

ideacentre A340 Hardware Maintenance Manual

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About this manual

This manual provides service and reference information for Lenovo® computers listed on the front cover.

Use this manual along with the advanced diagnostic tests to troubleshoot problems.

Important: This manual is intended only for trained service technicians who are familiar with Lenovo computers. Use this manual along with the advanced diagnostic tests to troubleshoot problems effectively. Before servicing a Lenovo computer, be sure to read and understand Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

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Chapter 1. Read this first: Important safety information

This chapter contains the safety information that you must be familiar with.

General safety

Follow these rules to ensure general safety:

- Keep the areas around the computer clear and clean during and after maintenance.
- When lifting any heavy object:
 - 1. Ensure you can stand safely without slipping.
 - 2. Distribute the weight of the object equally across both feet.
 - 3. Lift slowly. Never move suddenly or twist when you attempt to lift.
 - 4. Lift by standing or by pushing up with your leg muscles; this action removes the strain from the muscles in your back.
 - Do not attempt to lift any objects that weigh more than 16 kg (35 lb) or objects that you think are too heavy for you.
- Do not perform any action that would create a hazard for the customer, or would make the computer unsafe.
- Before you start the computer, ensure that other service representatives and customer personnel are not in a position that would create a hazard for them.
- Place removed covers and other parts in a safe place, away from all personnel, while you are servicing the computer.
- · Keep your tool case away from areas that people may walk through to ensure no-one trips over it.
- Do not wear loose clothing that can be trapped in the moving parts of a machine. Ensure that your sleeves are fastened or rolled up above your elbows. If your hair is long, tie or fasten it back.
- Insert the ends of your necktie or scarf inside clothing or fasten it with a non-conductive clip, approximately 8 centimeters (3 inches) from the end.
- Do not wear jewelry, chains, metal-frame eyeglasses, or metal fasteners for your clothing. **Remember:** Metal objects are good electrical conductors.
- Wear safety glasses when you are: hammering, drilling soldering, cutting wire, attaching springs, using solvents, or working in any other conditions that might be hazardous to your eyes.
- After service, reinstall all safety shields, guards, labels, and ground wires. Replace any safety device that is worn or defective.
- Reattach all covers correctly before returning the computer to the customer.

Electrical safety



CAUTION:

Electrical current from power, telephone, and communication cables can be hazardous. To avoid personal injury or equipment damage, disconnect any attached power cords, telecommunication

cables, network cables, and modem cables before you open the computer covers, unless instructed otherwise in the installation and configuration procedures.

Observe the following rules when working on electrical equipment.

Important: Use only approved tools and test equipment. Some hand tools have handles covered with a soft material that does not insulate you when working with live electrical currents. Many customers have rubber floor mats near their equipment that contain small conductive fibers to decrease electrostatic discharge.

- Find the room emergency power-off (EPO) switch, disconnecting switch, or electrical outlet. If an electrical accident occurs, you can then operate the switch or unplug the power cord quickly.
- Do not work alone under hazardous conditions or near equipment that has hazardous voltages.
- Disconnect all power before:
 - Performing a mechanical inspection
 - Working near power supplies
 - Removing or installing Field Replaceable Units (FRUs)
- Before you start to work on the computer, unplug the power cord. If you cannot unplug it, ask the customer to power-off the electrical outlet that supplies power to the machine and to lock the electrical outlet in the off position.
- If you need to work on a computer that has exposed electrical circuits, observe the following precautions:
 - Ensure that another person, familiar with the power-off controls, is near you. **Remember:** Another person must be there to switch off the power, if necessary.
 - Use only one hand when working with powered-on electrical equipment; keep the other hand in your pocket or behind your back.
 - Remember: There must be a complete circuit to cause electrical shock. By observing the above rule, you may prevent a current from passing through your body.
 - When using a tester, set the controls correctly and use the approved probe leads and accessories for that tester.
 - Stand on suitable rubber mats (obtained locally, if necessary) to insulate you from grounds such as metal floor strips and machine frames.

Observe the special safety precautions when you work with very high voltages; these instructions are in the safety sections of the maintenance information. Use extreme care when measuring high voltages.

- Regularly inspect and maintain your electrical hand tools to ensure they are safe to use.
- Do not use worn or broken tools and testers.
- Never assume that power has been disconnected from a circuit. First, check that it has been powered off.
- Always look carefully for possible hazards in your work area. Examples of these hazards are wet floors. non-grounded power extension cables, conditions that may cause or allow power surges, and missing safety grounds.
- Do not touch live electrical circuits with the reflective surface of a plastic dental mirror. This surface is conductive, and touching a live circuit can cause personal injury and damage to the computer.
- Do not service the following parts with the power on when they are removed from their normal operating positions in a computer:
 - Power supply units
 - Pumps
 - Blowers and fans
 - Motor generators

and similar units. (This practice ensures correct grounding of the units.)

- If an electrical accident occurs:
 - Use caution; do not become a victim yourself.
 - Switch off power.
 - Send another person to get medical aid.

Safety inspection guide

The intent of this inspection guide is to assist you in identifying potential hazards posed by these products. Each computer, as it was designed and built, had required safety items installed to protect users and service personnel from injury. This guide addresses only those items. However, good judgment should be used to identify potential safety hazards due to attachment of features or options not covered by this inspection guide.

If any hazards are present, you must determine how serious the apparent hazard could be and whether you can continue without first resolving the problem.

Consider the following items and the safety hazards they present:

- Electrical hazards, especially primary power (primary voltage on the frame can cause serious or fatal electrical shock).
- Explosive hazards, such as a damaged CRT face or bulging capacitor
- · Mechanical hazards, such as loose or missing hardware

The guide consists of a series of steps presented as a checklist. Begin the checks with the power off, and the power cord disconnected.

Checklist:

- 1. Check exterior covers for damage (loose, broken, or sharp edges).
- 2. Power-off the computer. Disconnect the power cord.
- 3. Check the power cord for:
 - a. A third-wire ground connector in good condition. Use a meter to measure third-wire ground continuity for 0.1 ohm or less between the external ground pin and frame ground.
 - b. The power cord should be the appropriate type as specified in the parts listings.
 - c. Insulation must not be frayed or worn.
- 4. Remove the cover.
- 5. Check for any obvious alterations. Use good judgment as to the safety of any alterations.
- 6. Check inside the unit for any obvious hazards, such as metal filings, contamination, water or other liquids, or signs of fire or smoke damage.
- 7. Check for worn, frayed, or pinched cables.
- 8. Check that the power-supply cover fasteners (screws or rivets) have not been removed or tampered with.

Handling electrostatic discharge-sensitive devices

Any computer part containing transistors or integrated circuits (ICs) should be considered sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD). ESD damage can occur when there is a difference in charge between objects. Protect against ESD damage by equalizing the charge so that the computer, the part, the work mat, and the person handling the part are all at the same charge.

Notes:

- 1. Use product-specific ESD procedures when they exceed the requirements noted here.
- 2. Make sure that the ESD protective devices you use have been certified (ISO 9000) as fully effective.

