondary battery (if present) before you service the computer.

10. Remove the primary battery from the battery bay and the secondary battery from the module bay, if a secondary battery is in use.
  11. Remove any device installed in the module bay.
  12. To dissipate any static electricity while you work, use a wrist grounding strap or periodically touch an unpainted metal surface.
  13. Handle components and cards with care. Do not touch the components or contacts on a card. Hold a card by its edges or by its metal mounting bracket. Hold a component such as a microprocessor by its edges, not by its pins.
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### Recommended Tools

The procedures in this manual require the following tools:

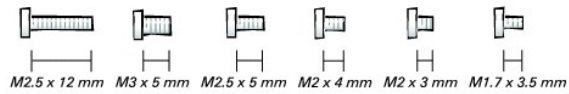
- 1 #1 magnetized Phillips screwdriver
- 1 ¼-inch flat-blade screwdriver
- 1 Small plastic scribe
- 1 Microprocessor extractor
- 1 Flash BIOS update program floppy disk or CD







|   |       |
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| 1 | back  |
| 2 | right |
| 3 | front |
| 4 | left  |

## Screw Identification











When you are removing and replacing components, photocopy the placemat as a tool to lay out and keep track of the screws. The placemat provides the number of screws and their sizes.



**NOTICE:** When reinstalling a screw, you must use a screw of the correct diameter and length. Make sure that the screw is properly aligned with its corresponding hole, and avoid over tightening.



|  |   |
|--|---|
| <p>Hard Drive Door:<br/>(1 each)</p>  <p><b>M3 x 5 mm</b></p> | <p>Keyboard to Bottom Case:<br/>(5 each)</p>  <p><b>M2.5 x 12 mm</b></p>     |
| <p>Display Bezel:<br/>(6 each)</p>  <p><b>M2.5 x 5 mm</b></p> | <p>Hinge Bracket to Bottom Case:<br/>(5 each)</p>  <p><b>M2.5 x 5 mm</b></p> |
| Rubber screw covers (6 each)   | Display-Feed Flex Cable:  |

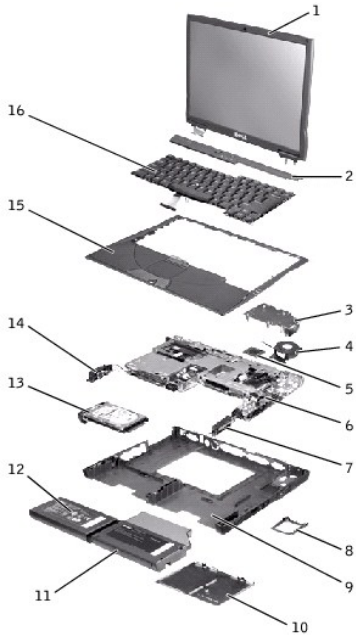


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| <p>(5 each)</p>  <p><i>M2 x 4 mm</i></p>  | <p>(4 each)</p>  <p><i>M2 x 3 mm</i></p>   |
| <p>Palm Rest to Bottom Case:</p> <p>(5 each) (3 each)</p>   <p><i>M2 x 3 mm</i>    <i>M2.5 x 12 mm</i></p> | <p>Hybrid Cooling Fan:</p> <p>(2 each) (1 each)</p>   <p><i>M2.5 x 5 mm</i>    <i>M2 x 3 mm</i></p> |
| <p>System Board to Bottom Case:</p> <p>(10 each)</p>  <p><i>M2.5 x 5 mm</i></p>   | <p>Modem to System Board:</p> <p>(2 each)</p>  <p><i>M2 x 3 mm</i></p>   |
| <p>Display Latch:</p> <p>(2 each) (2 each)</p>   <p><i>M2.5 x 5 mm</i>    <i>M1.7 x 3.5 mm</i></p>     |   |

## System Components

### Exploded View

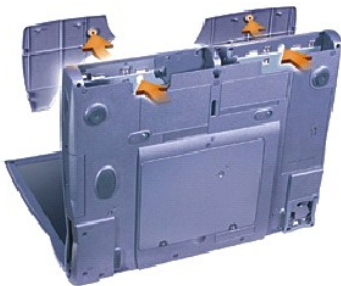
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**NOTICE:** Unless otherwise noted, each procedure in this manual assumes that a part can be replaced by performing the removal procedure in reverse order.



|   |                                |    |                               |
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| 1 | top cover display assembly     | 9  | bottom case assembly          |
| 2 | center control cover           | 10 | memory module cover           |
| 3 | thermal cooling assembly       | 11 | module bay device             |
| 4 | hybrid cooling fan             | 12 | main battery                  |
| 5 | microprocessor module          | 13 | hard drive                    |
| 6 | system board                   | 14 | left speaker/antenna assembly |
| 7 | right speaker/antenna assembly | 15 | palm rest assembly            |
| 8 | fan guard                      | 16 | keyboard                      |

## Palm Rest Inserts

1. Save and close any open files, exit any open programs, and shut down the computer.
2. If the computer is connected (docked) to a docking device, undock it.
3. Keep the display open and tilt the computer back so that you can access the bottom of the computer.
4. Slide and hold the latch release on the right side, and remove any device installed in the module bay.
5. Slide and hold the latch release on the left side, and remove any battery installed in the battery bay.
6. Locate the orange palm-rest removal buttons. Firmly press the buttons with the eraser end of a pencil (or a dull utensil smaller than your finger) to release the palm rests.



7. Remove the palm rests.

8. To replace the palm rests, insert the tabs on the inside edge of the palm rest into the slots on the computer. Then press along the outside edges of the palm rest until it snaps into place.

Repeat the process on each side.



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## Display Cover

1. Slide your index fingers under the straight edge of the display cover until the cover pops out.
2. Slide the display cover towards the back of the computer.



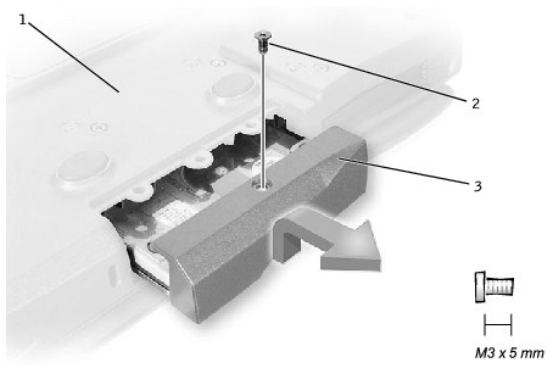
3. Use your fingers to release the cover completely, and remove it.
4. To replace the display cover, bend it slightly to insert the four tabs on the rounded edge of the cover into the slots on the top of the computer.
5. Press the cover along the straight edge at the back of the computer until it snaps into place.
6. Firmly press the Dell™ logo until it snaps into place. Press above both hinge covers to engage the final snaps.

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## Hard Drive Assembly

### Removing the Hard Drive

1. Save and close any open files, exit any open programs, and shut down the computer.
  - ➔ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
  - ➔ **NOTICE:** The hard drive is very sensitive to shock. Handle the hard drive by its edges (do not squeeze the top of the hard drive case), and avoid dropping it.
  - ➔ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.
  - ➔ **NOTICE:** To prevent data loss, turn off your computer before removing the hard drive. Do not remove the hard drive while the computer is running, in standby mode, or in hibernate mode.
  - ⚠ **CAUTION:** If you remove the hard drive from the computer when the drive is hot, **do not touch** the metal housing of the hard drive.
2. Ground yourself by touching a metal connector on the back of the computer.
3. Turn the computer over. Remove the M3 x 5-mm screw from the hard drive door.



|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| 1 | bottom of computer |
| 2 | M3 x 5-mm screw    |
| 3 | hard drive door    |

4. Lift up the hard drive door until you hear a click.
5. Slide the hard drive out of the computer.

## Replacing the Hard Drive

**NOTICE:** Use firm and even pressure to slide the hard drive into place. If you force the hard drive into place using excessive force, you may damage the connector.

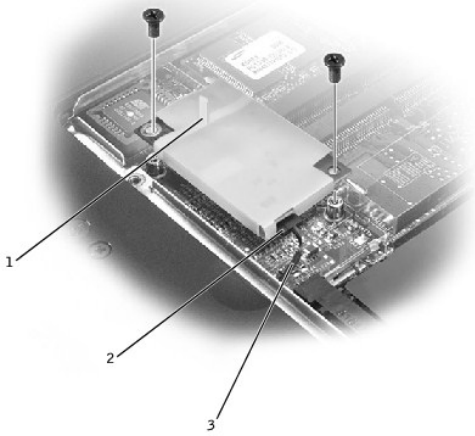
1. Lift up the hard drive door until you hear a click. Push the hard drive into the drive bay until it is fully seated in the bay.
2. Press the hard drive door down.
3. Replace the M3 x 5-mm screw in the hard drive door.

## Adding a Daughter Card Modem

If you ordered the optional modem at the same time that you ordered your computer, Dell has already installed the modem for you.

1. Make sure that the work surface is flat and clean to prevent scratching the computer cover.
2. Save and close any open files, exit any open programs, and shut down the computer.
3. Disconnect the computer from the electrical outlet.
4. Wait 10 to 20 seconds and then disconnect any attached devices.
5. Remove any installed PC Cards, batteries, and devices.
6. To ground yourself, periodically touch an unpainted metal surface on the back of the computer while you work.
7. Handle components and cards by their edges, and avoid touching pins and contacts.
8. Turn the computer over, and remove the screws from the modem cover.
9. Place your finger under the cover at the indentation, and lift and slide the cover open.
10. If a modem is not already installed, go to [step 11](#). If you are replacing a modem, remove the existing modem:
  - a. Remove the screw(s) that secure the modem to the system board, and set them aside.
  - b. Pull straight up on the attached pull-tab to lift the modem out of its connector on the system board, and disconnect the modem cable.

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | pull-tab              |
| 2 | modem cable connector |
| 3 | modem cable           |



11. Connect the modem cable to the modem.

➔ **NOTICE:** The cable connectors are keyed for correct insertion; do not force the connections.

12. Align the modem with the screw hole(s) and press the modem into the connector on the system board.

13. Install the screw(s) to secure the modem to the system board.

14. Replace the modem cover.

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## Module Bay Devices

1. Save and close any open files, exit any open programs, and shut down the computer.

2. If the computer is connected (docked) to a docking device, undock it.

3. Close the display and turn the computer over.

4. Slide and hold the latch release, and pull the device out of the module bay.

➔ **NOTICE:** To prevent damage to devices, place them in a travel case when they are not inserted in the computer. Store devices in a dry, safe place, and avoid pressing down on them or placing heavy objects on top of them.

5. To replace, insert the new device into the bay, and push it until you hear a click.

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## Memory Module

### Removing the Memory Module Cover

➔ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.

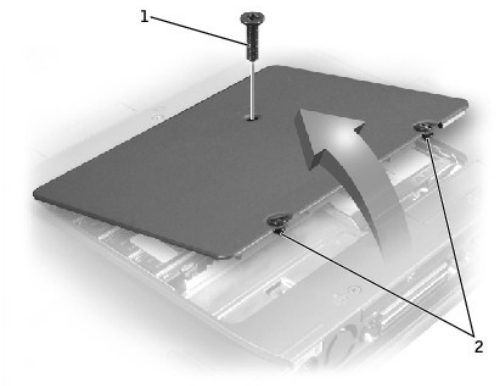
➔ **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.

➔ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.

1. Turn the computer over, and use a flat-blade screwdriver to release the two captive screws from the memory module cover.

2. Remove the M2.5 x 12-mm screw labeled "circle K."

3. Place your finger under the cover at the indentation and lift and slide the cover open.

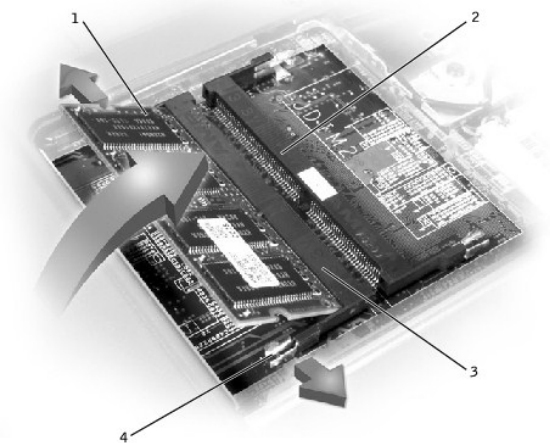


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|---|------------------------|
| 1 | M2.5 x 12-mm screw (1) |
| 2 | captive screws (2)     |

## Removing the Memory Modules

- ➔ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
  - ➔ **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.
  - ➔ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.
1. Remove the memory module cover.
- ➔ **NOTICE:** To prevent damage to the memory module connector, do not use tools to spread the inner metal tabs that secure the memory module.
2. Use your fingertips to carefully spread apart the inner tabs on each end of the memory module socket.

The module should pop up.




|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1 | JDIM 1                    |
| 2 | JDIM 2                    |
| 3 | memory module sockets (2) |
| 4 | inner tabs (2 per socket) |

3. Lift the memory module out of its socket.

## Replacing the Memory Modules

1. If you only have one memory module, install it in the connector labeled "JDIM1" on the system board. Install a second memory module in the connector labeled "JDIM2."

 **HINT:** Memory modules are keyed, or designed to fit into their sockets, in only one direction.

 **NOTICE:** The memory module must be inserted at a 45-degree angle to avoid damaging the connector.


2. Align the notch in the memory module with the slot in the center of the socket.
3. Slide the edge connector of the module firmly into the socket at a 45-degree angle, and rotate the module down until you hear a click. If you do not hear the click, remove the module and reinstall it.
4. Replace the cover and tighten the two captive screws.


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## Mini PCI Card Assembly

You must remove the Mini PCI card before the system board can be removed.

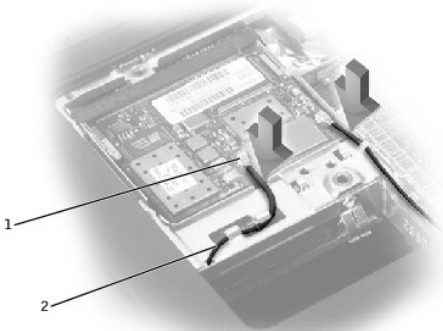
### Removing the Mini PCI Card

 **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.

 **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.

 **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.

1. Remove the memory module cover.
2. Disconnect the Mini PCI card from the antenna cables.
3. To release a Mini PCI card from its socket, spread apart the metal securing tabs until the card pops up slightly.
4. Lift the Mini PCI card out of its connector.



|   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 | antenna connectors on card (2) |
| 2 | antenna cables (2)             |

### Replacing the Mini PCI Card

1. Align the Mini PCI card with the socket at a 45-degree angle, and press the Mini PCI card into the socket.

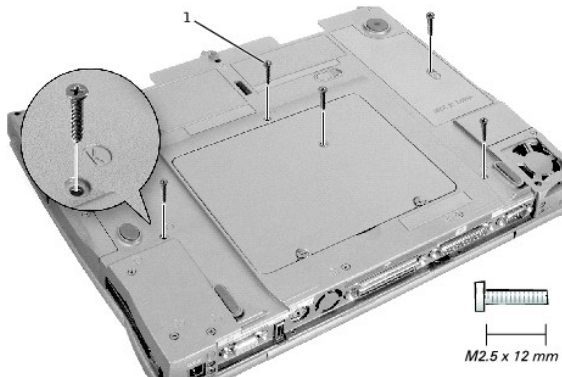
 **NOTICE:** The connectors are keyed for correct insertion; do not force the connections.

