



Apple Pencil (1st generation)

Apple Recycler Guide

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About This Guide

Apple Recycler Guides provide guidance for electronics recyclers on how to disassemble products to maximize recovery of resources. The guides provide step-by-step disassembly instructions and information on the material composition to help recyclers direct fractions to the appropriate material recycler.

To conserve important resources, we work to reduce the materials we use and aim to one day source only recycled or renewable materials in our products. A key path to reaching that goal is resource recovery from end-of-life electronics.

Disassembly procedures are intended to be performed only by trained electronics recycling professionals. The recycler is responsible for independently evaluating and ensuring compliance with all applicable environmental, health, and safety laws related to the work. These include but are not limited to laws relating to the management, handling, shipping, and disposal of the outputs of this work as waste and laws in place to ensure the health and safety of all employees who support this work.

For questions or feedback about this guide, email contactesci@apple.com.

Identification

You can find the model number of the Apple Pencil (1st generation) on the Lightning connector.



Model number:
A1603

Directive 2012/19/EU Annex VII Components

Directive 2012/19/EU Annex VII requirements apply to the following substances and components.

Substance/Component	Apple Part Name	Removal Instructions
Battery	Lithium-ion polymer battery	Follow steps 1–11
No further substances or components as listed in Annex VII		

Safety Considerations

The recycler is responsible for independently evaluating all activities undertaken by its employees to perform or support the work and ensuring compliance with all applicable health and safety laws related to the work. These include but are not limited to laws relating to the health and safety of all employees who perform or support this work. The recycler is also responsible for evaluating the workspace and ensuring that the area in which the work is to be undertaken is designed using ergonomic best practices and meets all ergonomic requirements to ensure the protection of its employees.

Personal Protective Equipment

Personal protective equipment should be worn during the entire recycling process.



Wear hand protection



Wear protective clothing



Wear eye protection



Wear foot protection

Battery Safety

This product uses a lithium-ion polymer battery. Before beginning any disassembly work, ensure that a safe working procedure for handling lithium-ion batteries has been established, which could include discharging the batteries so that they can be more safely managed. The following considerations may also be included:

- Remove anything from your person that could conduct energy, such as jewelry and watches, to avoid electric shock to yourself or the logic board.
- To avoid the potential for thermal runaway and the release of potentially noxious fumes, don't puncture, strike, or crush lithium-ion polymer batteries or devices powered by them.
- Don't throw, drop, or bend the battery.
- Don't expose the battery to excessive heat or sunlight.
- Don't use tools that are sharp or conduct electricity.
- Keep your workspace clear of foreign objects and sharp materials.
- Dispose of batteries according to local environmental laws and guidelines.

Workspace safety guidelines

- Use heat-resistant gloves and safety glasses.
- Keep a sand dispenser within arm's reach (2 feet or 0.6 m) on one side of the workstation, not above the workstation. The dispenser should be a wide-mouthed, quick-pour metal container with a flip-top lid or tray that contains 8–10 cups (1.9–2.4 L) of clean, dry, untreated sand.
- Keep the battery at least 2 feet (0.6 m) from paper and other combustible materials.
- Work in an area with adequate ventilation.

Handling a thermal runaway

If you notice any of the following signs, a thermal runaway is likely underway, and you should act immediately:

- The lithium-ion polymer battery or a device containing one begins to smoke or emit sparks or soot.
- The battery pouch suddenly and quickly puffs out.
- You hear hissing or popping sounds.

Don't use water or an ABC/CO₂ fire extinguisher on a thermal runaway battery or a device containing one. Water and ABC/CO₂ fire extinguishers will not stop the reaction.

Do smother the battery or device immediately with plenty of clean, dry sand, dumped all at once. Timing is critical; the faster you pour all the sand, the faster the thermal runaway will stop.

Do leave the room for 30 minutes if the thermal runaway causes any irritation.

Do wait 30 minutes before touching the battery. Wear heat-resistant gloves and safety glasses to remove the battery from the sand, or use a touchless thermometer to measure the battery temperature. Only touch the battery when the event has finished.

Do dispose of the damaged battery or device (including any debris removed from the sand) according to local environmental laws and guidelines.

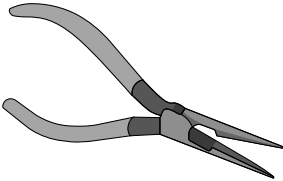
Hazard Warning



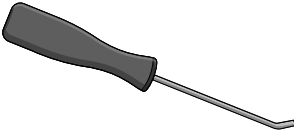
Rechargeable battery hazard

Recommended Tools

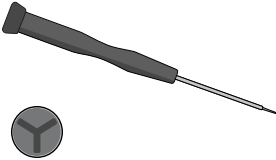
Long-nose pliers



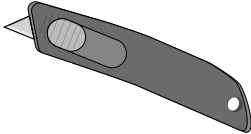
Miniature pry bar



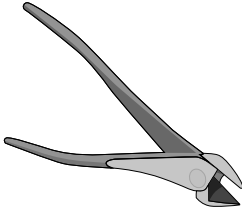
Tri-point Y00 screwdriver



Utility knife



Wire cutters



Disassembly Instructions

1. Pull off the Lightning connector cover.



2. Remove the Lightning connector cover ring.



Tools Used

A line drawing of a pair of pliers, showing the handles and the jaws.

Fraction

A simple line drawing of a circular ring, representing the Lightning connector cover ring.