When handling ESD-sensitive parts:

- Keep the parts in protective packages until they are inserted into the product.
- Avoid contact with other people while handling the part.
- Wear a grounded wrist strap against your skin to eliminate static on your body.
- Prevent the part from touching your clothing. Most clothing is insulative and retains a charge even when you are wearing a wrist strap.
- Use the black side of a grounded work mat to provide a static-free work surface. The mat is especially useful when handling ESD-sensitive devices.
- Select a grounding system, such as those listed below, to provide protection that meets the specific service requirement.

Note: The use of a grounding system is desirable but not required to protect against ESD damage.

- Attach the ESD ground clip to any frame ground, ground braid, or green-wire ground.
- Use an ESD common ground or reference point when working on a double-insulated or batteryoperated system. You can use coax or connector-outside shells on these systems.
- Use the round ground-prong of the AC plug on AC-operated computers.

Grounding requirements

Electrical grounding of the computer is required for operator safety and correct system function. Proper grounding of the electrical outlet can be verified by a certified electrician.

Safety notices

The CAUTION and DANGER safety notices in this section are provided in the language of English.



DANGER

Electrical current from power, telephone and communication cables is hazardous.

To avoid a shock hazard:

- Do not connect or disconnect any cables or perform installation, maintenance, or reconfiguration of this product during an electrical storm.
- Connect all power cords to a properly wired and grounded electrical outlet.
- . Connect any equipment that will be attached to this product to a properly wired outlet.
- . When possible, use one hand only to connect or disconnect signal cables.
- Never turn on any equipment when there is evidence of fire, water, or structural damage.
- Disconnect the attached power cords, telecommunications cables, network cables, and modem cables before you open the device covers, unless instructed otherwise in the installation and configuration procedures.

Connect and disconnect cables as described in the following table when installing, moving, or opening covers on this product or attached devices.

To Connect	To Disconnect
1. Turn everything OFF.	Turn everything OFF.
2. First, attach all cables to devices.	2. First, remove power cords from outlets.
3. Attach signal cables to connectors.	Remove signal cables from connectors.
4. Attach power cords to outlet.	4. Remove all cables from devices.
5. Turn device ON.	



CAUTION:

When replacing the lithium battery, use only Part Number 45C1566 or an equivalent type battery recommended by the manufacturer. If your system has a module containing a lithium battery, replace it only with the same module type made by the same manufacturer. The battery contains lithium and can explode if not properly used, handled, or disposed of. Do not:

- Throw into or immerse in water
- Heat to more than 100°C (212°F)
- Repair or disassemble

Dispose of the battery as required by local ordinances or regulations.



When laser products (such as CD-ROMs, DVD-ROM drives, fiber optic devices, or transmitters) are installed, note the following:

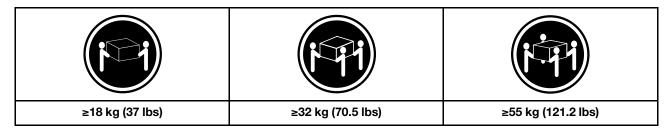
- . Do not remove the covers. Removing the covers of the laser product could result in exposure to hazardous laser radiation. There are no serviceable parts inside the device.
- Use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein might result in hazardous radiation exposure.





Some laser products contain an embedded Class 3A or Class 3B laser diode. Note the following: These diodes emit radiation when open. Do not stare into the beam, do not view directly with optical instruments, and avoid direct exposure to the beam.





CAUTION:

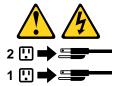
Use safe practices when lifting.



CAUTION:

The power control button on the device and the power switch on the power supply do not turn off the electrical current supplied to the device. The device also might have more than one power cord. To remove all electrical current from the device, ensure that all power cords are disconnected from the power source.







CALITION

Do not place any object weighing more than 82 kg (180 lbs.) on top of rack-mounted devices.



Chapter 2. Environment and electrical input

Environment

• Air temperature:

Operating: From 10°C (50°F) to 35°C (95°F)

Storage in original shipping package: From -40°C (-40°F) to 60°C (140°F)

Storage without package: From -10°C (14°F) to 60°C (140°F)

• Humidity:

Operating: 20%–80% (non-condensing) Storage: 20%–90% (non-condensing)

• Altitude:

Operating: From -15.2 m (-50 ft) to 3048 m (10 000 ft) Storage: From -15.2 m (-50 ft) to 10 668 m (35 000 ft)

Electrical input

Input voltage: For PSU400W, 200 - 240 VAC; For PSU 450W/280W, 100 - 240 VAC

Input frequency: 50/60 Hz

Chapter 3. General Checkout

Attention: The drives in the computer you are servicing might have been rearranged or the drive startup sequence may have been changed. Be extremely careful during write operations such as copying, saving, or formatting. Data or programs can be overwritten if you select an incorrect drive.

General error messages appear if a problem or conflict is found by an application, the operating system, or both. For an explanation of these messages, refer to the information supplied with that software package.

Use the following procedure to help determine the cause of the problem:

- 1. Power-off the computer and all external devices.
- 2. Check all cables and power cords.
- 3. Set all display controls to the middle position.
- 4. Power-on all external devices.
- 5. Power-on the computer.
 - Look for error codes displayed.
 - Look for readable instructions or a main menu on the display. If you did not receive the correct response, proceed to step 6. If you did receive the correct response, proceed to step 7.
- 6. If one of the following happens, follow the instruction given:
 - If the computer displays a POST error, go to "POST error codes".
 - If the computer hangs and no error is displayed, continue at step 7.
- 7. If the test stops and you cannot continue, replace the last device tested.

Chapter 4. Using the Setup Utility program

The Setup Utility program is used to view and change the configuration settings of your computer. This section provides information about only the major configuration settings available in the program.

Note: The operating system settings might override some similar settings in the Setup Utility program.

Starting the Setup Utility program

To start the Setup Utility program, do the following:

- 1. Turn on or restart your computer.
- 2. Before Windows® starts up, repeatedly press and release the F1 key until the Setup Utility program opens. If a BIOS password has been set, the Setup Utility program will not open until you enter the correct password. For more information, see "Using BIOS passwords" on page 11.

Note: For some keyboards, you might need to press Fn+F1 to open the Setup Utility program.

To view and change the configuration settings, follow the instructions on the right side of the screen. The keys used to perform various tasks are displayed at the bottom of the screen.

Enabling or disabling a device

This section provides information about how to enable or disable user access to hardware devices (such as USB connectors or storage drives).

To enable or disable a device, do the following:

- 1. Start the Setup Utility program. See "Starting the Setup Utility program" on page 11.
- 2. Select Devices.
- 3. Select the device you want to enable or disable and press Enter.
- 4. Select the desired setting and press Enter.
- 5. Exit the Setup Utility program. See "Exiting the Setup Utility program" on page 13.

Enabling or disabling the Automatic Power On features

If you enable the Automatic Power On features, your computer will start up automatically.