2. Lower the Mini PCI card toward the inner tabs to approximately a 20-degree angle.
  3. Continue lowering the Mini PCI card until it snaps into the inner tabs of the socket.
  4. Attach the antenna cables to the Mini PCI card.
  5. Replace the cover and tighten the two captive screws.
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## Keyboard Assembly

### Removing the Keyboard

- ➔ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
  - ➔ **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.
  - ➔ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.
1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
  2. Turn the computer over, and remove the five M2.5 x 12-mm screws labeled "circle K."



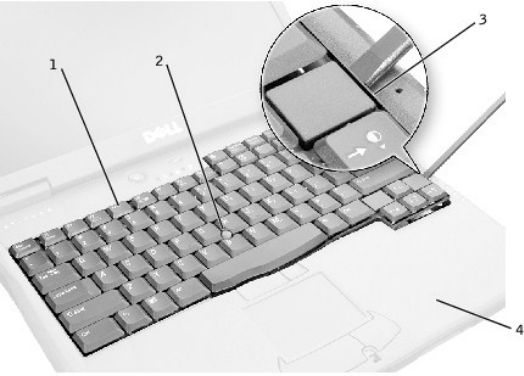
#### 1 M2.5 x 12-mm screws (5)

3. Turn the computer over and open the display.
- ➔ **NOTICE:** The key caps on the keyboard are fragile, easily dislodged, and time-consuming to replace. Be careful when removing and handling the keyboard.
4. Remove the center control cover:
    - a. Use a small, flat-blade screwdriver or plastic scribe to lift the right edge of the center control cover and pry it loose from the bottom case.
    - b. Lift the center control cover up and away from the bottom case.



5. To release the keyboard from the palm rest, use a small, flat-blade screwdriver or plastic scribe to pull up on the scalloped edge of the blank key on the keyboard.



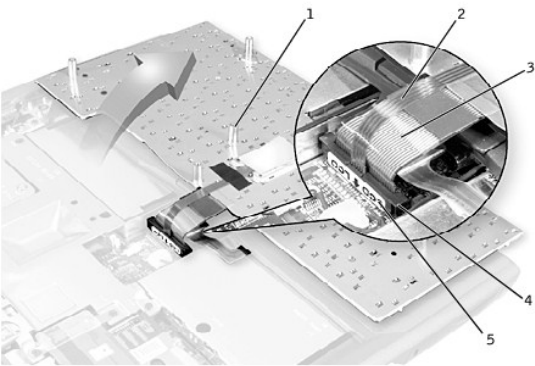


|   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1 | keyboard                    |
| 2 | track stick                 |
| 3 | scalloped edge of blank key |
| 4 | palm rest                   |

6. Lift the keyboard straight up until it clears the keyboard boss support in the bottom case.
7. Rotate the keyboard forward toward the front of the computer.
8. Rest the key face of the keyboard on the palm rest.

➡ **NOTICE:** Do not pull on the keyboard flex and track stick cables.

9. Pull up on the keyboard connector to disconnect it from the interface connector on the system board.



|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 | boss support (5)    |
| 2 | track stick cable   |
| 3 | keyboard flex cable |
| 4 | keyboard connector  |
| 5 | orientation label   |

10. Remove the keyboard from the bottom case.

## Replacing the Keyboard

1. Place the keyboard on the palm rest at the front of the computer with the keys face down and the connector toward the back of the computer.

➡ **NOTICE:** To avoid damage to the connector pins, press the keyboard connector evenly into the interface connector on the system board, and do not reverse the keyboard connector.

2. Connect the keyboard connector to the interface connector on the system board.

The keyboard connector may have a label on it that shows the correct orientation of the keyboard connector to the system-board interface connector.

- Carefully turn the keyboard over. Align the keyboard boss support, fit the left side of the keyboard into place, and then snap the right side of the keyboard into place.

➔ **NOTICE:** Position the keyboard flex and track stick cables so that they are not pinched when you replace the keyboard in the bottom case.

- Check that the keyboard is correctly installed. The keys should be flush with the left and right surfaces of the palm rest.
- Replace the center control cover, close the display assembly, and turn the computer over.
- Reinstall the five M2.5 x 12-mm screws in the holes labeled "circle K."

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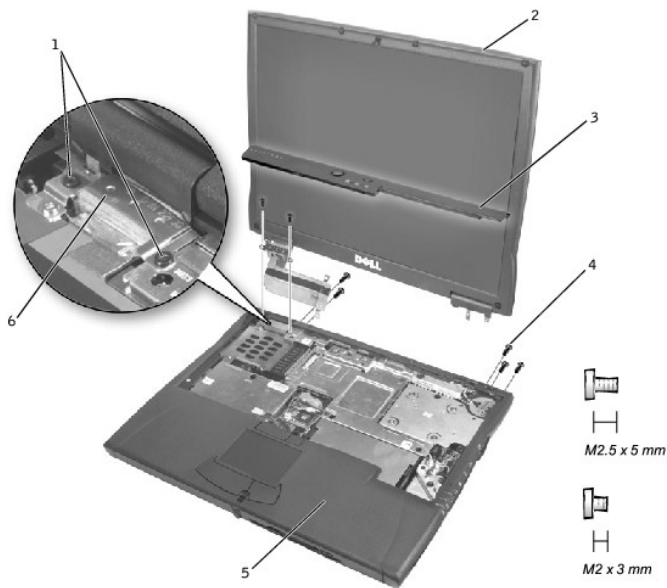
## Display Assembly

➔ **NOTICE:** You must remove the display assembly before you remove the palm rest.

➔ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.

➔ **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.

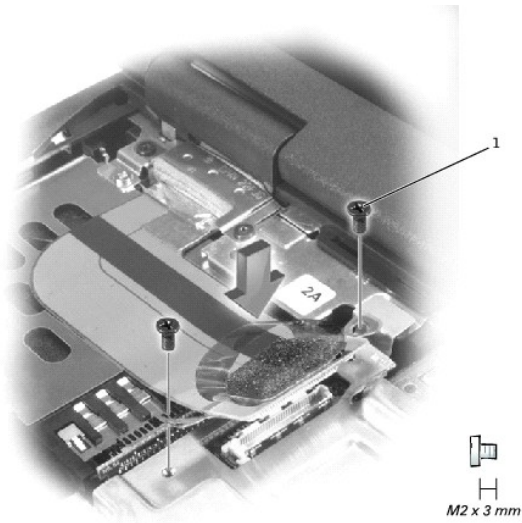
➔ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.



|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1 | M2 x 3-mm screws (4)   |
| 2 | top cover              |
| 3 | center control cover   |
| 4 | M2.5 x 5-mm screws (5) |
| 5 | bottom case            |
| 6 | EMI shield bracket     |

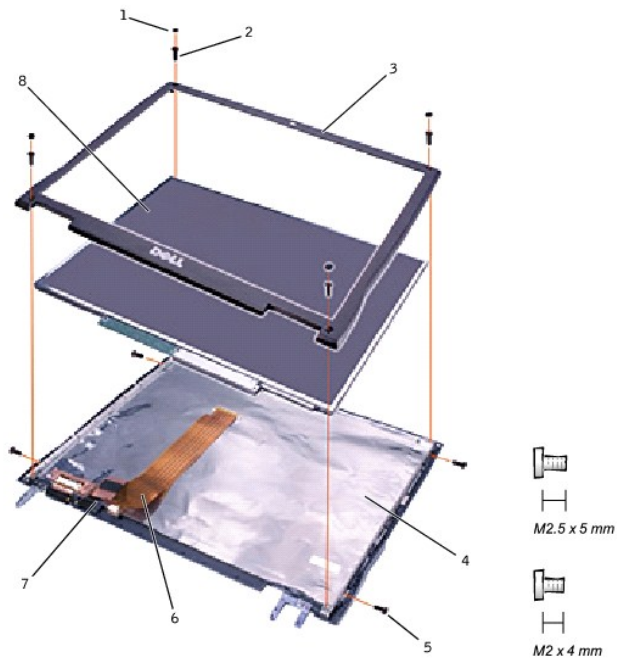
- Remove the [hard drive](#).
- Remove the center control cover.
- Remove the [keyboard](#).
- Close the display.
- From the back of the computer, remove the five M2.5 x 5-mm screws labeled "circle D."
- Open the display assembly approximately 180 degrees and support the display assembly so that it does not open past this position.
- Remove the two M2 x 3-mm screws on the EMI shield bracket, which is attached to the display-feed flex cable.
- Remove the two M2 x 3-mm screws that secure the display-feed flex cable to the system board.

**NOTICE:** When reconnecting the display-feed flex cable connector to the system board, push down on the top left and right ends of the connector. Pressing on the center of the connector may damage resistors and compromise EMI protection in the computer.



1 M2 x 3-mm screws (2)

9. Pull up on the pull-tab that is attached to the display-feed flex cable connector to remove the tab from the interface connector on the system board.
10. Lift the display assembly up and out of the bottom case.



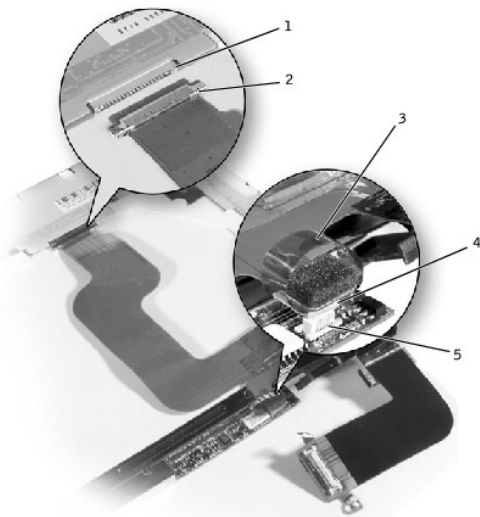
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|---|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| 1 | rubber screw covers (6) | 5 | M2 x 4-mm screws (5)         |
| 2 | M2.5 x 5-mm screws (4)  | 6 | display-feed flex cable      |
| 3 | display bezel           | 7 | flex-cable retention bracket |
| 4 | top cover               | 8 | display panel                |

## Removing the 14.1-Inch Display Bezel

- ➔ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
  - ➔ **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.
  - ➔ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.
1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
  2. Remove the [display assembly](#).
  3. Use a plastic scribe to pry the six rubber screw covers out of the screw holes located on the front of the bezel.
  4. Remove the six M2.5 x 5-mm screws located on the front of the bezel.
- ➔ **NOTICE:** Carefully separate the bezel from the top cover to avoid damage to the bezel.
5. Starting at the bottom of the display panel (by the DELL™ logo), use your fingers to separate the bezel from the top cover by lifting up the inside of the bezel while pushing in on the outside.

## Removing the 14.1-Inch Display Panel

- ➔ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
  - ➔ **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.
  - ➔ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.
1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
  2. Remove the [display assembly](#).
  3. Remove the [display bezel](#).
  4. Remove the hinge covers.
  5. Remove the two M2 x 4-mm screws on the left side of the display panel and the two M2 x 4-mm screws on the right side of the display panel.
- 🔧 **HINT:** If you have a Hitachi display panel, remove the two M2 x 4-mm screws from the center of the left side of the display panel.
6. Remove the M2 x 4-mm screw that secures the display-feed flex cable to the display assembly through the black plastic flex-cable retention bracket.
  7. Lift from the top and rotate the display panel out of the top cover.
  8. Disconnect the bottom flex-cable connector from the inverter connector by pulling straight up on the attached pull tab.



|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | display panel connector  |
| 2 | top flex-cable connector |
| 3 | pull tab                 |

|   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 4 | bottom flex cable connector |
| 5 | inverter connector          |

- Remove the tape that secures the display panel connector and the tape that secures the middle of the display-feed flex cable to the display panel.
- Pull the top flex-cable connector down and away to remove it from the display panel connector.

## Replacing the 14.1-Inch Display Panel

- Reconnect the top flex-cable connector to the display panel connector.
- Reconnect the bottom flex-cable connector to the inverter connector.
- Replace the tape that secures the display panel connector and the tape that secures the middle of the display-feed flex cable to the display panel.
- Place the bottom edge of the display panel in the bottom of the top cover and elevate the top of the panel with your hand.
- Lay the display panel in the top cover.

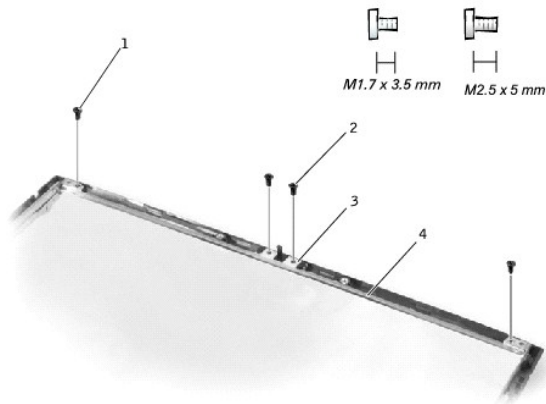
Reinstall the five M2 x 4-mm screws that secure the display panel to the top cover.

## Display Latch

- NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
- NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.

## Removing the Display Latch

- Remove the [hard drive](#).
- Remove the [display assembly](#).
- Remove the [display bezel](#).
- Remove the two M2.5 x 5-mm screws and the two M1.7 x 3.5-mm screws that secure the display latch and bracket to the top cover.
- Lift the display latch and bracket up and out of the top cover.



|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | M1.7 x 3.5-mm screws (2) |
| 2 | M2.5 x 5-mm screws (2)   |
| 3 | display latch            |
| 4 | bracket                  |

## Replacing the Display Latch

- On 14.1-inch XGA panels,* place the display latch on top of its screw holes, and then place the bracket on top of the display latch, aligning the bracket and display latch screw holes.

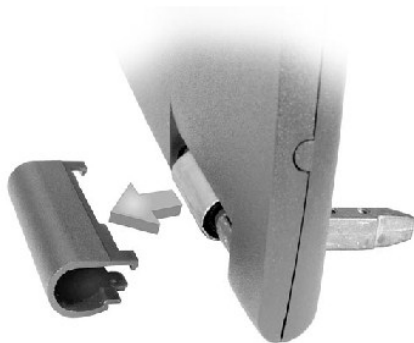
*On 14.1-inch SXGA+ and UXGA panels,* align the screw holes and place the display latch and attached bracket in the top cover.
- Replace the two M2.5 x 5-mm screws and the two M1.7 x 3.5-mm screws that secure the display latch and bracket to the top cover.

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## Hinge Covers


### Removing the Hinge Covers

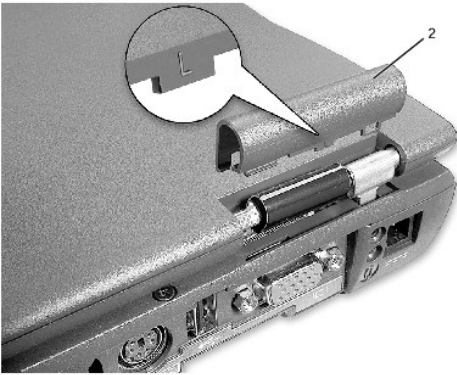
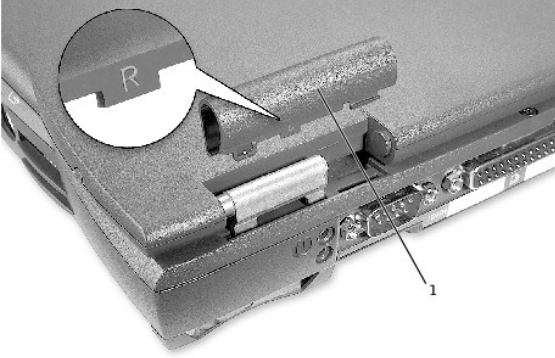
1. Remove the [display assembly](#).
2. Rotate the hinges forward at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the front of the display assembly.
3. To remove the hinge covers, slide them off the hinges.



