

Xbox 360 disassembly instructions

Please note that these instructions describe how to disassemble your Xbox. For most upgrades, modifications, and repairs you will not need to completely disassemble your Xbox, therefore, parts 6 and 7 are optional. It is also recommended that you read the instructions completely before starting, so that you can understand better the purpose of each step.

Tools needed for Xbox 360 disassembly:

T6: To remove hard drive screws
T8: To remove internal Xbox 360 screws
T10: To remove Xbox 360 internal chassis from case
Metal Bar: To remove grey grills on ends of case
Micro Flat Screwdriver: To undo the clips which will separate the case halves

Basic Disassembly:

- Part 1: Preparation
- Part 2: Removing the faceplate
- Part 3: Removing the grey end grills
- Part 4: Separating the case halves
- Part 5: Removing the top half of the case

Advanced Disassembly:

- Part 6: Removing the power switch
- Part 7: Disassembling the hard drive

Part 1: Preparing your Xbox 360

- 1) Remove any game discs from your Xbox 360.
- 2) Unplug the console from the wall.
- 3) Remove the hard drive and put it in a safe place. See Part 7 for disassembly instructions for the hard drive.
- 4) Place your Xbox 360 in the horizontal position.
- 5) Make sure you have a good work area, with a place to put the screws so that you do not lose them, and a place to put the various case parts where they will not get scratched. You may want to put a soft cloth underneath the case.

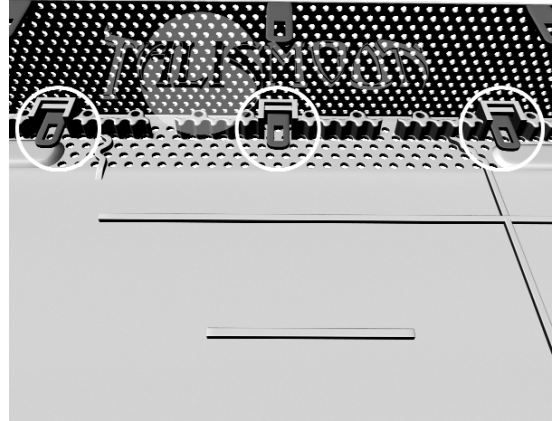
Part 2: Removing the faceplate

- 6) With your right hand, put your thumb in the USB door, and push to the right (outside edge) of the case. Using your left hand, squeeze the top and bottom of the faceplate. The faceplate will pop off. See the arrows in the picture for exact locations.

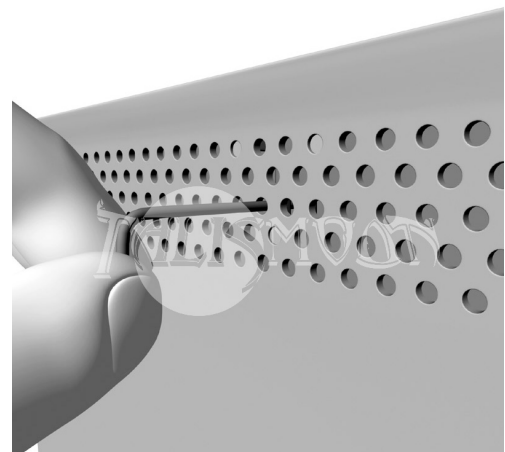


Part 3: Removing the grey end grills

- 7) The grey grills are held on by 6 grey tabs. These must be removed before you can separate the case halves. A view from the inside of the case is shown in the picture. You must push the clips shown from the outside so that they will slide over the pegs that hold them in place.



- 8) Start with the grill that would be on the bottom of the case (when the case is horizontal), the one that has the rubber feet on it.
- 9) Using the metal rod supplied, poke through the vent holes as shown in the picture and push the grey tabs inward while pulling upward on the grill. It may be useful to use one of the other L keys to "hook" the grey grill and pull up.



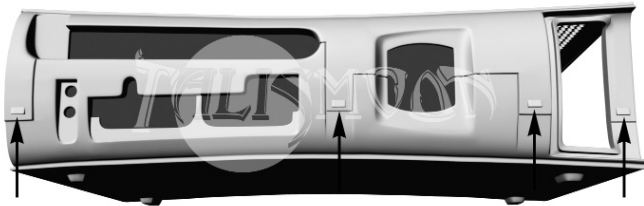
- 10) Remove all 6 grey tabs. Pull the grill out and place it to the side.
- 11) Next remove the tabs from the top grill. With this grill, you may need to remove the foot on the top rear of the case (when Xbox is standing upright), there will be a hole underneath that you can stick the rod through. If you do not want to remove the foot (because of fear of losing it, because it will not stick as well once removed and reapplied), you can leave the grill attached by that one tab and move on to Part 4. You can remove the final tab with your fingers after you separate the case halves, but you will have to be careful not to bend it or break it as it will be in the way.

Part 4: Separating the halves of the case

- 12) Turn the Xbox case around so you are looking at the rear panel (where the serial number is).
- 13) You will see 7 small rectangular holes along the seam. There will have 5 on the right, over the A/V and I/O connectors, and two over the power plug connector.



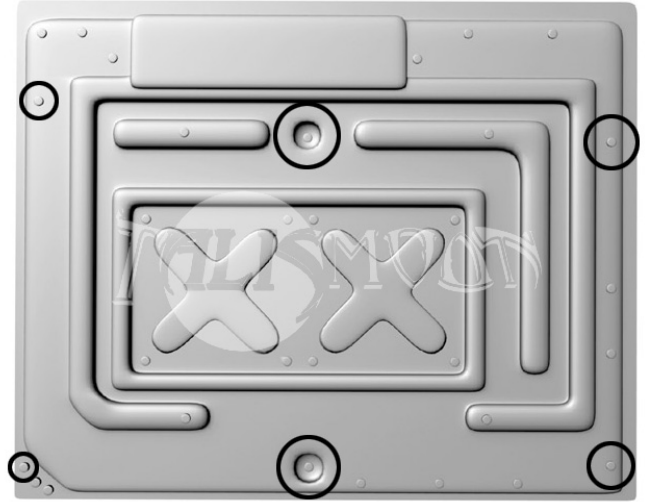
- 14) Take the flat blade screwdriver, and stick it in each hole until you hear a "snap" sound. Each time you do this, you unclip one of the seven clips that hold the Xbox 360 case together.
- 15) After you separate the halves by a few millimeters, you might want to leave the screwdriver between the halves so that they do not snap back together while you complete step 16.
- 16) In the front, there are 4 tabs that hold the Xbox 360 halves together. You will have to pry each of these up.



- 17) Pull the top off. When you are successful, you will have the bottom of the case on the table and the top of the case with the Xbox 360 metal chassis still attached. At this point, it is very easy to remove the last of the grey tabs from the inside of the case if you skipped this step before. Place the grey grills and the case bottom off to the side.

Part 5: Removing the top half of the case

- 18) There are 6 screws holding the Xbox 360 to the top half of the case. There is one screw in approximately each corner and two in the middle (see diagram). There are two more in the center of the case. Using the T10 key, remove all 6 of these screws. Place the case top to the side.



Part 6: Removing the Xbox 360 RF Module (Power Switch Board)

- 19) To remove the power board, first unclip the white plastic frame from it. There are two clips, one at the top and one at the bottom.
- 20) Remove the three screws using the T8 key.

Part 7: Disassembling the hard drive

- 21) Using the T6 L Key, remove the 4 screws from the back of the hard drive. The 4th screw is under the silver Microsoft sticker.
- 22) Taking care not to lose the little spring that works the release button, remove the plastic housing.
- 23) You can now slide the hard drive out of the housing.



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