To enable or disable the Automatic Power On features, do the following:

- 1. Start the Setup Utility program. See "Starting the Setup Utility program" on page 11.
- 2. Select Power → Automatic Power On and press Enter.
- 3. Select the feature you want to enable or disable and press Enter.
- 4. Select the desired setting and press Enter.
- 5. Exit the Setup Utility program. See "Exiting the Setup Utility program" on page 13.

Using BIOS passwords

By using the Setup Utility program, you can set passwords to prevent unauthorized access to your computer and data.

You do not have to set all passwords to use your computer. However, using passwords improves computer security.

Setup Utility program password types

The following types of passwords are available:

- Power-on password
 - When a power-on password is set, you are prompted to enter a valid password each time the computer is turned on. The computer cannot be used until the valid password is entered.
- Administrator password
 - Setting an administrator password deters unauthorized users from changing configuration settings. If you are responsible for maintaining the configuration settings of several computers, you might want to set an administrator password.

When an administrator password is set, you are prompted to enter a valid password each time you try to access the Setup Utility program. The Setup Utility program cannot be accessed until a valid password is entered.

If both the power-on password and administrator password are set, you can enter either password. However, you must use your administrator password to change all configuration settings.

Password considerations

A password can be any combination of up to 64 alphabetic and numeric characters. For security reasons, it is recommended to use a strong password that cannot be easily compromised.

Note: The Setup Utility program passwords are not case sensitive.

To set a strong password, consider the following guidelines:

- · Have at least eight characters in length
- · Contain at least one alphabetic character and one numeric character
- Not be your name or your user name
- Not be a common word or a common name
- Be significantly different from your previous passwords

Setting, changing, and deleting a password

To set, change, or delete a password, do the following:

- 1. Start the Setup Utility program. See "Starting the Setup Utility program" on page 11.
- 2. Select Security.
- 3. Depending on the password type, select Set Power-On Password or Set Administrator Password, and press Enter.
- 4. Follow the instructions on the right side of the screen to set, change, or delete a password.

Note: A password can be any combination of up to 64 alphabetic and numeric characters. For more information, see "Password considerations" on page 12.

5. Exit the Setup Utility program. See "Exiting the Setup Utility program" on page 13.

Selecting a startup device

If your computer does not start up from a device as expected, you can choose to change the startup device sequence permanently or select a temporary startup device.

Changing the startup device sequence permanently

To change the startup device sequence permanently, do the following:

- 1. Depending on the type of the storage device, do one of the following:
 - If the storage device is internal, go to step 2.
 - If the storage device is a disc, ensure that your computer is on or turn on the computer. Then, insert the disc into the optical drive.
 - If the storage device is an external device other than a disc, connect the storage device to the computer.
- 2. Start the Setup Utility program. See "Starting the Setup Utility program" on page 11.
- 3. Select Startup.
- 4. Follow the instructions on the right side of the screen to change the startup device sequence.
- 5. Exit the Setup Utility program. See "Exiting the Setup Utility program" on page 13.

Selecting a temporary startup device

Note: Not all discs and storage drives are bootable.

To select a temporary startup device, do the following:

- 1. Depending on the type of the storage device, do one of the following:
 - If the storage device is internal, go to step 2.
 - If the storage device is a disc, ensure that your computer is on or turn on the computer. Then, insert the disc into the optical drive.
 - If the storage device is an external device other than a disc, connect the storage device to the computer.
- 2. Turn on or restart the computer. Before Windows starts up, repeatedly press and release the F12 key until Startup Device Menu is displayed.

Note: For some keyboards, you might need to press Fn+F12 to display Startup Device Menu.

3. Select the desired storage device and press Enter. The computer will start up from the device you select.

If you want to select a permanent startup device, select **Enter Setup** on Startup Device Menu and press Enter to start the Setup Utility program. For more information about how to select a permanent startup device, see "Changing the startup device sequence permanently" on page 13.

Exiting the Setup Utility program

To exit the Setup Utility program, do one of the following:

• If you want to save the new settings, press the F10 key. Then, select **Yes** in the window displayed and press Enter.

Note: For some keyboards, you might need to press Fn+F10 to exit the Setup Utility program.

• If you do not want to save the new settings, select **Exit** → **Discard Changes and Exit** and press Enter. Then, select **Yes** in the window displayed and press Enter.

Chapter 5. Symptom-to-FRU Index

The Symptom-to-FRU index lists error symptoms and possible causes. The most likely cause is listed first. Always begin with Chapter 4, "General Checkout," on page 11. This index can also be used to help you decide which FRUs to have available when servicing a computer. If you are unable to correct the problem using this index, go to "Undetermined problems" on page 20.

Notes:

- · If you have both an error message and an incorrect audio response, diagnose the error message first.
- If you cannot run the diagnostic tests or you get a diagnostic error code when running a test but did
 receive a POST error message, diagnose the POST error message first.
- If you did not receive any error messages, look for a description of your error symptom in the first part of this index.

Hard disk drive boot error

A hard disk drive boot error can be caused by the following.

Error	FRU/Action
The startup drive is not included in the boot sequence configuration.	Check the configuration and ensure the startup drive is in the boot sequence.
No operating system is installed on the boot drive.	Install an operating system on the boot drive.
The boot sector on the startup drive is corrupted.	The drive must be formatted. Do the following:
	Attempt to back up the data on the failing hard disk drive.
	Use the operating system to format the hard disk drive.
The drive is defective.	Replace the hard disk drive.

Power Supply Problems

Follow these procedures if you suspect there is a power supply problem.

Check/Verify	FRU/Action
Check that the following are properly installed:	Reseat connectors
Power Cord	
On/Off Switch connector	
System Board Power Supply connectors	
Microprocessor connections	
Check the power cord.	Power Cord
Check the power-on switch.	Power-on Switch

POST error codes

Each time you turn the computer on, it performs a series of tests to check that the system is operating correctly and that certain options are set. This series of tests is called the *Power-On Self-Test*, or *POST*. POST does the following:

- · Checks some basic motherboard operations
- · Checks that the memory is working correctly
- Starts video operations
- Verifies that the boot drive is working

POST Error Message	Description/Action
Keyboard error	Cannot initialize the keyboard. Make sure the keyboard is properly connected to the computer and that no keys are held pressed during POST. To purposely configure the computer without a keyboard, select Keyboardless operation in Startup and set the option to Enabled . The BIOS then ignores the missing keyboard during POST.
Reboot and Select proper Boot device or Insert Boot Media in selected Boot device	The BIOS was unable to find a suitable boot device. Make sure the boot drive is properly connected to the computer. Make sure you have bootable media in the boot device.

Undetermined problems

- 1. Power-off the computer.
- 2. Remove or disconnect the following components (if connected or installed) one at a time.
 - a. External devices (modem, printer, or mouse)
 - b. Extended video memory
 - c. External Cache
 - d. External Cache RAM
 - e. Hard disk drive
 - f. Disk drive
- 3. Power-on the computer to re-test the system.
- 4. Repeat steps 1 through 3 until you find the failing device or component.

If all devices and components have been removed and the problem continues, replace the system board.

Chapter 6. Hardware locations

This section provides information about the locations of your computer hardware.