### Replacing the Hinge Covers

1. Attach the display assembly to the bottom case.
2. Close the display assembly.
3. Snap the hinge covers in place over the hinges.

 **HINT:** The right plastic hinge cover label includes an "R," and the left plastic hinge cover label includes an "L." The hinge cover labels face the back of the computer.

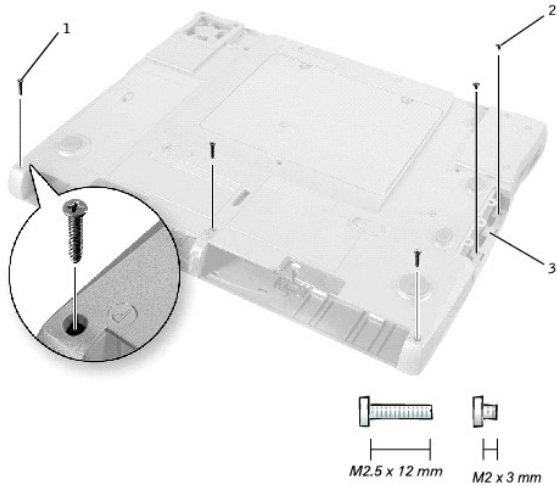


|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| 1 | right hinge cover |
| 2 | left hinge cover  |

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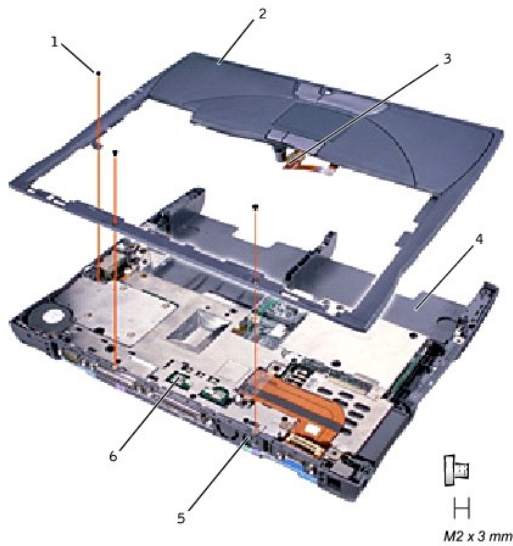
## Palm Rest

- ➔ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
- ➔ **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.
- ➔ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.
  1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
  2. Remove the [keyboard](#).
- ➔ **NOTICE:** You must remove the display assembly before you remove the palm rest; the display hinges pass through the back of the palm rest.
  3. Remove the [display assembly](#) and [hinge covers](#).
  4. Turn the computer over and remove the three M2.5 x 12-mm screws labeled "circle P."



|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1 | M2.5 x 12-mm screws (3) |
| 2 | M2 x 3-mm screws (2)    |
| 3 | hard-drive bay door     |

5. Remove the two M2 x 3-mm screws that are located in the hard-drive bay door labeled "circle P."
6. Turn the computer over, and remove the three M2 x 3-mm screws that secure the palm rest to the bottom case:
  - a. Remove the two M2 x 3-mm screws that are located on the back edge of the bottom case, underneath the display assembly.
  - b. Remove the M2 x 3-mm screw located underneath the keyboard, on the right side of the bottom case, next to the microprocessor thermal cooling assembly.
7. Pull up on the pull-tab that is attached to the palm-rest flex cable connector to remove it from the interface connector on the system board.

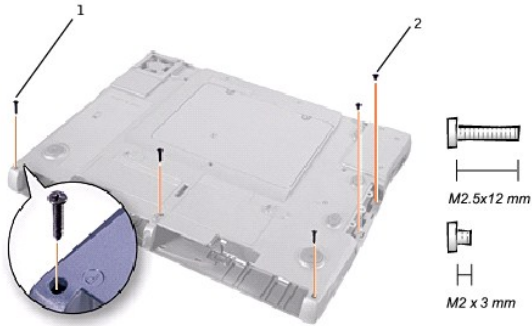


|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1 | M2 x 3-mm screws (3)         |
| 2 | palm rest                    |
| 3 | palm-rest flex cable         |
| 4 | bottom case                  |
| 5 | back center of the palm rest |
| 6 | touch pad connector          |



➔ **NOTICE:** Carefully separate the palm rest from the bottom case to avoid damage to the palm rest.

8. Starting at the back center of the palm rest, use your fingers to separate the palm rest from the bottom case by lifting up the inside of the palm rest while pushing in on the outside.



|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1 | M2.5 x 12-mm screws (3) |
| 2 | M2 x 3-mm screws (2)    |

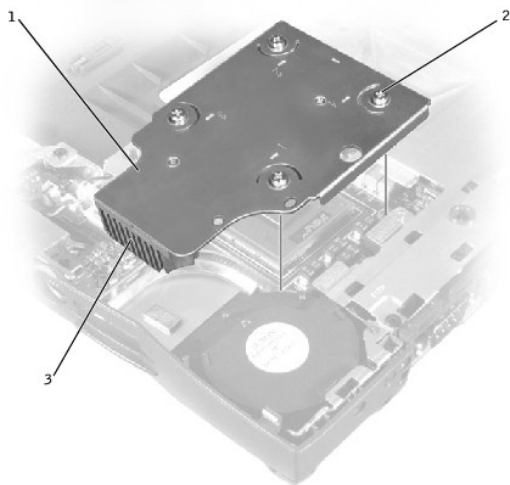
## Microprocessor Thermal Cooling Assembly

➔ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.

➔ **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.

➔ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.

1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
2. Remove the [keyboard](#).
3. Loosen the four captive screws that secure the microprocessor thermal cooling assembly to the system board.



|   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 | microprocessor thermal cooling assembly |
| 2 | captive screws (4)                      |
| 3 | right side                              |

4. Lift the microprocessor thermal cooling assembly up and out of the system board.

## Replacing the Microprocessor Thermal Cooling Assembly

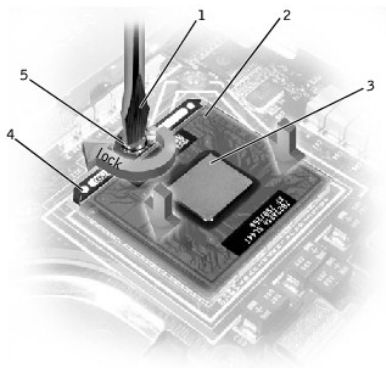
1. Place the right side of the microprocessor thermal cooling assembly under the palm rest and lower the assembly onto the system board.
2. Tighten the four captive screws, labeled 1 through 4, in consecutive order.

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## Microprocessor Module

### Removing the Microprocessor Module

- ➔ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
- ➔ **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.
- ➔ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.
- ➔ **NOTICE:** Do not touch the processor die. Press and hold the microprocessor down on the substrate on which the die is mounted while turning the cam screw to prevent intermittent contact between the cam screw and microprocessor.
- ➔ **NOTICE:** To avoid damage to the microprocessor, hold the screwdriver so that it is perpendicular to the microprocessor when turning the cam screw.



|   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 | screwdriver (perpendicular to microprocessor) |
| 2 | pin-1 corner                                  |
| 3 | processor die (do not touch)                  |
| 4 | ZIF socket                                    |
| 5 | ZIF-socket cam screw                          |

1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
2. Remove the [keyboard](#).

- ➔ **NOTICE:** To ensure maximum cooling for the microprocessor, do not touch the heat transfer areas on the microprocessor thermal cooling assembly. The oils in your skin reduce the heat transfer capability of the thermal pads.

3. Remove the [microprocessor thermal cooling assembly](#).

- ➔ **NOTICE:** When removing the microprocessor module, pull the module straight up. Be careful not to bend the pins on the microprocessor module.

4. To loosen the ZIF socket, use a small, flat-blade screwdriver and rotate the ZIF-socket cam screw counter-clockwise until it comes to the cam stop.


The ZIF-socket cam screw secures the microprocessor to the system board. Take note of the arrow on the ZIF-socket cam screw.


5. Use a microprocessor extraction tool to remove the microprocessor module.

### Replacing the Microprocessor Module


- ➔ **NOTICE:** Ensure that the cam lock is in the fully open position before seating the microprocessor module. Seating the microprocessor module properly in the ZIF socket does not require force.
- ➔ **NOTICE:** A microprocessor module that is not properly seated can result in an intermittent connection, or permanent damage to the microprocessor and ZIF socket.

1. Align the pin-1 corner of the microprocessor module with the pin-1 corner of the ZIF socket, and insert the microprocessor module.

 **HINT:** The pin-1 corner of the microprocessor module has a triangle that aligns with the triangle on the pin-1 corner of the ZIF socket.

 **NOTICE:** You must position the microprocessor module correctly in the ZIF socket to avoid permanent damage to the module and the socket.

When the microprocessor module is correctly seated, all four corners are aligned at the same height. If one or more corners of the module are higher than the others, the module is not seated correctly.

 **NOTICE:** Hold the microprocessor down while turning the cam screw to prevent intermittent contact between the cam screw and microprocessor (see "[Removing the Microprocessor Module](#)").

2. Tighten the ZIF socket by turning the cam screw clockwise to secure the microprocessor module to the system board.
3. Update the BIOS using a flash BIOS update program floppy disk or CD. For instructions on how to flash the BIOS, see "[Flashing the BIOS.](#)"

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## Flashing the BIOS

To update the BIOS:

1. Make sure that the AC adapter is plugged in and that the main battery is installed properly.
2. Turn on the computer. The following error message appears:

```
System hardware failures: #0010
```




```
Strike the F1 key to shutdown
```

3. Instead of pressing , insert the flash BIOS update floppy disk or CD into the appropriate drive and press , and then press . The computer displays the following message on the screen:

```
Failure override
```

```
Processor update failure. Reload current BIOS
```


```
Strike the F1 key to continue, F2 to run the setup utility.
```

4. Press . The computer continues to boot and updates the new BIOS.
5. Press  to enter the system setup program and reset the boot sequence with the appropriate drive, if required.
6. Press  to exit the system setup program.
7. Remove the flash BIOS update floppy disk or CD from the drive and restart the computer.

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## Reserve Battery

### Removing the Reserve Battery

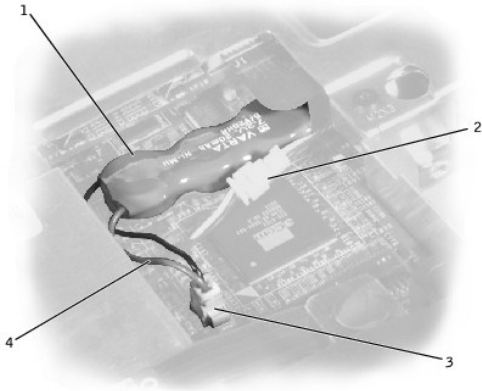
 **NOTICE:** The reserve battery provides power to the computer's RTC and NVRAM when the computer is turned off. Removing the battery causes the computer to lose the date and time information as well as all user-specified parameters in the BIOS. If possible, make a copy of this information before you remove the reserve battery.

 **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.

 **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.

 **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.

1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
2. Remove the [keyboard](#).
3. Disconnect the reserve battery cable from the system board connector.
4. Pry the reserve battery free from the system board. The reserve battery is attached to the system board with a piece of adhesive tape.
5. Remove any remnants of the adhesive tape from the system board.



|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1 | reserve battery        |
| 2 | speaker connector      |
| 3 | system board connector |
| 4 | reserve battery cable  |

## Replacing the Reserve Battery

1. Connect the reserve battery cable to the system board connector.
2. Position the reserve battery above the speaker connector on the system board.
3. Update the BIOS using a flash BIOS update program floppy disk or CD. For instructions on how to flash the BIOS, see "[Flashing the BIOS.](#)"

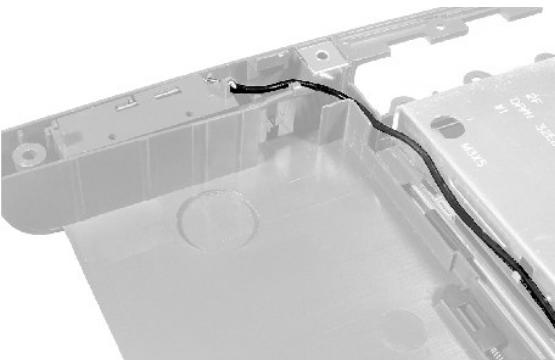
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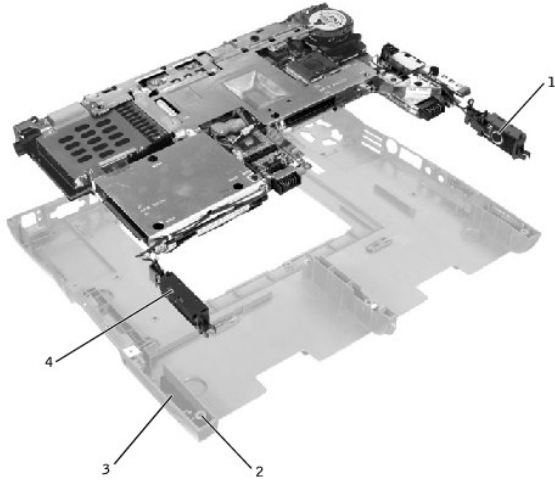
## System Speaker Assembly

### Removing the Speaker Assemblies

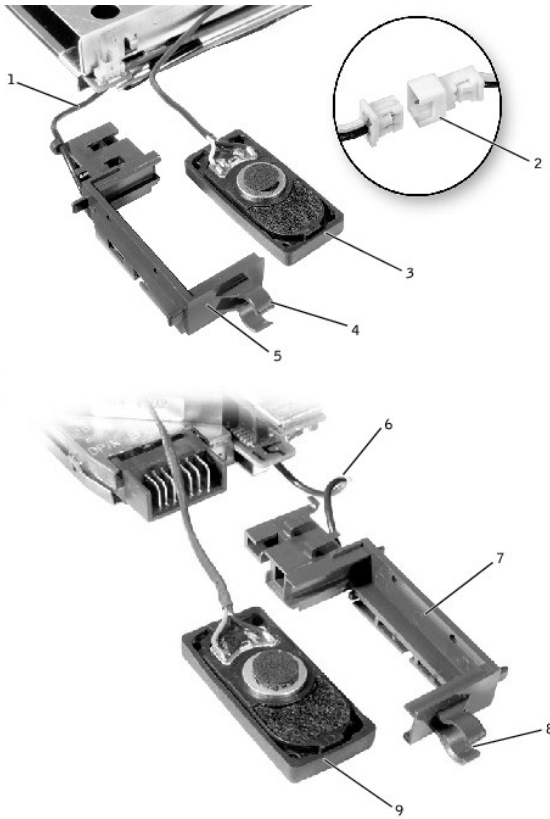
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The speakers are located on the front left and right sides of the bottom case. Each speaker assembly is marked with a left or right label. Take note of the speaker and antenna wire routing so that you can replace them properly under their routing clips.





|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1 | right speaker           |
| 2 | palm-rest screw post    |
| 3 | bottom case holders (2) |
| 4 | left speaker            |



|   |               |   |               |
|---|---------------|---|---------------|
| 1 | antenna cable | 6 | antenna cable |
|---|---------------|---|---------------|

|   |                     |   |                      |
|---|---------------------|---|----------------------|
| 2 | in-line connector   | 7 | right speaker holder |
| 3 | left speaker        | 8 | mounting ring        |
| 4 | mounting ring       | 9 | right speaker        |
| 5 | left speaker holder |   |                      |

1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
2. Remove the [keyboard](#).
3. Remove the [display assembly](#).
4. Remove the [palm rest](#).
5. Disconnect the speaker interface cable connectors.

