CD/DVD Drive Replacement Instructions

Be sure to follow the instructions in this sheet carefully. Failure to follow these instructions could result in damage to your equipment and may void your warranty.

Note: Written and video instructions covering customer-installable parts are available at http://www.info.apple.com/installparts/.

Tools Required

The only tool required for this procedure is a Phillips screwdriver.

Opening the Computer

Warning: Always turn off your computer before opening it to avoid damaging its internal components.

- 1. Place your computer on a clean, flat surface.
- 2. If you think your computer is in sleep, press the power button on the front of the computer to wake it.
- 3. Shut down your computer by opening the Special menu and choosing Shut Down. Then wait five minutes for the computer's internal components to cool down.
- 4. If you attached a security cable through the computer's lockable cover latch, remove the cable.
- 5. Unplug all other cables from the computer except the power cord.
- 6. Touch the metal PCI access covers on the back of the computer. (Figure 1A)

Important: To avoid electrostatic discharge, always ground yourself by touching the port access covers before you touch any parts or install any components inside the computer. To avoid static electricity building back up in your body, do not walk around the room until you have completed your installation and closed the computer.

7. Unplug the power cord.

- 8. Lift the latch on the right side access panel. (Figure 1B)
- 9. Gently lower the access panel until it lies flat. To avoid scratching the case, lower the panel onto a soft, clean cloth. (Figure 2)

Warning: If you see any lights glowing on the main logic board, the computer has not been shut down. Close the side access panel and shut down the computer before proceeding.

Removing the Installed CD/DVD Drive

Warning: Handle the CD/DVD drive with care. Hold it by both metal sides (Figure 3A) and do not apply force to the drive's center (Figure 3B). Never lift or hold the drive by the front panel (Figure 3C).

- 1. Press the clips behind the drive faceplate assembly, rotate the assembly forward until the clips are free of the front panel, and carefully continue rotating the assembly forward to remove it. (Figure 4)
- 2. Remove the two screws that hold the drive carrier in place and push the carrier forward far enough that you can reach the cables behind it. (Figure 5)

Note: You will feel some resistance as you push on the carrier.

- 3. Disconnect the ribbon cable (Figure 6A) and power cable (Figure 6B) from the back of the CD/DVD drive.
- 4. If shielding tape connects the ribbon cable and the carrier, detach the tape from the top of the carrier. (Figure 6C)
- 5. If a Zip drive is installed, disconnect the ribbon cable (Figure 6D) and power cable (Figure 6E) from the back of the Zip drive.
- 6. Slide the drive carrier assembly the rest of the way out of the computer.
- 7. Remove the shield (Figure 7A) from the back of the CD/DVD drive.
- 8. Remove the four screws that mount the CD/DVD drive to the carrier (Figure 7B) and remove the drive from the carrier.

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- 1. Position the drive in the upper bay of the drive carrier, lifting the back of the drive slightly so that it is flush against the carrier. Insert the screws from the old drive through the holes in the carrier and tighten to secure the drive to the carrier.
- 2. Replace the shield on the back of the replacement CD/DVD drive.

- 3. Partially insert the drive carrier into the computer. Leave room behind the assembly so you can reach the connectors.
- 4. Connect the cables to the Zip drive and CD/DVD drive:
 - Connect the middle connector on the power cord bundle to the Zip drive.
 - Connect the middle connector on the ribbon cable to the Zip drive.
 - Connect the end of the power cord bundle to the CD/DVD drive.
 - Connect the end of the ribbon cable to the CD/DVD drive.
- 5. Reattach the shielding tape (if present) to the top of the carrier.
- 6. Push the drive carrier the rest of the way into the computer (Figure 8A). Make sure the tab on the drive carrier engages with the slot on the drive shelf (Figure 8B).
- 7. Reinsert the two carrier mounting screws you removed earlier.
- 8. Replace the faceplate assembly by aligning its left edge on the computer case, reinserting the clips into their slots on the right side, and pressing the plate until it snaps into place.

Closing the Computer

- 1. Raise the side access panel, lift the latch, and press the panel against the case until it snaps securely into place.
- 2. Reconnect all cables and restart your computer.

Warning: Never turn on your computer unless all of its internal and external parts are in place and it is closed. Operating the computer when it is open or missing parts can damage your computer or cause injury.

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