Note: The computer hardware might look slightly different from the illustrations.

Overview

Attention: Be careful not to block any air vents on the computer. Blocked air vents can cause overheating.

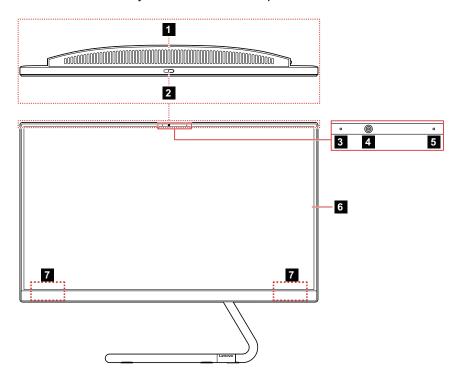


Figure 1. Front view

1 Air vents	2 Camera cover slider
3 Camera indicator	4 Camera (standard or Windows Hello compatible)
5 Microphone	ढ Screen
7 Wireless antennas	

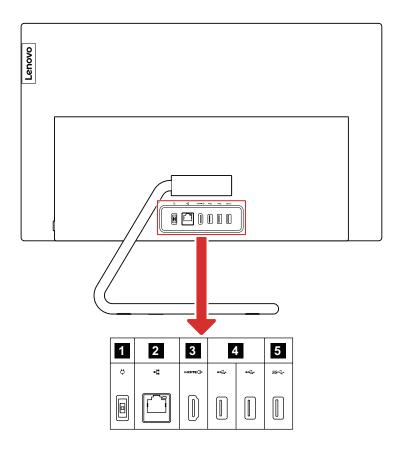


Figure 2. Rear view

1 Power connector	2 Ethernet connector
3 HDMI-out connector	4 USB 2.0 connectors
SUSB 3.1 connector	

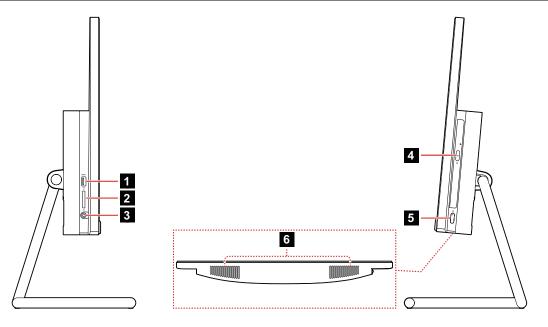


Figure 3. Left view and right view

■ USB 3.1 connector	■ Memory card slot
I Combo audio jack	Optical drive (for select models)
Power button (with indicator)	6 Speakers

Major FRUs and CRUs

Note: Depending on your computer model, some of the following components might not be available.

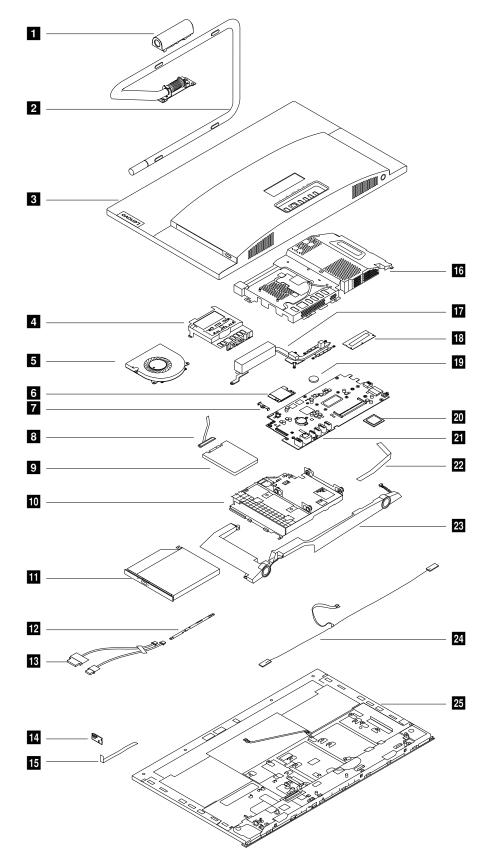


Figure 4. Major FRUs and CRUs

The following table lists the major FRUs shown in the illustration above and identifies which FRUs are also self-service CRUs or optional-service CRUs.

Notes:

- Self-service CRUs: Parts to be installed or replaced by customer themselves.
- Optional-service CRUs: Parts can be installed or replaced by customers or technicians under certain terms of the applicable warranty service type for your country or region.
- Non-CRUs: Parts must be installed or replaced only by trained service technicians

No.	Description	Self-service CRU	Optional-service CRU
1	Stand base bracket	Yes	No
2	Stand base	Yes	No
3	Rear cover	Yes	No
4	Middle frame	No	No
5	Fan	No	No
6	Wi-Fi card	No	No
7	Wi-Fi card cover	No	No
8	Hard disk drive cable	No	No
9	Hard disk drive	No	Yes
10	Mount bracket	No	No
11	Optical drive	No	No
12	Camera module	No	No
13	Camera cable	No	No
14	Power switch board	No	No
15	Power switch cable	No	No
16	System board frame	No	No
17	Heat sink	No	No
18	M.2 solid-state drive	No	No
19	Coin-cell battery	No	No
20	CPU	No	No
21	System board	No	No
22	Optical drive	No	No
23	Speakers	Yes	No
24	Wi-Fi antennas	No	No
25	Panel module	No	No

For detailed FRU information, such as the FRU part numbers and supported computer models, go to: http:// www.lenovo.com/serviceparts-lookup

Parts on the system boards

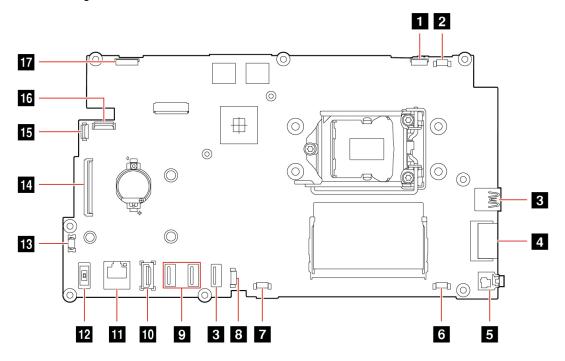


Figure 5. Parts on the system board (A340-22IBC/24IBC)

■ CAMERA & Mic	2 Mic Connector
■ USB 3.1 Gen 2 connector	4 Card reader
5 Audio jack	Speaker connector
7 Fan connector	Touch connector
USB 2.0 connectors	10 HDMI-out connector
11 RJ45 connector	12 DC IN connector
13 Power board connector	14 LVDS FFC connector
15 HDD FFC connector	16 ODD FFC connector
17 Converter connector	

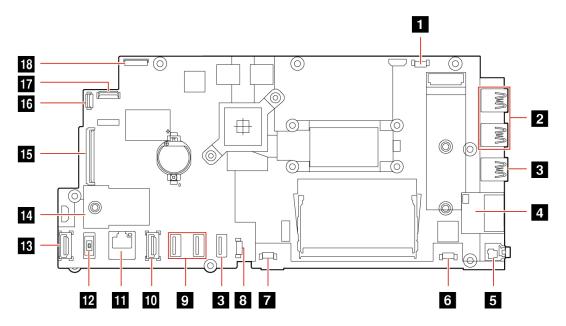


Figure 6. Parts on the system board (A340-22IWL/24IWL)