👉 **NOTICE:** Do not pull the antenna wire when removing the speaker.

👉 **NOTICE:** Handle the speaker assemblies and speakers with care to avoid damaging the speaker cones.

6. Remove the speaker assemblies by pulling them straight up and out of the bottom case.

🔍 **HINT:** The left speaker has an in-line connector, and its antenna cable is longer than the antenna cable of the right speaker.

## Replacing the Speaker Assemblies

1. Place the mounting ring over the front palm-rest screw post.

👉 **NOTICE:** Make sure the speaker wires are under their routing clips. Route the left speaker wire properly between the battery bay and hard drive area.

2. Slide the speaker assembly down in to the bottom case.

🔍 **HINT:** Speakers face out in the bottom case holders.

## System Board Assembly

### Removing the System Board

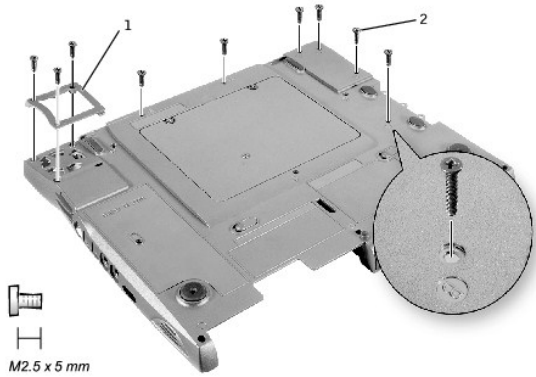
The system board's BIOS chip contains the service tag sequence, which is also visible on a barcode label on the bottom of the computer. The replacement kit for the system board includes a CD that provides a utility for transferring the service tag sequence to the replacement system board.

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👉 **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.

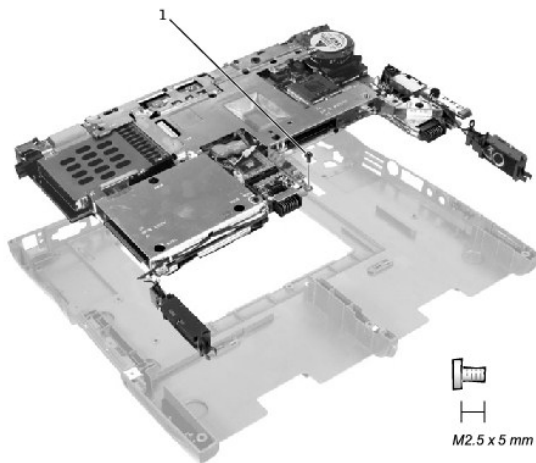
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1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
2. Remove the [keyboard](#).
3. Remove the [display assembly](#).
4. Remove the [palm rest](#).
5. Remove the [microprocessor thermal cooling assembly](#).
6. Remove the [microprocessor](#).
7. Remove the modem, memory modules, and Mini PCI card.
8. Turn the computer over, and remove the six M2.5 x 5-mm screws labeled "circle B" that secure the system board to the bottom case.
9. Remove the three M2.5 x 5-mm screws labeled "circle B" that secure the fan guard to the bottom case.



|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1 | fan guard              |
| 2 | M2.5 x 5-mm screws (9) |

10. Turn the computer over and remove the M2.5 x 5-mm screw, which is labeled "circle B" with an arrow on the front center of the system board by the battery connector.



|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1 | M2.5 x. 5-mm screw (1) |
|---|------------------------|


11. Remove the [speakers](#) from the bottom case.
12. Pull the right side of the bottom case, next to the external headphone and microphone connectors, away from the system board as you simultaneously lift the front of the system board out and away from the bottom case.

## Replacing the System Board

1. Install the [microprocessor](#) on the replacement system board.
2. Connect the right and left [speakers](#) to the replacement system board.
3. Install the replacement system board:
  - a. Insert the external microphone and headphone connectors through the bottom case.
  - b. Replace the six M2.5 x 5-mm screws, starting on the right side of the bottom case.
  - c. Replace the fan guard, inserting the tab into the bottom case, and replace the three M2.5 x 5-mm screws. Replacing the screw opposite the tab first makes it easier to insert and replace the other two screws.
4. Replace the modem, the speaker assemblies, and the microprocessor thermal cooling assembly that you removed from the old system board.




 **HINT:** Be sure to route cables so that they will not be crimped or pinched when the complete assembly is put back together.

5. Replace the palm rest, the keyboard, the display assembly, and the hard drive.
6. Replace the module bay devices and any PC Cards or plastic blanks in the PC Card slot.
7. Insert the floppy disk or CD that accompanied the replacement system board into the appropriate drive, and turn on the computer. Follow the instructions on the screen.

 **HINT:** After replacing the system board, be sure to enter the computer service tag sequence into the BIOS of the replacement system board.

## Module Latch Assemblies


### Removing the Battery and Module Bay Latches

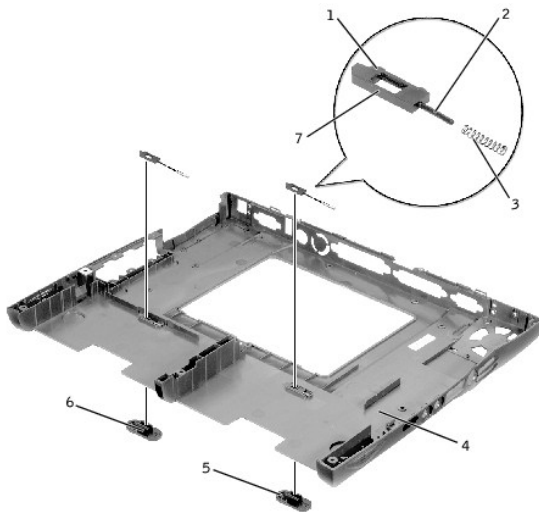
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-  **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.

1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
2. Remove the [keyboard](#).
3. Remove the [display assembly](#).
4. Remove the [palm rest](#).
5. Remove the [system board](#).
6. Remove the latch button by using a plastic scribe to push on the snap tabs until the latch button is released from the bottom case.

To prevent the latch assembly from coming loose, apply pressure to the latch and spring while removing the latch button. If the latch assembly *does* come loose from the case:

- a. Slide the spring onto the slider on the latch, and reinstall the latch into the holding features on the inside of the bottom case.
- b. Ensure that the slider is inserted into the hole, that the side of the latch with the two bumps is facing the back of the case, and that the side with the wear rib is facing the front of the case.

 **HINT:** The latch will not function properly if the slider is oriented incorrectly.



|                       |                                  |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 bumps (2 per latch) | 5 latch buttons (2)              |
| 2 slider              | 6 snap tabs (2 per latch button) |
| 3 spring              | 7 wear rib                       |
| 4 bottom case         |                                  |

### Replacing the Battery and Module Bay Latches

1. Snap in the new latch button from behind the bottom case, making certain that the snap tabs are fully engaged in the latch.



To prevent the latch assembly from coming loose, apply pressure to the latch and spring while replacing the latch button.

2. Ensure that the newly installed latch moves smoothly and freely when pushed and released.

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# System Setup Program

Dell™ Inspiron™ 4100

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## Overview

 **HINT:** Your operating system may automatically configure most of the options available in the system setup program, thus overriding options that you set through the system setup program. (An exception is the **External Hot Key** option, which you can disable or enable only through the system setup program.) For more information on configuring features for your operating system, see your Microsoft® Windows *Help* or Windows Help and Support Center.

You can use the system setup program as follows:


- 1 To set or change user-selectable features—for example, your password
- 1 To verify information about your computer's current configuration, such as the amount of system memory

After you set up your computer, run the system setup program to familiarize yourself with your system configuration information and optional settings. Dell recommends that you write down the information for future reference.

 **NOTICE:** Unless you are an expert computer user or are directed to do so by Dell technical support, do not change the settings for this program. Certain changes might make your computer work incorrectly.

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## Viewing the System Setup Screens

1. Turn on (or restart) your computer.
2. When the Dell™ logo appears, press  immediately.

If you wait too long and the Windows® logo appears, continue to wait until you see the Windows desktop. Then shut down your computer and try again.

Depending on your computer, you may also be able to enter the system setup program by pressing the   keyboard shortcut at any time while the computer is running.

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## System Setup Screens

The system setup screens display the current setup information and settings for your computer. Each screen is laid out with the system setup options listed at the left. To the right of each option is a field that displays the setting or value for that option. You can change settings that appear as white type on the screen. Options or values that you cannot change (because they are determined by the computer) appear less bright.

A box in the upper-right corner of the screen displays help information for the currently highlighted option; a box in the lower-right corner displays information about the computer. System setup key functions are listed across the bottom of the screen.

The screens display such information as:

- 1 System configuration
- 1 Boot configuration and dock configuration settings
- 1 Basic device configuration settings
- 1 Battery charge status
- 1 Power management settings
- 1 System security and hard drive password settings

 **HINT:** Certain options require that you reboot the computer for new settings to take effect.

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## Commonly Used Options

### Changing the Boot Sequence

The *boot sequence* tells the computer where to look to find the software needed to start the operating system. To change the computer's boot sequence,

change the device settings in the **Boot First Device**, **Boot Second Device**, or **Boot Third Device** options.

| Boot Sequence Option | Description  |
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| Boot First Device    | Tells the computer where to look first for the software it needs to start the operating system   |
| Boot Second Device   | Tells the computer where to look next if it cannot find the software on the drive identified in <b>Boot First Device</b>                               |
| Boot Third Device    | Tells the computer where to look next if it cannot find the software on the drives identified in <b>Boot First Device</b> or <b>Boot Second Device</b> |

For a change in the boot sequence options to take effect, you must reboot your computer.

## Changing Printer Modes



Set the **Parallel Mode** option according to the type of printer or device connected to the parallel port. To determine the correct mode to use, see the documentation that came with the device.

Setting **Parallel Mode** to **Disabled** disables the parallel port and its assigned LPT address, freeing its interrupt for another device to use.

## Changing COM Ports

**Serial Port** allows you to map the address of the serial port, or to disable the serial port and its assigned COM address, freeing that interrupt for another device to use.


## Enabling the Infrared Sensor

1. Press   and repeat to locate the **Infrared Data Port** option under the **Basic Device Configuration** heading of the system setup program.
2. Press the down-arrow key to highlight **Disabled** next to **Infrared Data Port**.
3. Press the right-arrow key to highlight a **COM** port.

Ensure that the **COM** port that you highlight is different from the **Serial Port** COM port.


4. Press the down-arrow key to highlight **Fast IR** or **Slow IR**.

Dell recommends that you use **Fast IR**. If the infrared device cannot communicate with your computer, turn off the computer and repeat this procedure to change the setting to **Slow IR**.

5. Press  to save the changes and exit the system setup program.

The Microsoft® Windows® operating system starts automatically.

6. Follow the instructions on the screen while the infrared sensor driver is installing.
7. At the end of the install process, click **Yes** to restart the computer.
8. When your computer detects the presence of another activated infrared device, double-click the infrared icon that appears on the Windows taskbar.

 **HINT:** If the infrared device cannot communicate with your computer, turn off the computer and repeat this procedure to change the system setup program setting to **Slow IR**. If the infrared device still cannot communicate with your computer, contact the infrared device manufacturer.

The **Infrared Monitor** screen appears.

9. Click the **Options** tab and then click **Enable Infrared Communication**.
10. Click **OK**.

See the infrared device documentation for device setup instructions.

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## Solving Problems

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## Accessing Help Files

To access the *Tell Me How* help file Microsoft® Windows® XP

1. Click the **Start** button, and then click **Help and Support**.
2. Click **User and system guides**, and then click **User's guides**.
3. Click **Tell Me How**.

Windows Millennium Edition (Me) and Windows 2000

1. Click the **Start** button, point to **Programs**, point to **User's Guides**, and then click **Tell Me How**.

To access help in Windows XP

1. Click the **Start** button, and then click **Help and Support**.
2. Type a word or phrase that describes your problem, and then click the arrow icon.
3. Click the topic that describes your problem, and then click **Display**.
4. Follow the instructions shown on the screen.

To access help in Windows Me


1. Click the **Start** button, and then click **Help**.
2. Type a word or phrase that describes your problem in the **Search** box, and then click **Go**.
3. Click the topic that describes your problem, and then click **Display**.
4. Follow the instructions shown on the screen.

To access help in Windows 2000

1. Click the **Start** button, and then click **Help**.
2. Click the **Search** tab.
3. Type a word or phrase that describes your problem, and then click **List Topics**.
4. Click the topic that describes your problem, and then click **Display**.
5. Follow the instructions shown on the screen.

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## Power Problems

 **HINT:** See the *Tell Me How* help file for information on standby mode. See "[Accessing Help Files](#)."

**Check the power light—** When the power light is lit or blinking, the computer has power. If the power light is blinking, the computer is in standby mode—press the power button to exit standby mode. If the light is off, press the power button to turn on the computer.

**Charge the battery—** The battery charge may be depleted.

1. Reinstall the battery.
2. Use the AC adapter to connect the computer to an electrical outlet.
3. Turn on the computer.

**Check the battery status light—** If the battery status light flashes orange or is a steady orange, the battery charge is low or depleted.

Connect the computer to an electrical outlet. If the battery status light flashes green and orange, the battery is too hot to charge. Turn off the computer, disconnect the computer from the electrical outlet, and then let the battery and computer cool to room temperature. If the battery status light rapidly flashes orange, the battery may be defective. See "Contacting Dell" in the Dell *Solutions Guide*.

**Test the electrical outlet**— Ensure that the electrical outlet is working by testing it with another device, such as a lamp.

**Check the AC adapter**— Check the AC adapter cable connections. If the AC adapter has a light, ensure that the light is on.

**Connect the computer directly to an electrical outlet**— Bypass power protection devices, power strips, and the extension cable to verify that the computer turns on.


**Eliminate possible interference**— Turn off nearby fans, fluorescent lights, halogen lamps, or other appliances.

**Adjust the Power Properties**— See the *Tell Me How* help file or search for the keyword *standby* in *Windows Help*. See "[Accessing Help Files](#)."

**Reset the memory modules**— If your computer power light turns on but the display remains blank, reset the memory modules. See "[Memory Module](#)."

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## Error Messages

 **HINT:** If the message is not listed, see the documentation for the operating system or the program that was running at the time the message appeared.

**The file being copied is too large for the destination drive**— The file that you are trying to copy is too large to fit on the disk, or the disk is too full. Try copying the file to a different disk or use a larger capacity disk.

**A filename cannot contain any of the following characters: \ / : \* ? " < > |**— Do not use these characters in filenames.

**Insert bootable media**— The operating system is trying to boot to a nonbootable floppy disk or CD. Insert a bootable floppy disk or CD.

**Non-system disk or disk error**— A floppy disk is in the floppy drive. Remove the floppy disk and restart the computer.

**Not enough memory or resources. Close some programs and try again**— You have too many programs open. Close all windows and open the program that you want to use.

**Operating system not found**— Reseat the hard drive.

**A required .DLL file was not found**— The program that you are trying to open is missing an essential file. To remove and then reinstall the program:

*Windows XP*

1. Click the **Start** button.
2. Click **Control Panel**.
3. Click **Add or Remove Programs**.
4. Click the program you want to remove.
5. Click the **Change or Remove Program** icon.
6. See the program documentation for installation instructions.