■ CAMERA & Mic	2 USB 2.0 / USB 3.0 connector
■ USB 3.1 Gen 2 connector	4 Card reader
5 Audio jack	Speaker connector
	3 Touch connector
USB 2.0 connectors	10 HDMI-out connector
11 RJ45 connector	12 DC IN connector
13 HDMI-in connector	14 Power board connector
15 LVDS FFC connector	16 HDD FFC connector
17 ODD FFC connector	18 Converter connector

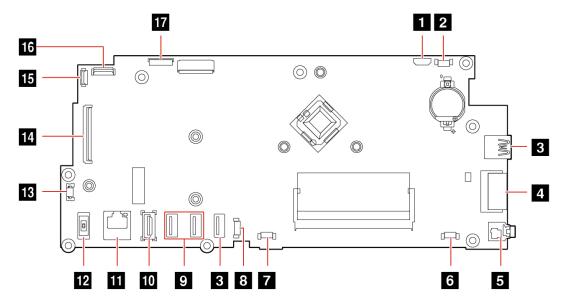
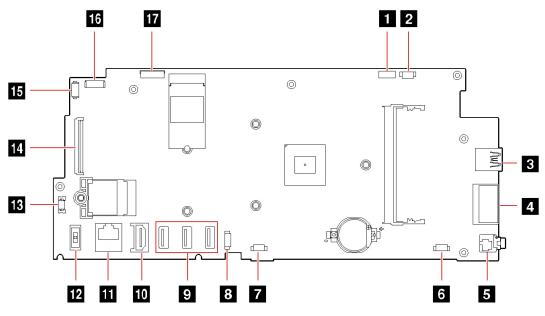


Figure 7. Parts on the system board (A340-22IGM/24IGM)

■ Camera connector	2 Mic Connector
■ USB 3.1 connector	4 Card reader
■ Audio jack	5 Speaker connector
	3 Touch connector
USB 2.0 connectors	10 HDMI-out connector
11 RJ45 connector	12 DC IN connector
13 Power board connector	14 LVDS FFC connector
15 HDD FFC connector	16 ODD FFC connector
17 Converter connector	



Camera connector	2 Mic Connector
■ USB 3.1 Gen 1 connector	4 Card reader
■ Audio jack	6 Speaker connector
	13 Touch connector
9 USB 2.0 connectors	10 HDMI-out connector
11 RJ45 connector	12 DC IN connector
13 Power board connector	14 LVDS FFC connector
15 HDD FFC connector	16 ODD FFC connector
17 Converter connector	

Figure 8. Parts on the system board (A340-22AST)

Chapter 7. Installing or replacing hardware

This chapter contains the following topics:

- "Handling static-sensitive devices" on page 27
- "Installing or replacing hardware" on page 27

Handling static-sensitive devices

Do not open the static-protective package containing the new part until the defective part has been removed and you are ready to install the new part. Static electricity, although harmless to you, can seriously damage computer components and parts.

When you handle parts and other computer components, take these precautions to avoid static-electricity damage:

- Limit your movement. Movement can cause static electricity to build up around you.
- Always handle parts and other computer components carefully. Handle PCI/PCI-Express cards, memory modules, system boards, and microprocessors by the edges. Never touch any exposed circuitry.
- Prevent others from touching the parts and other computer components.
- Touch the static-protective package containing the part to a metal expansion-slot cover or other
 unpainted metal surface on the computer for at least two seconds. This reduces static electricity from the
 package and your body before you install or replace a new part.
- When possible, remove the new part from the static-protective package, and install it directly in the computer without setting the part down. When this is not possible, place the static-protective package that the part came in on a smooth, level surface and place the part on the package.
- Do not place the part on the computer cover or other metal surface.

Installing or replacing hardware

This section provides instructions on how to install or replace hardware for your computer. You can expand the capabilities of your computer and maintain your computer by installing or replacing hardware.

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

Notes:

- Some of the hardware parts in this section are optional.
- Use computer parts provided only by Lenovo.
- When installing or replacing an option, use the appropriate instructions in this section along with the instructions that come with the option.
- In most areas of the world, Lenovo requires the return of the defective CRU. Information about this will
 come with the CRU or will come a few days after the CRU arrives.

Removing the computer stand base

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

Turn off the computer and wait 3 to 5 minutes to let it cool down before removing the cover.

- It is helpful to lay the computer on a flat, stable and wide surface.
- Make sure the surface is clean and dry.

To remove the computer stand base, do the following:

- 1. Turn off all connected devices and the computer. Then, disconnect all power cords from electrical outlets and all cables that are connected to the computer.
- 2. Gently lay the computer down on its panel. Let the base naturally be supported by the flat surface.
- 3. Remove the stand base bracket 1.



Figure 9. Removing the bracket

4. Remove 4 screws 2.



Figure 10. Removing 4 screws

5. Remove the stand base 3.



Figure 11. Removing the stand base

Removing the rear cover

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

Make sure the following FRUs (or CRUs) have been removed.

"Removing the computer stand base" on page 27

To remove the rear cover, do the following:

1. Twist the hand screw ring clockwise 1 until the rear cover is loosened. Then insert a pry tool to separate the rear cover from the panel module 2.

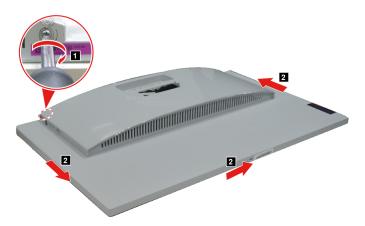


Figure 12. Separating the rear cover from the panel module

2. Remove the rear cover 3.



Figure 13. Removing the rear cover

Replacing the speakers

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Make sure the following FRUs (or CRUs) have been removed.

"Removing the computer stand base" on page 27

"Removing the rear cover" on page 29

To remove the speakers, do the following:

Detach the speakers connector 1. Then remove the speakers 2.

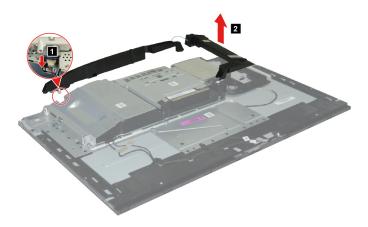


Figure 14. Removing the speakers

What to do next:

- To work with another piece of hardware, go to the appropriate section.
- To complete the installation or replacement, go to "Completing the parts replacement" on page 48.

Replacing the hard disk drive

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

Make sure the following FRUs (or CRUs) have been removed.

"Removing the computer stand base" on page 27

"Removing the rear cover" on page 29

"Replacing the speakers" on page 30

To remove the hard disk drive, do the following:

Lift up the hard disk drive from the bracket . Then unplug the hard disk drive 2.