*Windows Me and Windows 2000*


1. Click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and then click **Control Panel**.
2. Double-click the **Add/Remove Programs** icon.
3. Click the program that you want to remove.
4. Click **Add/Remove** (click **Change/Remove** in Windows 2000) and follow the prompts on the screen.
5. See the program documentation for installation instructions.

**x:\ is not accessible. The device is not ready**— Insert a disk into the drive and try again.

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## Video and Display Problems

### If the display is blank

 **HINT:** If you are using a program that requires a higher resolution than your computer supports, Dell recommends that you attach an external monitor to your computer.

**Check the power light**— When the power light is blinking, the computer has power.

- 1 If the power light is blinking, the computer is in standby mode—press the power button to exit standby mode.
- 1 If the power light is off, press the power button.
- 1 If the power light is on, your power management settings may have caused the display to turn off. Try pressing any key or move the cursor to exit standby mode.



**Check the battery**— If you are using a battery to power your computer, the battery charge may be depleted. Connect the computer to an electrical outlet using the AC adapter, and turn on the computer.

**Test the electrical outlet**— Ensure that the electrical outlet is working by testing it with another device, such as a lamp. If the device is plugged into a surge protector, try plugging it directly into an electrical outlet.





**Check the AC adapter**— Check the AC adapter cable connections. If the AC adapter has a light, ensure that it is on.

**Connect the computer directly to an electrical outlet**— Bypass power protection devices, power strips, and the extension cable to verify that the computer turns on.

**Adjust the Power Properties**— Search for the keyword *standby* in *Windows Help*. See "[Accessing Help Files](#)."

**Switch the video image**— If your computer is attached to an external monitor, press   to switch the video image to the display.

## If the display is difficult to read



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| <b>Adjust the brightness</b> — Press   to increase the brightness, or press   to decrease the brightness. |
| <b>Move the subwoofer away from the computer or monitor</b> — If your external speaker system includes a subwoofer, ensure that the subwoofer is at least 60 cm (2 ft) away from the computer or external monitor.  |
| <b>Eliminate possible interference</b> — Turn off nearby fans, fluorescent lights, halogen lamps, or other appliances.  |
| <b>Rotate the computer to face a different direction</b> — Eliminate sunlight glare, which can cause poor picture quality.  |
| <b>Adjust the Windows display settings</b>  |
| <i>Windows XP</i>   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Click the <b>Start</b> button, and then click <b>Control Panel</b>.</li><li>2. Click <b>Appearance and Themes</b>.</li><li>3. Click <b>Display</b>, and then click the <b>Settings</b> tab.</li><li>4. Try different settings for <b>Screen resolution</b> and <b>Color quality</b>.</li></ol>   |
| <i>Windows Me and Windows 2000</i>  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Click the <b>Start</b> button, point to <b>Settings</b>, and then click <b>Control Panel</b>.</li><li>2. Double-click the <b>Display</b> icon, and then click the <b>Settings</b> tab.</li><li>3. Try different settings for <b>Colors</b> and <b>Screen area</b>.</li></ol>   |
| <b>See "Error Messages"</b> — If an error message appears, see " <a href="#">Error Messages</a> ."  |

## If only part of the display is readable

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| <b>Connect an external monitor</b>  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Turn off your computer and connect an external monitor to the computer.</li><li>2. Turn on the computer and the monitor and adjust the monitor brightness and contrast controls.</li></ol> |
| If the external monitor works, the computer display or video controller may be defective. See "Contacting Dell" in the Dell <i>Solutions Guide</i> .  |

## Sound and Speaker Problems

### If you have a problem with integrated speakers

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| <b>Adjust the Windows® volume control</b> — Double-click the yellow speaker icon in the lower-right corner of your screen. Be sure that the volume is turned up and that the sound is not muted. Adjust the volume, bass, or treble controls to eliminate distortion.                    |
| <b>Adjust the volume using keyboard shortcuts</b> — Press   to disable (mute) or reenable the integrated speakers. |
| <b>Reinstall the sound (audio) driver</b> — See " <a href="#">Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities</a> ."  |

### If you have a problem with external speakers

 **HINT:** The volume control in some MP3 players overrides the Windows volume setting. If you have been listening to MP3 songs, make sure that you did not turn the player volume down or off.

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| <b>Check the speaker cable connections</b> — See the setup diagram supplied with the speakers.   |
| <b>Test the electrical outlet</b> — Ensure that the electrical outlet is working by testing it with another device, such as a lamp. If the device is plugged into a surge protector, try plugging it directly into an electrical outlet.                             |
| <b>Ensure that the speakers are turned on</b> — See the setup diagram supplied with the speakers.  |
| <b>Adjust the Windows volume control</b> — Double-click the yellow speaker icon in the lower-right corner of your screen. Be sure that the volume is turned up and that the sound is not muted. Adjust the volume, bass, or treble controls to eliminate distortion. |
| <b>Test the speakers</b> — Plug the speaker audio cable into the line-out connector on the computer. Ensure that the headphone volume control is turned up. Play a music CD.   |
| <b>Run the speaker self-test</b> — Some speaker systems have a self-test button on the subwoofer. See the speaker documentation for self-test instructions.  |
| <b>Move the subwoofer away from the computer or monitor</b> — If your external speaker system includes a subwoofer, ensure that the subwoofer is at least 60 cm (2 ft) away from the computer or external monitor.   |
| <b>Eliminate possible interference</b> — Turn off nearby fans, fluorescent lights, or halogen lamps to check for interference.   |

**Reinstall the Sound (audio) driver**— See "[Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities](#)."

## Printer Problems

**Check the printer cable connections**— Ensure that the printer cable is properly connected to the computer (see "Connecting a Printer" in the Dell *Solutions Guide* that came with your computer).

**Test the electrical outlet**— Ensure that the electrical outlet is working by testing it with another device, such as a lamp.

**Ensure that the printer is turned on**— See the documentation supplied with the printer.

**Verify that Windows® recognizes the printer**


1. Click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and then click **Printers**.


If the printer is listed, right-click the printer icon, click **Properties**, and then select the **Details** tab.


2. Ensure that the **Print to the following port:** option is set for your printer type:
  - 1 For a parallel printer: **LPT1 (Printer Port)**
  - 1 For a USB printer: **USB**

**Reinstall the printer driver**— See "Installing the Printer Driver" in the Dell *Solutions Guide*.

## Modem and Internet Connection Problems

 **NOTICE:** Connect the modem to an analog telephone wall jack only. Connecting the modem to a digital telephone network damages the modem.

 **NOTICE:** Modem and network connectors look similar. Do not plug a telephone line into the network connector.

 **HINT:** If you can connect to your Internet service provider (ISP), your modem is functioning properly. If you are sure that your modem is working properly and you still experience problems, contact your ISP.

**Check the telephone wall jack**— Disconnect the telephone line from the modem and connect it to a telephone. Listen for a dial tone. Ensure that you have touchtone telephone service. Try connecting the modem to a different telephone wall jack.

**Connect the modem directly to the telephone wall jack**— If you have other telephone devices sharing the line, such as an answering machine, fax machine, surge protector, or line splitter, then bypass them and connect the modem directly to the telephone wall jack with the telephone line.

**Check the connection**— Verify that the telephone line is connected to the modem.

**Check the telephone line**— Try using a different telephone line. If you are using a line that is 3 m (10 ft) or more in length, try a shorter one.

**Irregular dial tone** — If you have voice mail service, you may hear an irregular dial tone when you have messages. Contact your telephone company for instructions on restoring a normal dial tone.

**Turn off call waiting (catch-phone)**— See your telephone directory for instructions on deactivating this feature. Then adjust the dial-up networking connection properties:

1. Click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and then click **Control Panel**.
2. Double-click the **Modems** icon.
3. In the **Modems Properties** window, click **Dialing Properties**.
4. Ensure that **To disable call waiting, dial:** is checked, and then select the proper code as listed in your telephone directory.
5. Click **Apply** and then click **OK**.
6. Close the **Modems Properties** window.
7. Close the **Control Panel** window.

**Verify that the modem is communicating with Windows**

*Windows XP*

1. Click the **Start** button.
2. Click **Control Panel**.
3. Click **Network and Internet Connections**.
4. Click **Internet Options**.
5. Click **Network Diagnostics** and perform the connectivity test.

*Windows Me*

1. Click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and click **Control Panel**.
2. In the **Control Panel** window, double-click **Modems**.

If there are multiple entries for the same modem or modems listed that are not installed, delete the entries and restart the computer.

3. Click the **Diagnostics** tab.
4. Click the COM port for your modem.
5. Click **More Info** to verify that the modem is communicating with Windows.

If all commands receive responses, the modem is operating properly.

#### Windows 2000

1. Click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and click **Control Panel**.
2. In the **Control Panel** window, double-click **Phone and Modem Options**.

If there are multiple entries for the same modem or modems listed that are not installed, delete the entries and restart the computer.

3. Click the **Modems** tab.
4. Click the COM port for your modem.
5. Click the **Properties** button.
6. Click the **Diagnostics** tab to verify that the modem is communicating with Windows.

If all commands receive responses, the modem is operating properly.

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## Scanner Problems

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| <b>Check the power cable connection</b> — Ensure that the scanner power cable is firmly connected to a working electrical power source and that the scanner is turned on. If the device is plugged into a surge protector, try plugging it directly into an electrical outlet. |
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| <b>Check the scanner cable connection</b> — Ensure that the scanner cable is firmly connected to the computer and to the scanner. |
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| <b>Unlock the scanner</b> — Ensure that your scanner is unlocked if it has a locking tab or button. |
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| <b>Reinstall the scanner driver</b> — See the scanner documentation for instructions. |
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## Touch Pad or Mouse Problems

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| <b>Check the touch pad settings</b> — Click the <b>Start</b> button, point to <b>Settings</b> , click <b>Control Panel</b> , and then double-click the <b>Mouse</b> icon. Try adjusting the settings. |
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| <b>Check the mouse cable</b> — Shut down the computer. Disconnect the mouse cable and check it for damage. For PS/2 cables, check the cable connector for bent or broken pins. Firmly reconnect the cable. If you are using a mouse extension cable, disconnect it and connect the mouse directly to the computer. |
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| <b>To verify that the problem is with the mouse, check the touch pad</b> |
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1. Turn off the computer.
2. Disconnect the mouse.
3. Turn on the computer.
4. At the Windows@ desktop, use the touch pad to move the cursor around, select an icon, and open it.

If the touch pad operates correctly, the mouse may be defective.

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| <b>Reinstall the touch pad driver</b> — See " <a href="#">Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities</a> ." |
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## External Keyboard Problems

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| <b>Check the keyboard cable</b> — Shut down the computer. Disconnect the keyboard cable and check it for damage. For PS/2 cables, check the cable connector for bent or broken pins. Firmly reconnect the cable. If you are using a keyboard extension cable, disconnect it and connect the keyboard directly to the computer. |
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| <b>Check the external keyboard</b> |
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1. Turn off the computer, wait 1 minute, and turn it on again.
2. Verify that the numbers, capitals, and scroll lock lights on the keyboard blink during the boot routine.
3. From the Windows@ desktop, click the **Start** button, point to **Programs**, point to **Accessories**, and click **Notepad**.
4. Type some characters on the external keyboard and verify that they appear on the display.

If you cannot verify these steps, you may have a defective external keyboard.

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| <b>To verify that the problem is with the external keyboard, check the integrated keyboard</b> |
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1. Turn off the computer.
2. Disconnect the external keyboard.
3. Turn on the computer.
4. From the Windows desktop, click the **Start** button, point to **Programs**, point to **Accessories**, and click **Notepad**.
5. Type some characters on the integrated keyboard and verify that they appear on the display.


If the characters appear now but did not with the external keyboard, you may have a defective external keyboard.

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## Unexpected Characters



 **HINT:** When you attach an external keyboard, the integrated keyboard remains fully functional.

**Disable the numeric keypad**— Press  to disable the numeric keypad if numbers are displayed instead of letters. Verify that the numbers lock light is not lit.

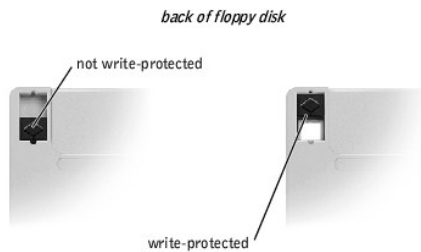
## Drive Problems

 **HINT:** For information on saving files to a floppy disk, see the *Tell Me How* help file. See "[Accessing Help Files](#)."

### If you cannot save a file to a floppy drive

**Ensure that Windows recognizes the drive**— In *Windows XP*, click the **Start** button, and then click **My Computer**. In *Windows Me* and *Windows 2000*, double-click the **My Computer** icon on the Windows desktop. If the floppy drive is not listed, perform a full scan with your antivirus software to check for and remove viruses. Viruses can sometimes prevent Windows from recognizing the drive.

**Ensure that the disk is not write-protected**— You cannot save data to a write-protected disk. See the following figure.




**Try another floppy disk**— Insert another disk to eliminate the possibility that the original disk is defective.

#### Reinstall the drive

1. Save and close any open files, exit any open programs, and shut down the computer.
2. Remove the drive from the module bay. See "[Module Bay Devices](#)."
3. Reinstall the drive.
4. Turn on the computer.

**Clean the drive**— See the *Tell Me How* help file for instructions. See "[Accessing Help Files](#)."

### If you cannot play a CD, CD-RW, or DVD

 **HINT:** High-speed CD drive vibration is normal and may cause noise. This noise does not indicate a defect in the drive or the CD. Because of different worldwide file types, not all DVD titles work in all DVD drives.

**Ensure that Windows recognizes the drive**— In *Windows XP*, click the **Start** button, and then click **My Computer**. In *Windows Me* and *Windows 2000*, double-click the **My Computer** icon on the Windows desktop. If the floppy drive is not listed, perform a full scan with your antivirus software to check for and remove viruses. Viruses can sometimes prevent Windows from recognizing the drive.

**Try another disc**— Insert another disc to eliminate the possibility that the original disc is defective.

**Adjust the Windows volume control**— Double-click the yellow speaker icon in the lower-right corner of your screen. Ensure that the volume is turned up and that the sound is not muted.

#### Reinstall the drive

1. Save and close any open files, exit any open programs, and shut down the computer.
2. If the drive is installed in the module bay, remove the drive. See "[Module Bay Devices](#)."

If the drive is a fixed drive, review "[Drive Problems](#)."

3. Reinstall the drive.
4. Turn on the computer.

**Clean the drive or disc**— See the *Tell Me How* help file for instructions. See "[Accessing Help Files](#)."

#### Check the drive for errors

1. Remove the hard drive.
2. Insert the *Drivers and Utilities* CD for your computer and turn on the computer.
3. Check to see if the drive light is blinking.

## If you cannot eject the CD, CD-RW, or DVD drive tray

1. Ensure that the computer is off.
2. Straighten a paper clip and insert one end into the eject hole at the front of the drive; push firmly until the tray is partially ejected.
3. Gently pull out the tray until it stops.

## If you hear an unfamiliar scraping or grinding sound

1. Ensure that the sound is not caused by the program that is running.
1. Ensure that the disk or disc is inserted properly.

## If the CD-RW drive stops writing

**Disable standby mode in Windows before writing to a CD-RW**— Search for the keyword *standby* in Windows Help. See "[Accessing Help Files](#)."