Figure 15. Removing the hard disk drive

What to do next:

- To work with another piece of hardware, go to the appropriate section.
- To complete the installation or replacement, go to "Completing the parts replacement" on page 48.

Replacing the optical drive

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

Make sure the following FRUs (or CRUs) have been removed.

"Removing the computer stand base" on page 27

"Removing the rear cover" on page 29

"Replacing the speakers" on page 30

To remove the optical drive, do the following:

Remove 1 screw 1 that secures the optical drive to the bracket. Then pull out the optical drive 2.

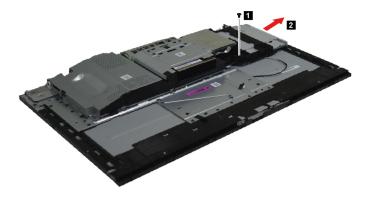


Figure 16. Removing 1 screw and pulling out the optical drive

- To work with another piece of hardware, go to the appropriate section.
- To complete the installation or replacement, go to "Completing the parts replacement" on page 48.

Replacing the middle frame

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

Make sure the following FRUs (or CRUs) have been removed.

"Removing the computer stand base" on page 27

"Removing the rear cover" on page 29

"Replacing the speakers" on page 30

To remove the middle frame, do the following:

Remove 4 screws 11 that secure the middle frame to the system board frame. Then remove the middle frame 12.

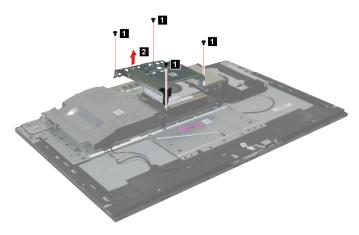


Figure 17. Removing screws and the middle frame

What to do next:

• To work with another piece of hardware, go to the appropriate section.

• To complete the installation or replacement, go to "Completing the parts replacement" on page 48.

Replacing the fan

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

Make sure the following FRUs (or CRUs) have been removed.

- "Removing the computer stand base" on page 27
- "Removing the rear cover" on page 29
- "Replacing the speakers" on page 30
- "Replacing the middle frame" on page 32

To remove the fan, do the following:

1. Detach the fan connector 1. Then remove 3 screws 2 that secure the fan to the system board frame.

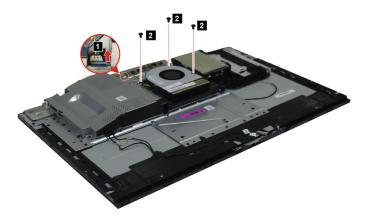


Figure 18. Removing the fan connector and screws

2. Remove the fan B.

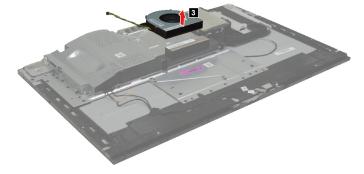


Figure 19. Removing the fan

What to do next:

- To work with another piece of hardware, go to the appropriate section.
- To complete the installation or replacement, go to "Completing the parts replacement" on page 48.

Replacing the system board frame

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

Make sure the following FRUs (or CRUs) have been removed.

- "Removing the computer stand base" on page 27
- "Removing the rear cover" on page 29
- "Replacing the speakers" on page 30
- "Replacing the middle frame" on page 32
- "Replacing the fan" on page 33

To remove the system board frame, do the following:

Remove 3 screws **1** that secure the system board frame to the system board. Then remove the system board frame **2**.

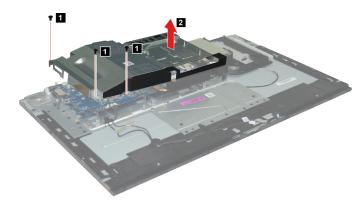


Figure 20. Removing screws and the system board frame

What to do next:

- To work with another piece of hardware, go to the appropriate section.
- To complete the installation or replacement, go to "Completing the parts replacement" on page 48.

Replacing the hard disk drive cable

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

Make sure the following FRUs (or CRUs) have been removed.

- "Removing the computer stand base" on page 27
- "Removing the rear cover" on page 29
- "Replacing the speakers" on page 30
- "Replacing the hard disk drive" on page 30
- "Replacing the middle frame" on page 32
- "Replacing the system board frame" on page 34

To remove the camera module, do the following:

Detach the hard disk drive cable connector from the system board **1**. Then unplug the hard disk drive cable **1**.



Figure 21. Removing screws and camera module

What to do next:

- To work with another piece of hardware, go to the appropriate section.
- To complete the installation or replacement, go to "Completing the parts replacement" on page 48.

Replacing the heat sinks

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

Make sure the following FRUs (or CRUs) have been removed.

- "Removing the computer stand base" on page 27
- "Removing the rear cover" on page 29
- "Replacing the speakers" on page 30
- "Replacing the middle frame" on page 32
- "Replacing the fan" on page 33
- "Replacing the system board frame" on page 34

To remove the heat sinks, do the following:

1. Remove 1 screw 1 and loosen 6 screws 2.

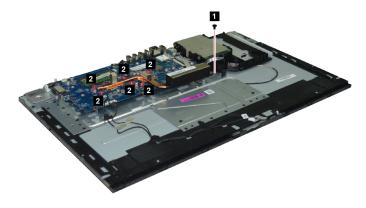


Figure 22. Removing 1 screw and loosening 6 screws

2. Remove the heat sink 3.

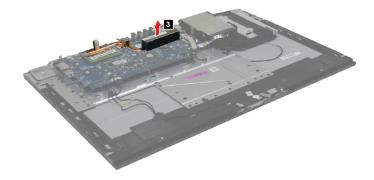


Figure 23. Removing the heat sink

What to do next:

- To work with another piece of hardware, go to the appropriate section.
- To complete the installation or replacement, go to "Completing the parts replacement" on page 48.

Replacing the Wi-Fi card

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

Make sure the following FRUs (or CRUs) have been removed.

"Removing the computer stand base" on page 27

"Removing the rear cover" on page 29

"Replacing the speakers" on page 30

"Replacing the middle frame" on page 32

"Replacing the fan" on page 33

"Replacing the system board frame" on page 34

To remove the Wi-Fi card, do the following:

1. Remove 1 screw 1 that secures the Wi-Fi card to the system board.

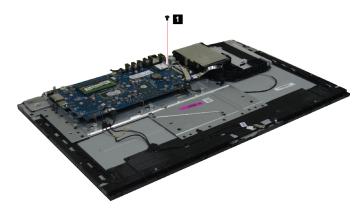


Figure 24. Removing 1 screw

2. Remove the card cover 2. Then detach the Wi-Fi antenna connectors from the Wi-Fi card 3.

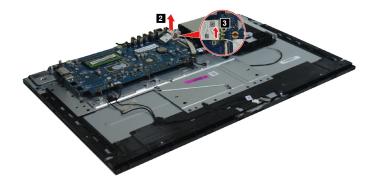


Figure 25. Removing the cover and detaching the antenna connectors

3. Remove the Wi-Fi card 4.

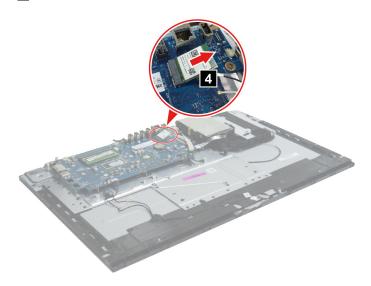


Figure 26. Removing the Wi-Fi card

What to do next:

- To work with another piece of hardware, go to the appropriate section.
- To complete the installation or replacement, go to "Completing the parts replacement" on page 48.

Replacing the antennas

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

- "Removing the computer stand base" on page 27
- "Removing the rear cover" on page 29
- "Replacing the speakers" on page 30
- "Replacing the hard disk drive" on page 30
- "Replacing the middle frame" on page 32
- "Replacing the system board frame" on page 34
- "Replacing the Wi-Fi card" on page 36

To remove the camera module, do the following:

Lift up the main and auxiliary antennas **1**. Release the antenna cables from the cable guides and then remove the antennas **2**.

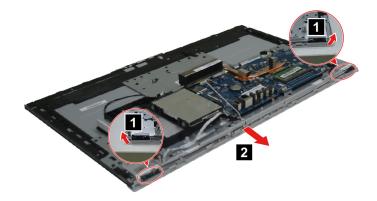


Figure 27. Removing screws and camera module

What to do next:

- To work with another piece of hardware, go to the appropriate section.
- To complete the installation or replacement, go to "Completing the parts replacement" on page 48.

Replacing the memory module

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

Make sure the following FRUs (or CRUs) have been removed.

- "Removing the computer stand base" on page 27
- "Removing the rear cover" on page 29
- "Replacing the speakers" on page 30
- "Replacing the middle frame" on page 32
- "Replacing the fan" on page 33
- "Replacing the system board frame" on page 34

To remove the memory module, do the following:

Release the two latches on both edges of the socket at the same time **1**. Then remove the memory module **2**.



Figure 28. Removing the memory module

- To work with another piece of hardware, go to the appropriate section.
- To complete the installation or replacement, go to "Completing the parts replacement" on page 48.

Replacing the coin-cell battery

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

Your computer has a special type of memory that maintains the date, time, and settings for built-in features, such as parallel-connector assignments (configuration). A coin-cell battery keeps this information active when you turn off the computer.

The coin-cell battery normally requires no charging or maintenance throughout its life; however, no coin-cell battery lasts forever. If the coin-cell battery fails, the date, time, and configuration information (including passwords) are lost. An error message is displayed when you turn on the computer.

Make sure the following FRUs (or CRUs) have been removed.

- "Removing the computer stand base" on page 27
- "Removing the rear cover" on page 29
- "Replacing the speakers" on page 30
- "Replacing the middle frame" on page 32
- "Replacing the fan" on page 33
- "Replacing the system board frame" on page 34

To remove the coin-cell battery, do the following:

Use a pry tool to push and lift up the coin-cell battery 1.



Figure 29. Removing the coin-cell battery

- To work with another piece of hardware, go to the appropriate section.
- To complete the installation or replacement, go to "Completing the parts replacement" on page 48.

Notes:

- When the computer is turned on for the first time after replacing the coin-cell battery, an error message might be displayed. This is normal after replacing the coin-cell battery.
- Use the Setup Utility program to set the date, time, and any passwords. See Chapter 4 "Using the Setup Utility program" on page 11.

Replacing the M.2 solid-state drive

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

Make sure the following FRUs (or CRUs) have been removed.

- "Removing the computer stand base" on page 27
- "Removing the rear cover" on page 29
- "Replacing the speakers" on page 30
- "Replacing the middle frame" on page 32
- "Replacing the fan" on page 33
- "Replacing the system board frame" on page 34

To remove the M.2 solid-state drive, do the following:

1. Remove 1 screw III that secures the M.2 solid-state drive to the system board.

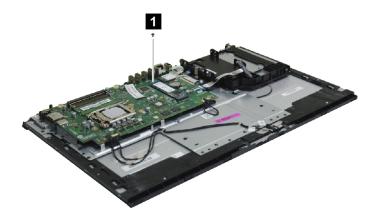


Figure 30. Removing 1 screw

2. Remove the M.2 solid-state drive 2.

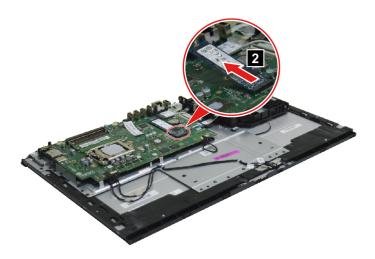


Figure 31. Removing the M.2 solid-state drive

What to do next:

- To work with another piece of hardware, go to the appropriate section.
- To complete the installation or replacement, go to "Completing the parts replacement" on page 48.

Replacing the microprocessor (for selected models)

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

- "Removing the computer stand base" on page 27
- "Removing the rear cover" on page 29
- "Replacing the speakers" on page 30
- "Replacing the middle frame" on page 32
- "Replacing the fan" on page 33
- "Replacing the system board frame" on page 34

"Replacing the heat sinks" on page 35

To remove the microprocessor, do the following:

Lift the small handle and open the retainer in the directions shown as 11 and 21. Then remove the microprocessor out of the socket 3.

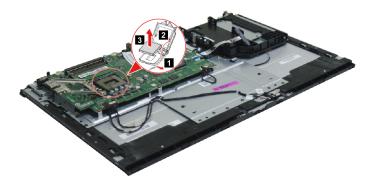


Figure 32. Removing the microprocessor

Notes:

- Your microprocessor and socket might look different from the one illustrated.
- Touch only the edges of the microprocessor. Do not touch the gold contacts on the bottom.
- Do not touch the thermal grease while handling the microprocessor.
- Do not drop anything onto the microprocessor socket while it is exposed. The socket pins must be kept as clean as possible.

What to do next:

- To work with another piece of hardware, go to the appropriate section.
- To complete the installation or replacement, go to "Completing the parts replacement" on page 48.

Replacing the system board

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

- "Removing the computer stand base" on page 27
- "Removing the rear cover" on page 29
- "Replacing the speakers" on page 30
- "Replacing the middle frame" on page 32
- "Replacing the fan" on page 33
- "Replacing the system board frame" on page 34
- "Replacing the heat sinks" on page 35
- "Replacing the Wi-Fi card" on page 36
- "Replacing the memory module" on page 38
- "Replacing the coin-cell battery" on page 39
- "Replacing the M.2 solid-state drive" on page 40

"Replacing the microprocessor (for selected models)" on page 41

To remove the system board, do the following:

1. Detach 7 connectors from the system board 1.

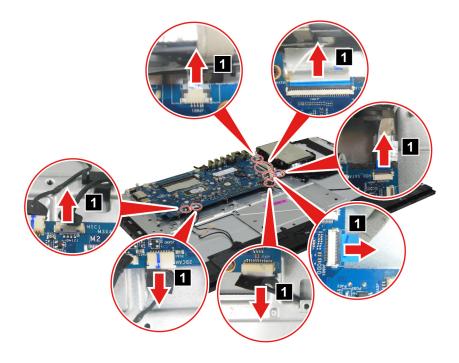


Figure 33. Detaching 7 connectors

2. Remove 7 screws 2 that secure the system board to the panel module.

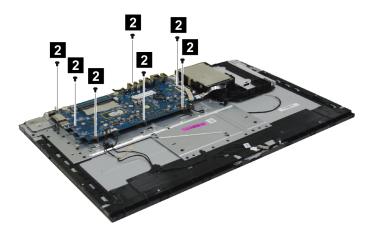


Figure 34. Removing the system board

3. Remove the system board 3.

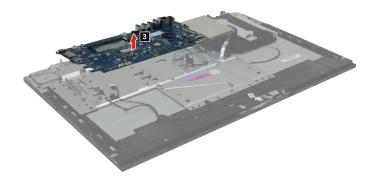


Figure 35. Removing the system board

- To work with another piece of hardware, go to the appropriate section.
- To complete the installation or replacement, go to "Completing the parts replacement" on page 48.