**Change the write speed to a slower rate**— See the help files for your CD creation software.

**Close all other open programs**— Closing all other open programs before writing to the CD-RW may alleviate the problem.

## If you have problems with a hard drive

**Allow the computer to cool before turning it on**— A hot hard drive may prevent the operating system from starting. Try allowing the computer to return to room temperature before turning it on.

### Run ScanDisk

*Windows XP and Windows 2000*

1. In *Windows XP*, click the **Start** button, and then click **My Computer**. In *Windows 2000*, double-click the **My Computer** icon on the Windows desktop.
2. Right-click the drive letter (local disk) that you want to scan for errors, and then click **Properties**.
3. Click the **Tools** tab.
4. Under **Error-checking**, click **Check Now**.
5. Click **Start**.

*Windows Me*

1. Click the **Start** button, point to **Programs**—> **Accessories**—> **System Tools**, and then click **ScanDisk**.

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## Network Problems

**Check the network cable connector**— Ensure that the network cable is firmly connected to the optional internal connector on the computer and the network wall jack.

**Check the network lights on the network connector**— Green indicates that the network connection is active. If the status light is not green, try replacing the network cable. Amber indicates that the optional internal network adapter driver is loaded and the adapter is detecting activity.


**Restart the computer**— Try to log on to the network again.

**Contact your network administrator**— Verify that your network settings are correct and that the network is functioning.

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## General Program Problems




### A program crashes

 **HINT:** Software usually includes installation instructions in its documentation or on a floppy disk or CD.

**See the software documentation**— Many software manufacturers maintain websites with information that may help you solve the problem. Ensure that you properly installed and configured the program. Reinstall the program if necessary.

## A program stops responding

### End the task

1. Press   .
2. If necessary, click **Task Manager**.
3. Select the program that is no longer responding.
4. Click **End Task**.
5. If the computer still does not respond, restart the computer by pressing the power button until the computer turns off. Press the power button again to restart the computer.

## A solid blue screen appears

**Turn the computer off**— If the computer does not respond to a keystroke or a proper shutdown, press the power button until the computer turns off. Press the power button again to restart the computer. The solid blue screen appears because you were not able to perform a proper Windows® shutdown. ScanDisk automatically runs during the start-up process. Follow the instructions on the screen.


## Error messages appear

**Review "Error Messages"**— Look up the message and take the appropriate action. See the software documentation.


## E-Mail Problems

**Ensure that you are connected to the Internet**— With the Outlook Express e-mail program open, click **File**. If **Work Offline** has a check next to it, click the check to remove it and connect to the Internet.

## If Your Computer Gets Wet

 **CAUTION:** Perform this procedure only after you are certain that it is safe to do so. If the computer is connected to an electrical outlet, Dell recommends that you turn off AC power at the circuit breaker before attempting to remove the power cables from the electrical outlet. Use the utmost caution when removing wet cables from a live power source.

1. Turn off the computer, disconnect the AC adapter from the computer, and then disconnect the AC adapter from the electrical outlet.
2. Remove the battery.
3. Wipe off the battery and put it in a safe place to dry.
4. Turn off any attached external devices, and disconnect them from their power sources and then from the computer.
5. Ground yourself by touching one of the metal connectors on the back of the computer.
6. Remove the module bay device (see "[Module Bay Devices](#)") and any installed PC Cards, wipe them off, and put them in a safe place to dry.
7. Remove the hard drive (see "[Hard Drive Assembly](#)").
8. Remove the memory modules (see "[Memory Module](#)").
9. Open the display and place the computer right-side up across two books or similar props to let air circulate all around it. Let the computer dry for 24–48 hours in a dry area at room temperature.

 **NOTICE:** Do not use artificial means, such as a hair dryer or a fan, to speed the drying process.

 **CAUTION:** To help prevent electrical shock, verify that the computer is thoroughly dry before continuing with the rest of this procedure.

10. Ground yourself by touching one of the metal connectors on the back of the computer.
11. Replace the memory modules, the memory module cover, and the screw(s).
12. Turn on the computer and verify that it is working properly.

The Dell™ logo should appear, and you will receive the message `No operating system found`.

13. Turn off the computer by pressing the power button.
14. Replace the hard drive.

15. Replace the module bay device and any PC Cards you removed.
16. Replace the battery.

 **HINT:** See "Limited Warranties and Return Policy" in your *Solutions Guide*.

If the computer does not start, or if you cannot identify the damaged components, see "Contacting Dell" in the *Solutions Guide*.

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## If You Drop or Damage Your Computer

1. Save and close any open files, exit any open programs, and shut down the computer.
2. Disconnect the AC adapter from the computer and from the electrical outlet.
3. Remove and reinstall the battery.
4. Turn off any attached external devices, and disconnect them from their power sources and then from the computer.
5. Turn on the computer.

 **HINT:** See "Limited Warranties and Return Policy" in your *Solutions Guide*.

If the computer does not start, or if you cannot identify the damaged components, see "Contacting Dell" in the *Solutions Guide*.

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## Resolving Other Technical Problems


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| <b>Go to the Dell support website</b> — Go to <a href="http://support.dell.com">support.dell.com</a> for help with general usage, installation, and troubleshooting questions.   |
| <b>E-mail Dell</b> — Go to <a href="http://support.dell.com">support.dell.com</a> and then click <b>E-Mail Dell</b> in the <b>Communicate</b> list. Send an e-mail message to Dell about your problem; you can expect to receive an e-mail message from Dell within hours. |
| <b>Call Dell</b> — If you cannot solve your problem using the Dell Support website or e-mail service, see "Contacting Dell" in the <i>Solutions Guide</i> .  |

## Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities

The Dell *Drivers and Utilities* CD for your computer contains drivers for operating systems that may not be on your computer. Verify that the driver you are loading is under your operating system subdirectory.

To reinstall drivers for optional devices such as wireless communications, DVD drives, and ZIP drives, see the software CD and documentation that came with those devices.

You can also access and download new drivers, system tools, and documentation from the Dell|Support website at [support.dell.com](http://support.dell.com). For more information on using the operating system installed on your computer by Dell, see the operating system user's guide that came with your computer.

 **NOTICE:** Before you reinstall drivers, make sure that your computer is undocked.

To install a driver or utility from your *Drivers and Utilities* CD:

1. Save your work in all open programs.
2. Insert your *Drivers and Utilities* CD into the CD or DVD drive.

In most cases, the CD should start running automatically. If it does not, start Microsoft® Windows® Explorer, click your CD drive directory to display the CD contents, and then double-click the `autocd.exe` file. The first time that you run the CD, it might prompt you to install setup files. Click **OK**, and follow the instructions on the screen to continue.

3. From the **Language** pull-down menu in the toolbar, select your preferred language for the driver or utility (if available).

A welcome screen appears.

4. Click **Next**.
5. Under **Search Criteria**, select the appropriate categories from the **System Model**, **Operating System**, **Device Type**, and **Topic** pull-down menus.

A link or links appear(s) for the specific drivers or utilities used by your computer.

6. Click the link of a specific driver or utility to display information about the driver or utility that you want to install.
7. Click the **Install** button (if present) to begin installing the driver or utility. At the welcome screen, follow the screen prompts to complete the installation.

If no **Install** button is present, automatic installation is not an option. For installation instructions, either see the appropriate instructions in the following subsections, or click the **Extract** button, follow the extracting instructions, and read the readme file.

If instructed to navigate to the driver files, click the CD directory on the driver information window to display the files associated with that driver.

## Using the Windows XP Device Driver Rollback

If you install a new device driver that causes system instability, you can use the Windows XP Device Driver Rollback to replace the new device driver with the previously installed version of the device driver. If you cannot reinstall your previous driver by using the Device Driver Rollback process, then see "[Using System Restore](#)" to return your operating system to its previous operating state before you installed the new device driver. To use Device Driver Rollback:

1. Click the **Start** button, and then right-click **My Computer**.
  2. Click **Properties**.
  3. Click the **Hardware** tab, and then click **Device Manager**.
  4. In the **Device Manager** window, right-click the device for which the new driver was installed and then click **Properties**.
  5. Click the **Drivers** tab.
  6. Click **Roll Back Driver**.
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## Manually Reinstalling Drivers

### Reinstalling the Modem or Network Adapter Driver (Windows XP)

1. Insert the *Drivers and Utilities* CD into the CD or DVD drive.
2. Click the **Start** button, and click **Control Panel**.
3. Under **Pick a category**, click **Performance and Maintenance**.
4. Under **or pick a Control Panel icon**, click **System**.
5. Click the **Hardware** tab.
6. Click **Device Manager**.
  1. If you are installing a modem driver, click **Modem** and then click the appropriate modem.
  1. If you are installing a network adapter, click **Network adapters** and then click **3Com 3C920 Integrated Fast Ethernet Controller**.
7. Click **Action**, and then click **Update Driver**.
8. Click **Install from a list or specific location (Advanced)**, and then click **Next**.
9. Verify that **Search removable media** is selected, and then click **Next**.
10. When the name of the appropriate driver appears, click **Next**.
11. Click **Finish** and restart your computer.

### Reinstalling the Modem or Network Adapter Driver (Windows 2000)

1. Save and close any open files, exit any open programs, and insert your *Drivers and Utilities* CD.
2. Click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and then click **Control Panel**.
3. Double-click the **System** icon.
4. Click the **Hardware** tab.
5. Click **Device Manager**.
  1. If you are installing a modem driver, click **Modem** and then click the appropriate modem.
  1. If you are installing a network adapter, click **Network adapters** and then click **3Com 3C920 Integrated Fast Ethernet Controller**.
6. Click **Action**, and then click **Properties**.
7. Click the **Driver** tab, click **Update driver**, and then click **Next**.
8. Verify that **Search for a suitable driver for my device (Recommended)** is selected, and then click **Next**.
9. Verify that **CD-ROM drives** is selected, and then click **Next**.
10. When the name of the appropriate driver appears, click **Next**.
11. Click **Finish** and restart your computer.

### Reinstalling the Modem or Network Adapter Driver (Windows Me)

1. Save and close any open files, exit any open programs, and insert your *Drivers and Utilities* CD.
2. Click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and then click **Control Panel**.
3. Double-click the **System** icon.

 **HINT:** To see the **System** icon, you may need to click the **View all control panel options** link at the left side of the screen.

4. Click the **Device Manager** tab.

1. If you are installing a modem driver, click **Modem** and then click the appropriate modem.
  1. If you are installing a network adapter driver, click **Network adapters** and then click **3Com 3C920 Integrated Fast Ethernet Controller**.
  5. Click **Properties** and click the **Driver** tab.
  6. Click **Update Driver**.
  7. Verify that **Automatic search for a better driver (Recommended)** is selected, and then click **Next**.
  8. Click **Finish**, and then click **Yes** to restart the computer.
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## Resolving Software and Hardware Incompatibilities

Windows XP, Windows Me, and Windows 2000 IRQ conflicts occur if a device either is not detected during the operating system setup or is detected but incorrectly configured. See the following subsection that corresponds to your operating system to check for IRQ conflicts on your computer.

### Windows XP

1. Click the **Start** button, and then click **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Performance and Maintenance**, and then click **System**.
3. Click the **Hardware** tab, and then click **Device Manager**.
4. In the **Device Manager** list, check for conflicts with the other devices.

Conflicts are indicated by a yellow exclamation point (!) beside the conflicting device or a red X if the device has been disabled.

5. Double-click any conflicting device listed to bring up the **Properties** window so that you can determine what items need to be reconfigured or removed from the Device Manager.
6. Resolve the device conflicts before checking specific devices.
7. Double-click the malfunctioning device type in the **Device Manager** list.
8. Double-click the icon for the specific device in the expanded list.

The **Properties** window appears.

If an IRQ conflict exists, the **Device status** area in the **Properties** window reports what other devices are sharing the device's IRQ.

9. Resolve any IRQ conflicts.

You can also use the Windows XP Hardware Troubleshooter. To use the troubleshooter, click the **Start** button and click **Help and Support**. Type **hardware troubleshooter** in the **Search** field, and then click the arrow to start the search. Click **Hardware Troubleshooter** in the **Search Results** list. In the **Hardware Troubleshooter** list, click **I need to resolve a hardware conflict on my computer**, and then click **Next**.

### Windows Me

1. Click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and click **Control Panel**.
2. Double-click the **System** icon.
3. Click the **Device Manager** tab.
4. In the **Device Manager** list, check for conflicts with the other devices.

Conflicts are indicated by a yellow exclamation point (!) beside the conflicting device or a red X if the device has been disabled.

5. Double-click any conflicting device listed to bring up the **Properties** window so you can determine what needs to be reconfigured or removed from the Device Manager.
6. Resolve these conflicts before checking specific devices.
7. Double-click the malfunctioning device type in the **Device Manager** list.
8. Double-click the icon for the specific device in the expanded list.

The **Properties** window appears.

If an IRQ conflict exists, the **Device status** area in the **Properties** window reports what other devices are sharing the device's IRQ.

9. Resolve any IRQ conflicts.

You can also use the Windows Me Hardware Troubleshooter. To use the troubleshooter, click the **Start** button and click **Help**. Click **Troubleshooting** in the **What would you like help with?** list, click **Hardware & system device problems**, click **Hardware, memory, & others**, and then click **Hardware Troubleshooter**. In the **Hardware Troubleshooter** list, click **I need to resolve a hardware conflict on my computer**, and then click **Next**.

### Windows 2000

1. Click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and click **Control Panel**.
2. Double-click the **System** icon.
3. Click the **Hardware** tab.

4. Click **Device Manager**.
5. Click **View**, and then click **Resources by connection**.
6. Double-click **Interrupt request (IRQ)** to view the IRQ assignments.

Conflicts are indicated by a yellow exclamation point (!) beside the conflicting device or a red X if the device has been disabled.

7. Double-click any conflicting device listed to bring up the **Properties** window so that you can determine what needs to be reconfigured or removed from the Device Manager. Resolve these conflicts before checking specific devices.
8. Double-click the malfunctioning device type in the **Device Manager** list.
9. Double-click the icon for the specific device in the expanded list.

The **Properties** window appears.

If an IRQ conflict exists, the **Device status** area in the **Properties** window reports what other devices are sharing the device's IRQ.

10. Resolve the IRQ conflicts.

You can also use the Windows 2000 Hardware Troubleshooter. To use the troubleshooter, click the **Start** button and click **Help**. Click **Troubleshooting and Maintenance** on the **Contents** tab, click **Windows 2000 troubleshooters**, and then click **Hardware**. In the **Hardware Troubleshooter** list, click **I need to resolve a hardware conflict on my computer**, and then click **Next**.

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## Using System Restore

Windows XP and Windows Me provide a System Restore feature that allows you to return your computer to an earlier operating state if changes to the computer hardware or software (including new hardware or program installations) or system settings have left the computer in an undesirable operating state. You can also undo the last System Restore procedure.

System Restore automatically creates system checkpoints. You can also manually create your own checkpoints by creating restore points. To limit the amount of hard disk space used, older restore points are automatically purged.

To resolve an operating system problem, you can use System Restore from Safe Mode or Normal Mode to return your computer to an earlier operating state.

System Restore does not cause you to lose personal files stored in the **My Documents** folder, data files, or e-mail messages after restoring the computer to an earlier operating state. If you restore the computer to an operating state that existed before you installed a program, for example, the program's data files will not be lost, but you will have to reinstall the actual program.

 **NOTICE:** It is important to make regular backups of your data files. System Restore does not monitor changes to or recover your data files. If the original data on the hard disk is accidentally erased or overwritten, or if the data becomes inaccessible because of a hard disk malfunction, use your backup files to recover the lost or damaged data.