Replacing the power switch board

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

Make sure the following FRUs (or CRUs) have been removed.

"Removing the computer stand base" on page 27

"Removing the rear cover" on page 29

"Replacing the speakers" on page 30

"Replacing the middle frame" on page 32

"Replacing the system board frame" on page 34

To remove the power switch board, do the following:

Detach the power switch cable connectors **1**. Then remove the power switch board and cable **2**.

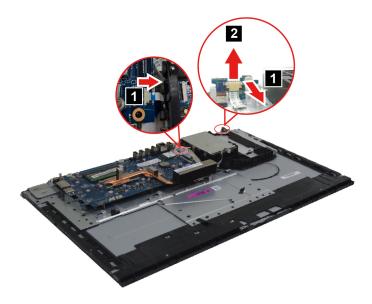


Figure 36. Detaching the power switch cable connectors

- To work with another piece of hardware, go to the appropriate section.
- To complete the installation or replacement, go to "Completing the parts replacement" on page 48.

Replacing the camera module

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

Make sure the following FRUs (or CRUs) have been removed.

- "Removing the computer stand base" on page 27
- "Removing the rear cover" on page 29
- "Replacing the speakers" on page 30
- "Replacing the hard disk drive" on page 30
- "Replacing the middle frame" on page 32
- "Replacing the system board frame" on page 34

To remove the camera module, do the following:

1. Remove 3 screws ■ that secure the camera module to the display module. Then lift up the camera module 2.

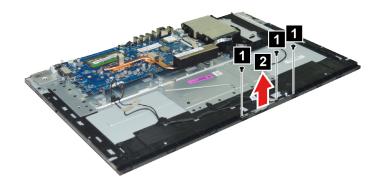


Figure 37. Removing screws and camera module

2. Detach the 4 camera cable connectors from the camera module and system board **5**. Then remove the camera module and camera cable.

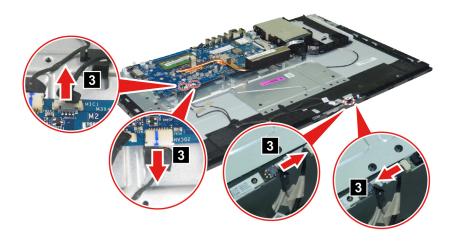


Figure 38. Detaching the 4 camera cable connectors

What to do next:

- To work with another piece of hardware, go to the appropriate section.
- To complete the installation or replacement, go to "Completing the parts replacement" on page 48.

Replacing the mount bracket and optical drive cable

Attention: Do not open your computer or attempt any repair before reading and understanding the Chapter 1 "Read this first: Important safety information" on page 1.

- "Removing the computer stand base" on page 27
- "Removing the rear cover" on page 29
- "Replacing the speakers" on page 30
- "Replacing the hard disk drive" on page 30
- "Replacing the optical drive" on page 31
- "Replacing the middle frame" on page 32
- "Replacing the fan" on page 33

"Replacing the system board frame" on page 34

To remove the mount bracket and optical drive cable, do the following:

1. Detach the optical drive cable connectors 1. Then remove 3 screws 2 that secure the mount bracket to the panel module.

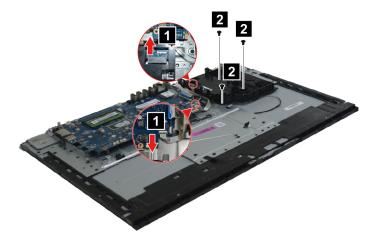


Figure 39. Detaching optical drive cable connectors and removing screws

2. Remove the optical drive cable 3.

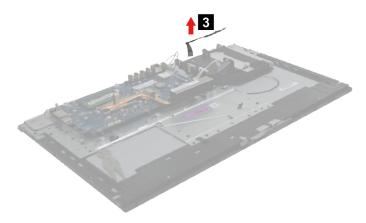


Figure 40. Removing the optical drive cable

3. Remove the mount bracket 4.

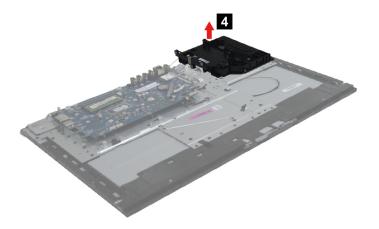


Figure 41. Removing the mount bracket

- To work with another piece of hardware, go to the appropriate section.
- To complete the installation or replacement, go to "Completing the parts replacement" on page 48.

Completing the parts replacement

To reinstall the computer covers and reconnect cables to your computer, do the following:

- 1. Ensure that all components have been reassembled correctly and that no tools or loose screws are left inside your computer. See Chapter 6 "Hardware locations" on page 17 for the locations of various components in your computer.
- 2. Ensure that the cables are routed correctly before reinstalling the computer cover. Keep cables clear of the hinges and sides of the computer chassis to avoid interference with reinstalling the computer cover.
- 3. Reinstall the front bezel.
- 4. Reinstall the side cover.
- 5. If a locking device is available, use it to lock the computer.
- 6. Reconnect the external cables and power cords to the corresponding connectors on the computer.
- 7. Depending on the parts you installed or replaced, you might need to confirm the updated information. See Chapter 4 "Using the Setup Utility program" on page 11.
- 8. If a newly installed hardware component does not work normally, update the device driver.

Chapter 8. Additional Service Information

This chapter provides additional information that the service representative might find helpful.

Power management

Power management reduces the power consumption of certain components of the computer such as the system power supply, processor, hard disk drives, and some monitors.

Advanced configuration and power interface (ACPI) BIOS

As this computer has an ACPI BIOS system, the operating system is allowed to control the power management features of the computer and the settings for Advanced Power Management (APM) BIOS mode is ignored. Not all operating systems support ACPI BIOS mode.

Automatic Power-On features

The Automatic Power-On features within the Power Management menu allow you to enable and disable features that turn on the computer automatically.

- Wake Up on Alarm: You can specify a date and time at which the computer will be turned on automatically. This can be either a single event, a daily event or a weekly event.
- Wake Up on LAN: This feature allows LAN adapter card to wake the System.

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