System Restore is enabled on your new computer. However, if you reinstall Windows XP or Windows Me with less than 200 MB of free hard-disk space available, System Restore is automatically disabled. Before you use System Restore, see the following subsections to confirm that it is enabled.

### Windows XP

1. Click the **Start** button and then click **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Performance and Maintenance**.
3. Click **System**.
4. Click the **System Restore** tab.
5. Make sure that **Turn off System Restore** is not checked.

### Windows Me

1. Click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and then click **Control Panel**.
2. Double-click the **System** icon.
3. Click the **Performance** tab.
4. Click **File System**.
5. Click the **Troubleshooting** tab, and make sure that **Disable System Restore** is not checked.

Before proceeding with any System Restore function, Dell recommends that you thoroughly read Microsoft's information about using System Restore. To access the information:

1. Click the **Start** button, point to **All Programs** (point to **Programs** in Windows Me) → **Accessories** → **System Tools**, and then click **System Restore**.
2. Click **Help** in the upper-right corner of the **Welcome to System Restore** screen.

## Creating a Restore Point

### Using the System Restore Wizard

In Windows XP, you can either use the System Restore Wizard or manually create a restore point. To use the System Restore Wizard, click the **Start** button, click **Help and Support**, click **System Restore**, and then follow the instructions on the **System Restore Wizard** screen. You can also create and name a restore point if you are logged on as the computer administrator or a user with administrator rights.

## Manually Creating a Restore Point

1. Click the **Start** button, point to **All Programs** (point to **Programs** in Windows Me)—> **Accessories**—> **System Tools**, and then click **System Restore**.
2. Click **Create a restore point**.
3. Click **Next**.
4. Type a name for the new restore point in the **Restore point description** field.

The present date and time are automatically added to the description of the new restore point.

5. Click **Create** (click **Next** in Windows Me).
6. Click **OK** (click **Close** in Windows Me).

## Restoring the Computer to an Earlier Operating State

If problems occur after you install a device driver, try using [Device Driver Rollback](#). If Device Driver Rollback does not resolve the problem, see "[Using System Restore](#)."

- ➔ **NOTICE:** Before restoring the computer to an earlier operating state, save and close all open files and exit all open programs. Do not alter, open, or delete any files or programs until the system restoration is complete.

1. Click the **Start** button, point to **All Programs** (point to **Programs** in Windows Me)—> **Accessories**—> **System Tools**, and then click **System Restore**.
2. Be sure **Restore my computer to an earlier time is selected**, and click **Next**.
3. Click the calendar date to which you want to restore your computer.

The **Select a Restore Point (Choose a Restore Point** in Windows Me) screen provides a calendar that allows you to see and select restore points. All calendar dates with available restore points appear in bold.

4. Click to select a restore point and click **Next**.

If a calendar date has only one restore point, that restore point is automatically selected. If two or more restore points are available, click to select the restore point that you want to use.

- ➔ **NOTICE:** Save and close all open files and exit all open programs. Do not alter, open, or delete any files or programs until the system restoration is complete.

5. Click **Next** (click **OK** in Windows Me).

*In Windows XP, the **Restoration Complete** screen appears after System Restore finishes collecting data, and then the computer automatically restarts.*

*In Windows Me, the **Restoration in Progress** screen appears, and then the computer automatically restarts.*

6. After the computer restarts, click **OK**.

To change the restore point, you can either repeat the steps using a different restore point, or you can undo the restoration.

## Undoing the Last System Restore

- ➔ **NOTICE:** Save and close all open files and exit all open programs. Do not alter, open, or delete any files or programs until the system restoration is complete.

1. Click the **Start** button, point to **All Programs** (point to **Programs** in Windows Me)—> **Accessories**—> **System Tools**, and then click **System Restore**.
2. Click **Undo my last restoration** and click **Next**.

- ➔ **NOTICE:** Save and close all open files and exit all open programs. Do not alter, open, or delete any files or programs until the system restoration is complete.

3. Click **Next** (click **OK** in Windows Me).
4. The **System Restore (Undoing Last Restoration** in Windows Me) screen appears, and then the computer automatically restarts.
5. After the computer restarts, click **OK**.

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## Reinstalling Windows®

### Reinstalling Windows XP


Before reinstalling the Windows XP operating system to correct a problem, try correcting the problem by performing a Windows [System Restore](#).


- ➔ **NOTICE:** The *Operating System* CD provides options for reinstalling the Windows XP operating system. The options can potentially overwrite files installed by Dell and possibly affect programs installed on your hard drive. Therefore, Dell does not recommend that you reinstall your operating system unless instructed to do so by a Dell technical support representative.

1. Insert the *Operating System* CD into the CD or DVD drive.





2. Shut down the computer, and then turn on the computer.
3. Press any key when the **Press any key to boot from CD** message appears on the screen.

4. When the **Windows XP Setup** screen appears, press  to select **To set up Windows now**.

5. Read the information in the **License Agreement** window, and then press  on your keyboard to agree with the license information.

6. If your computer already has Windows XP installed and you want to recover your current Windows XP data, type **R** to select the repair option, and then go to step 15.

If you want to install a new copy of Windows XP, press  to select

the fresh copy option, and then press  on the next screen to select the highlighted partition (recommended). Then follow the instructions on the screen.


7. The **Windows XP Setup** screen appears and Windows XP begins to copy files and install the device drivers. The computer automatically restarts multiple times before it requires additional input.
8. When the **Welcome to Microsoft** screen appears, click the green arrow icon at the bottom of the screen to continue, and follow the instructions on the screen to finish the installation.
9. When the **Regional Settings** screen appears, select the settings for your locale, and then click **Next**.
10. Enter your name and organization in the **Personalize Your Software** screen, and then click **Next**.
11. *If you are reinstalling Windows XP Home Edition*, enter a name for your computer in the **Computer Name** window, and then click **Next**.  
*If you are reinstalling Windows XP Professional*, enter a name for your computer and a password in the **Computer Name and Administrator Password** window, and then click **Next**.
12. If you have a modem installed, the **Modem Dialing Information** screen appears. Enter the requested information, and then click **Next**.
13. Enter the date, time, and time zone in the **Date and Time Settings** window, and then click **Next**.
14. *If your computer has a network adapter*, select the appropriate network settings. *If your computer does not have a network adapter*, this option does not appear.


Windows XP installs its components and configures the computer. The computer automatically restarts.





15. When the **Welcome to Microsoft** screen appears, click the green arrow icon at the bottom of the screen to continue. Follow the instructions on the screen to finish the installation.
16. Remove the CD from the drive.
17. Reinstall the appropriate drivers. See "[Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities](#)."
18. Reinstall your virus protection software.

## Reinstalling Windows Me



Before reinstalling the Windows Me operating system to correct a problem, try correcting the problem by performing a Windows [System Restore](#).

 **NOTICE:** The *Operating System* CD provides options for reinstalling your Windows 2000 operating system. The options can potentially overwrite files installed by Dell and possibly affect programs installed on your hard drive. Therefore, Dell does not recommend that you reinstall your operating system unless instructed to do so by a Dell technical support representative.

 **NOTICE:** To prevent conflicts with Windows Me, you must disable any virus protection software installed on your computer before you reinstall Windows.

1. Turn on the computer, and enter the system setup program as directed by a Dell technical support representative or by performing the following steps:
  - c. Shut down the computer, and then turn on the computer.
  - d. Before the computer boots into Windows, press  to enter the system setup program.
  - e. Press   to move to the **Boot** menu.
  - f. In the system setup program **Boot** menu, follow the instructions on the screen to change the boot sequence so that the CD or DVD drive boots first. Then insert the *Operating System* CD into the drive.
  - g. Press  to save your changes and exit the system setup program.
  - h. Press any key to boot the computer from the CD.
2. At the **Welcome** window, click **OK**.
3. Double-click **Refresh Windows OS**.
4. Click **OK**.
5. Click **OK** again. The installation takes 25-45 minutes.
6. Remove the *Operating System* CD from the drive, and click **OK** to restart your computer.

The **Getting ready to run Windows for the first time** window appears.

7. If the mouse tutorial starts, press  to exit and then press .
8. Click the setting for the region closest to where you live, and then click **Next**.
9. Click the graphic that matches your keyboard layout, and then click **Next**.
10. In the **User Information** window, type your name and, optionally, company name, and then click **Next**.

Read the **License Agreement**.

11. Click **I accept the Agreement**, and then click **Next**.
12. Type the Windows product key in the fields provided, and then click **Next**.

The product key is the bar code number found on the Microsoft Windows label, which is located on the computer.

13. When the **Start Wizard** window appears, click **Finish**.


The **Enter Windows Password** window appears. Type your user name and password and click **OK**, or click **OK to continue without setting a password**.

14. If the **Date/Time Properties** window appears, adjust the date and time properties, click **Apply**, and then click **OK**.


Windows updates the system settings and restarts your computer.

15. If you set a password in step 13, type your password and click **OK**. If you did not set a password, click **OK**.
16. Reinstall the appropriate drivers.
17. Reenable your virus protection software.

## Reinstalling Windows 2000


 **NOTICE:** The *Operating System* CD provides options for reinstalling the Windows 2000 operating system. The options can potentially overwrite files installed by Dell and possibly affect programs installed on your hard drive. Therefore, Dell does not recommend that you reinstall your operating system unless instructed to do so by a Dell technical support representative.

1. Turn on the computer, and enter the system setup program as directed by a Dell technical support representative or by performing the following steps:
  - a. Shut down the computer, and then turn on the computer.


- b. Before the computer boots into Windows, press  to enter the system setup program.

- c. Press   to move to the **Boot** menu.

- d. In the system setup program **Boot** menu, follow the instructions on the screen to change the boot sequence so that the CD or DVD drive boots first. Then insert the *Operating System* CD into the drive.


- e. Press  to save your changes and exit the system setup program.


- f. Press any key to boot the computer from the CD.

2. When the **Windows 2000 Setup** window appears, ensure that the **To setup Win2000 now, press ENTER** option is highlighted. Then press .

3. Read the information in the **License Agreement** window, and then press  to continue.

4. When the **Windows 2000 Professional Setup** window appears, press the arrow keys to select the Windows 2000 partition option that you want. Then press the key for the partition option you chose.

5. When the **Windows 2000 Professional Setup** window reappears, press the arrow keys to select the type of file system that you want Windows 2000 to use, and then press . The installation takes 25-45 minutes.

6. Press  again to restart your computer.

7. Click **Next** when the **Welcome to the Windows 2000 Setup Wizard** window appears.

8. When the **Regional Settings** window appears, select your region, and then click **Next**.

9. Enter your name and organization in the **Personalize Your Software** window, and then click **Next**.

10. Enter the Windows product key, which is printed on the Microsoft label on your computer. Then click **Next**.

11. When the **Computer Name and Administrator Password** window appears, enter a name for your computer and a password, if desired. Then click **Next**.

12. Enter the date and time in the **Date and Time Settings** window, and then click **Next**.

Windows 2000 installs components and configures the computer.

13. When the **Completing the Windows 2000 Setup Wizard** window appears, remove the CD from the drive, and then click **Finish**.

The computer automatically restarts.

## Enabling Hibernate Support

1. Click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and click **Control Panel**.
2. Double-click the **Power Management** icon.
3. Click the **Hibernate** tab.
4. Ensure that **Enable hibernate support** is selected, and click **Apply**.
5. Click **OK** to close the Control Panel.

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| Microprocessor         |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Microprocessor types   | Intel® Mobile Pentium® III-M or Intel Celeron™ |
| L1 cache               | 32 KB (internal)                               |
| L2 cache               | 512 KB   |
| Math coprocessor       | internal to microprocessor                     |
| Processor speed        | varies, depending on configuration             |
| External bus frequency | 133 MHz  |

| System Information               |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| System chip set                  | Intel 830M |
| Data bus width                   | 64 bits    |
| DRAM bus width                   | 64 bits    |
| Microprocessor address bus width | 32 bits    |

| PC Card                |   |
|------------------------|---|
| CardBus controller     | Texas Instruments PCI 1420 CardBus controller                   |
| PC Card connector      | two (supports two Type I or Type II cards or one Type III card) |
| Cards supported        | 3.3 V and 5 V   |
| PC Card connector size | 68 pins   |
| Data width (maximum)   | PCMCIA 16 bits<br>CardBus 32 bits                               |

| Memory                          |                                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Architecture                    | SDRAM                              |
| Memory module socket            | two user-accessible SODIMM sockets |
| Memory module capacities        | 64, 128, 256, and 512 MB           |
| Memory type                     | 3.3-V SODIMM                       |
| Standard memory                 | 128 MB                             |
| Maximum memory                  | 1024 MB                            |
| Memory access time: clock speed | 133 MHz                            |

| Ports and Connectors |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Serial               | 9-pin connector; 16550C-compatible, 16-byte buffer connector |
| Parallel             | 25-hole connector; unidirectional, bidirectional, or ECP     |
| Video                | 15-hole connector  |
| Audio                | microphone connector, headphone/speakers connector           |
| PS/2 keyboard/mouse  | 6-pin mini-DIN connector                                     |
| USB                  | 4-pin USB-compliant connector                                |

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Infrared       | sensor compatible with IrDA Standard 2.0 (4 MB) and IrDA Standard 1.0 (Slow IR) |
| Docking        | 200-pin connector for a Dell docking device                                     |
| S-video TV-out | 7-pin mini-DIN connector (S-video to composite video adapter is optional)       |
| Mini PCI       | Type IIIA Mini PCI card slot with Wi-Fi (802.11b) wireless support              |
| Modem          | RJ-11 port (optional)   |
| Ethernet LAN   | RJ-45 port (optional)   |

| <b>Communications</b> |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Modem:                |                      |
| Type                  | v.92-capable 56K MDC |
| Controller            | softmodem            |
| Interface             | internal AC 97 bus   |
| Network adapter       | 10/100 Ethernet LOM  |

| <b>Video</b>     |  |
|------------------|--|
| Video type       | 128-bit hardware accelerated               |
| Data bus         | 4X AGP                                     |
| Video controller | ATI Mobility RADEON                        |
| Video memory     | 16 MB ATI                                  |
| LCD interface    | LVDS                                       |
| TV support       | NTSC or PAL in S-video and composite modes |

| <b>Audio</b>               |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Audio type                 | Cirrus Logic CS4205   |
| Audio controller           | AC97  |
| Stereo conversion          | 16-bit (analog-to-digital and digital-to-analog)              |
| Interfaces:                |   |
| Internal                   | AC 97   |
| External                   | microphone-in connector, stereo headphones/speakers connector |
| Speaker                    | two 4-ohm speakers  |
| Internal speaker amplifier | 1.0-W channel into 4 ohms                                     |
| Volume controls            | keyboard shortcuts, program menus                             |

| <b>Display</b>                 |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Type (active-matrix TFT)       | XGA; SXGA+; UXGA                                   |
| Dimensions:                    |  |
| Height                         | 214.3 mm (8.4 inches)                              |
| Width                          | 285.7 mm (11.3 inches)                             |
| Diagonal                       | 357.1 mm (14.1 inches)                             |
| Maximum resolutions            | 1600 x 1200 at 16.8 million colors                 |
| Response time (typical)        | 20-ms rise (maximum),<br>30-ms fall (maximum)      |
| Operating angle                | 0° (closed) to 180°                                |
| Viewing angles:                |  |
| Horizontal                     | ±40°   |
| Vertical                       | +10°/-30°  |
| Pixel pitch                    | 0.28 mm (XGA)<br>0.20 mm (SXGA+)<br>0.18 mm (UXGA) |
| Power Consumption:             |  |
| Panel with backlight (typical) | 6.5 W (XGA)<br>7.0 W (SXGA+)<br>7.5 W (UXGA)       |
| Controls                       | brightness can be controlled through keyboard      |

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
|  | shortcuts |
|--|-----------|

| <b>Keyboard</b> |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Number of keys  | 87 (U.S. and Canada); 88 (Europe); 91 (Japan) |
| Key travel      | 2.7 mm ± 0.3 (0.11 inch ± 0.016 inch)         |
| Key spacing     | 19.05 mm ± 0.3 mm (0.75 inch ± 0.012 inch)    |
| Layout          | QWERTY/AZERTY/Kanji                           |

| <b>Touch Pad</b>                              |   |
|---|---|
| X/Y position resolution (graphics table mode) | 240 cpi                                 |
| Size:   |   |
| Width   | 64.88-mm (2.55-inch) sensor-active area |
| Height  | 48.88-mm (1.92-inch) rectangle          |

| <b>Track Stick</b>                            |   |
|---|---|
| X/Y position resolution (graphics table mode) | 250 count/sec @ 100 gf                            |
| Size  | protrudes 0.5 mm higher than surrounding key caps |

| <b>Battery</b>             |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Type                       | 8-cell "smart" lithium ion (59 WHr)<br>4-cell "smart" lithium ion (26.5 WHr) |
| Dimensions:                |  |
| Depth                      | 88.5 mm (3.48 inches)  |
| Height                     | 21.5 mm (0.83 inch)  |
| Width                      | 139.0 mm (5.47 inches)   |
| Weight                     | 0.39 kg (0.87 lb) (8 cell) 0.26 kg (0.57 lb) (4 cell)                        |
| Voltage                    | 14.8 VDC   |
| Charge time (approximate): |  |
| Computer off               | 1 to 1.5 hours (8 cell)<br>0.75 to 1 hour (4 cell)                           |
| Operating life             | approximately 2 to 4 hours with 8-cell battery                               |
| Life span (approximate)    | 500 discharge/charge cycles  |
| Temperature range:         |  |
| Operating                  | 0° to 35°C (32° to 95°F)   |
| Storage                    | -40° to 65°C (-40° to 149°F)   |

| <b>AC Adapter</b>       |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Input voltage           | 90 to 264 VAC  |
| Input current (maximum) | 1.7 A  |
| Input frequency         | 47 to 63 Hz  |
| Output current          | 4.5 A (maximum at 4-second pulse);<br>3.5 A (continuous) |
| Output power            | 70 W   |
| Rated output voltage    | 19.5 VDC   |
| Dimensions:             |  |
| Height                  | 27.94 mm (1.1 inches)                                    |
| Width                   | 58.42 mm (2.3 inches)                                    |
| Depth                   | 133.85 mm (5.25 inches)                                  |
| Weight (with cables)    | 0.4 kg (0.9 lb)  |
| Temperature range:      |  |
| Operating               | 0° to 35°C (32° to 95°F)                                 |
| Storage                 | -40° to 65°C (-40° to 149°F)                             |

| <b>Physical</b>              |                                      |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Height                       | 36.8 mm (1.4 inches)                 |
| Width                        | 319.5 mm (12.5 inches)               |
| Depth                        | 253.6 mm (9.9 inches)                |
| Weight (with 8-cell battery) | 2.50 kg (5.50 lb) with travel module |
|                              | 2.69 kg (5.92 lb) with floppy drive  |
|                              | 2.73 kg (6.01 lb) with CD drive      |

| <b>Environmental</b>         |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Temperature range:           |  |
| Operating                    | 0° to 35°C (32° to 95°F)   |
| Storage                      | -40° to 65°C (-40° to 149°F)   |
| Relative humidity (maximum): |  |
| Operating                    | 10% to 90% (noncondensing)   |
| Storage                      | 5% to 95% (noncondensing)  |
| Maximum vibration:           |  |
| Operating                    | 0.9 GRMS using a random-vibration spectrum that simulates user environment   |
| Storage                      | 1.3 GRMS using a random-vibration spectrum that simulates air/truck shipment |
| Maximum shock:               |  |
| Operating                    | 122 G (2 msec shock pulse) with HDD head parked                              |
| Storage                      | 163 G (2 msec shock pulse) with HDD head parked                              |
| Altitude (maximum):          |  |
| Operating                    | -15.2 to 3048 m (-50 to 10,000 ft)   |
| Storage                      | -15.2 to 10,668 m (-50 to 35,000 ft)   |

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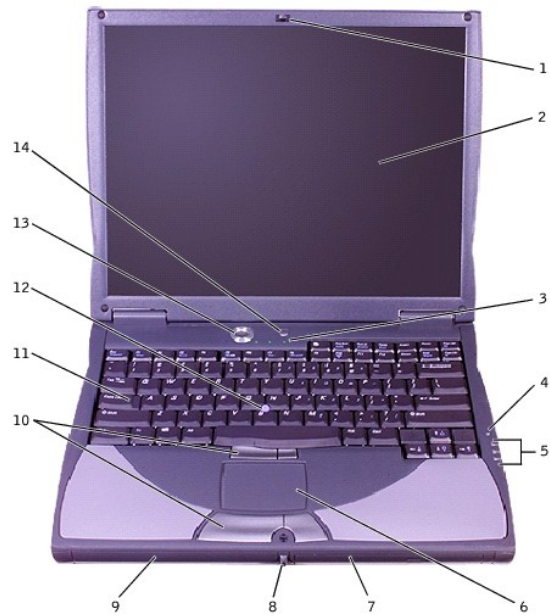
## A Tour of Your Computer

Dell™ Inspiron™ 4100

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### Front View

**⚠ CAUTION:** Do not block, push objects into, or allow dust to accumulate in the air vents. Doing so can damage the computer or cause a fire.



|   |                        |    |                               |
|---|------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| 1 | display latch          | 8  | display latch button          |
| 2 | display                | 9  | battery bay                   |
| 3 | keyboard status lights | 10 | touch pad/track stick buttons |
| 4 | microphone             | 11 | keyboard                      |
| 5 | device status lights   | 12 | track stick                   |
| 6 | touch pad              | 13 | power button                  |
| 7 | module bay             | 14 | AccessDirect button           |

### Display Latch

This latch keeps the display closed.

### Display




The computer has a color LCD.

### Keyboard Status Lights





The green lights located above the keyboard indicate the following:




| Keyboard Status Lights  |  |
|---|--|
|  | Turns on when the numeric keypad is enabled            |
|  | Turns on when the uppercase letter function is enabled |
|  | Turns on when the scroll lock function is enabled      |


## Microphone

Record audio with the internal microphone.


## Device Status Lights





- 1 The  light turns on when the computer is turned on.
- 1 The  light turns on when the computer reads or writes data.
- 1 The  light turns on steadily or blinks when the computer is in a power management mode. It also blinks to indicate battery charge status.

If the computer is connected to an electrical outlet, the  light operates as follows:

- o Flashing green: The battery is fully charged.
- o Solid green: The battery is charging.

If the computer is running on a battery, the  light operates as follows:

- o Off: The battery is adequately charged.
- o Flashing orange: The battery charge is low.
- o Solid orange: The battery charge is critically low.

 **NOTICE:** To avoid data loss, never turn off the computer while the  light is flashing.

## Touch Pad

Use the touch pad and touch pad buttons as you would use a mouse.

## Module Bay

You can install devices such as a CD drive, a DVD drive, a CD-RW drive, a second hard drive, a second battery, or a Dell TravelLite™ travel module in the module bay. For more information, see "About the Module Bay" in the *Solutions Guide*.

## Display Latch Button

Press this button to release the display latch and open the display.


## Battery Bay

When a battery is installed, you can use the computer without connecting it to an electrical outlet.

## Touch Pad/Track Stick Buttons

These buttons correspond to the left and right buttons on a standard mouse.

## Keyboard

The keyboard includes a numeric keypad as well as the Microsoft® Windows® logo key, .

## Track Stick

Use the track stick and track stick buttons as you would use a mouse.

## Power Button

Press the power button to turn on the computer or to exit standby mode.

 **HINT:** To turn off your computer, perform a Windows shutdown.

If the computer stops responding, press and hold the power button until the computer turns off completely (which may take several seconds).

## Dell™ AccessDirect™ Button

This button allows you to launch a frequently used program, such as your default Internet browser.

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## Left Side View



|   |              |   |                      |
|---|--------------|---|----------------------|
| 1 | PC Card slot | 3 | security cable slot  |
| 2 | hard drive   | 4 | speaker (one of two) |

## PC Card Slot

The PC Card slot has two connectors that support various types of PC Cards (also referred to as PCMCIA cards), including modems and network adapters.

## Hard Drive

The hard drive reads and writes data on a hard disk.


## Security Cable Slot



This slot allows you to attach a commercially available antitheft device to the computer. Instructions for installing antitheft devices are usually included with the device.

**NOTICE:** Before you buy an antitheft device, ensure that it will work with the security cable slot.

## Speakers

Press the volume control keyboard shortcuts to adjust the volume of the integrated speakers. If no sound comes from the speakers, press  and adjust the volume.

## Right Side View

**CAUTION:** Do not block, push objects into, or allow dust to accumulate in the air vents. Doing so can damage the computer or cause a fire.



|   |                      |   |                          |
|---|----------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | speaker (one of two) | 5 | network connector        |
| 2 | infrared sensor      | 6 | S-video TV-out connector |
| 3 | audio connectors     | 7 | air vent                 |
| 4 | modem connector      |   |                          |

## Infrared Sensor




The infrared sensor lets you transfer files from your computer to another infrared-compatible device without using cable connections.

## Audio Connectors



Attach headphones or speakers to the  connector.

Attach a microphone to the  connector.

## Modem Connector



To use your computer's internal modem, connect the telephone cable to the modem connector.

For information on using the modem, see the online modem documentation supplied with your computer.

## Network Connector



To use your computer's integrated network adapter, use this connector to connect the computer to a network.

**NOTICE:** The network connector is slightly larger than the modem connector. Do not plug a telephone cable into the network connector.

For information on using the network adapter, see the online network adapter documentation supplied with your computer.

## S-Video TV-Out Connector

Use this connector to attach your computer to a television.



## Air Vent

**HINT:** The computer turns on the fans only when the computer gets hot. They may run most of the time or very seldom, depending on your use of the computer. Because the fans spin at a high rate of speed, they may make a noise. This noise is normal and does not indicate a problem with the fans or the computer.

The computer uses an internal fan to create airflow through the vents, which prevents the computer from overheating.

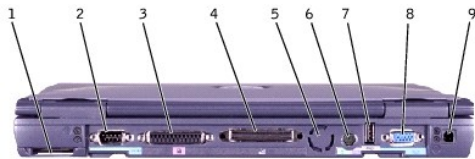
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## Back View

**NOTICE:** To avoid damaging the computer, wait 5 seconds after turning off the computer before you disconnect an external device.

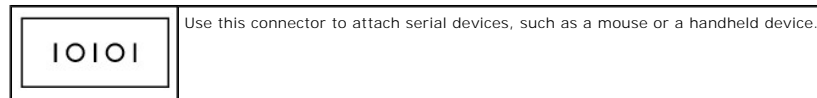
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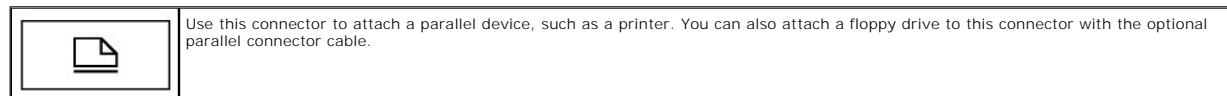


|   |                    |   |                         |
|---|--------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 1 | air intake         | 6 | PS/2 connector          |
| 2 | serial connector   | 7 | USB connector           |
| 3 | parallel connector | 8 | video monitor connector |
| 4 | docking connector  | 9 | AC adapter connector    |
| 5 | air vent           |   |                         |


## Serial Connector




## Parallel Connector







## Docking Connector

 **HINT:** Docking devices may not be available in all countries.

|   |  |
|---|--|
|  | <p>Use this connector to attach the optional docking device, also called an advanced port replicator (APR). A docking device, or APR, allows you to easily use external devices with your computer, such as an external keyboard, mouse, or monitor.</p> <p>See the documentation that came with your docking device for additional information.</p> |
|---|--|

## PS/2 Connector


 **HINT:** You can use the integrated keyboard and an external keyboard at the same time. When you attach a keyboard or numeric keypad, the integrated numeric keypad is automatically disabled.

|   |   |
|---|---|
|  | <p>Use this connector to attach PS/2-compatible devices, such as a mouse, keyboard, or external numeric keypad.</p> <p>Shut down the computer before attaching or removing a PS/2-compatible device. If the device does not work, install the device drivers from the floppy disk or CD that came with the device, and restart the computer.</p> <p>On an external keyboard, the  key acts the same way as the  key on the computer's keyboard (if the External Hot Key option is enabled in the system setup program).</p> |
|---|---|

## USB Connector

|   |   |
|---|---|
|  | <p>Use this connector to attach USB devices, such as a mouse, keyboard, or printer.</p> |
|---|---|

## Video Monitor Connector


|   |  |
|---|--|
|  | <p>Use this connector to attach an external monitor.</p> |
|---|--|


## AC Adapter Connector

This connector attaches an AC adapter to the computer.





The AC adapter converts AC power to the DC power required by the computer. You can connect the AC adapter with your computer turned either on or off.

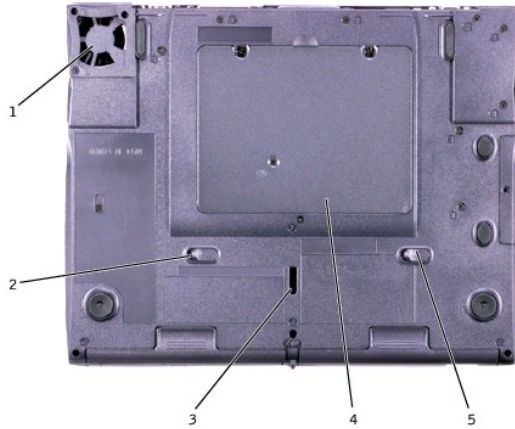
 **CAUTION:** The AC adapter works with electrical outlets worldwide. However, power connectors and power strips vary among countries. Using an incompatible cable or improperly connecting the cable to the power strip or electrical outlet may cause fire or equipment damage.

 **NOTICE:** When you disconnect the AC adapter from the computer, grasp the adapter cable connector, not the cable itself, and pull firmly but gently to avoid damaging the cable.

## Bottom View

 **NOTICE:** To avoid damaging the computer, wait 5 seconds after turning off the computer before you disconnect an external device.

 **CAUTION:** Do not block, push objects into, or allow dust to accumulate in the air vents. Doing so can damage the computer or cause a fire.



|   |                      |   |                                 |
|---|----------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 | air intake           | 4 | memory module and Mini PCI card |
| 2 | module release latch | 5 | battery release latch           |
| 3 | docking device latch |   |                                 |

### Module Release Latch

Press the latch to remove a device in the module bay.

### Docking Device Latch

This latch connects the computer to an optional docking device.

### Memory Module and Mini PCI Card

For instructions on removing and installing memory modules and the optional Mini PCI card, see "Replacing Parts" in the *Solutions Guide*.

### Battery Release Latch

Press the latch to remove a battery from the battery bay.

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