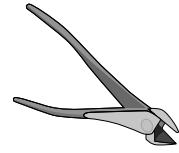
Lightning connector cover ring



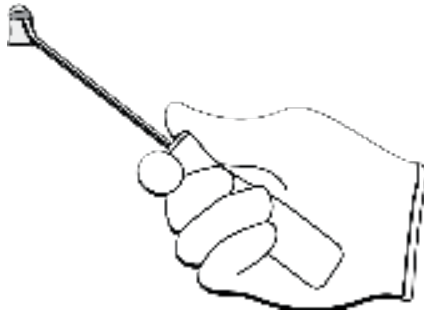
3. Split the Lightning connector cover in half.



Tools Used



4. Pry off the magnet.



Tools Used



Fraction



Magnet

REE

Rare Earth Elements

Fraction

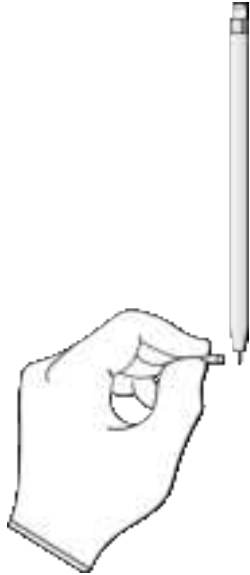


Lightning connector cover


PL

Plastics

5. Twist off the Apple Pencil tip.



Fraction

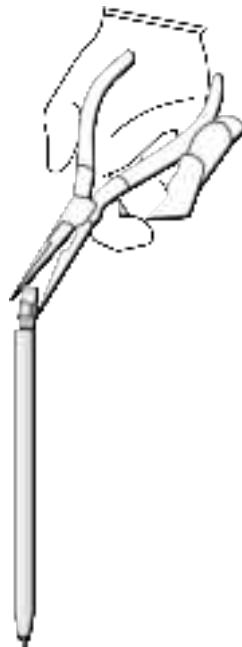


Apple Pencil tip

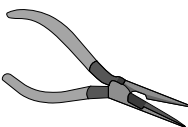
Cu
Copper

A diagram showing a small, conical tip of the pencil. To its right is a green square containing the chemical symbol 'Cu' and the word 'Copper' below it.

6. Pull off the Lightning connector.




Tools Used

A line drawing of a pair of pliers.

Cu
Copper

A green square containing the chemical symbol 'Cu' and the word 'Copper' below it.

Fraction

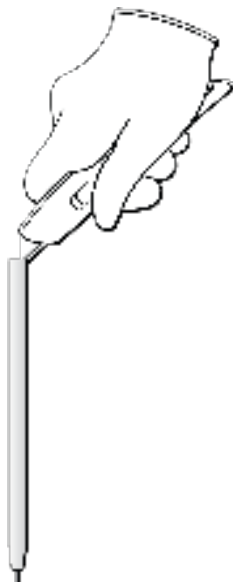


Lightning connector

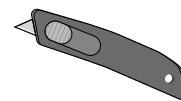
Cu
Copper

A diagram showing the Lightning connector at the top of the pencil. To its right is a green square containing the chemical symbol 'Cu' and the word 'Copper' below it.

7. Remove the housing by cutting along the side of the Apple Pencil.



Tools Used



Fraction

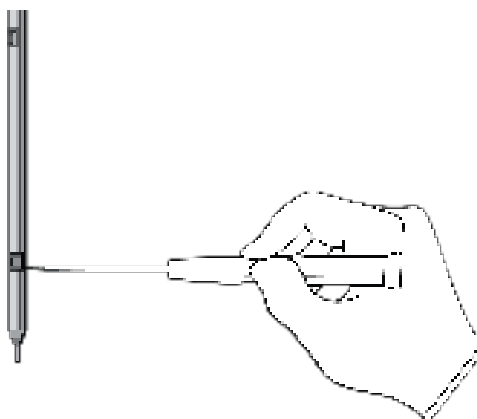


Housing

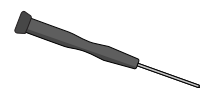
PL

Plastics

8. Unscrew the tri-tip Y00 fastener.



Tools Used



Fraction

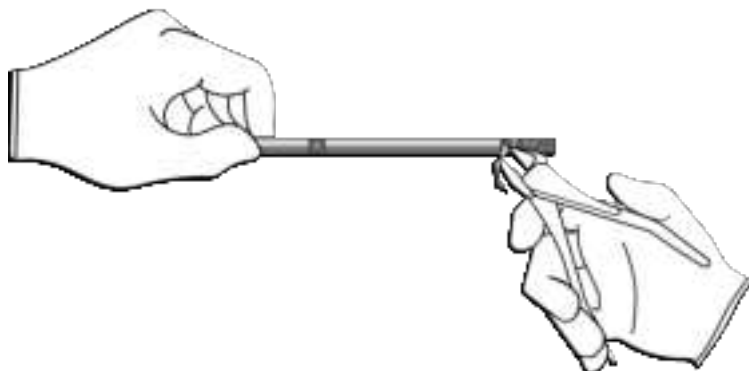


Fastener

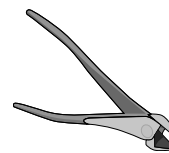
Fe

Ferrous

9. Carefully peel away the internal housing at the top of the pencil to reveal the battery.



Tools Used



Fraction



Internal housing


Fe

Ferrous

10. Remove the internal assembly from the internal housing.




11. From the internal assembly, carefully pull off the lithium-ion polymer battery.

 Rechargeable battery hazard



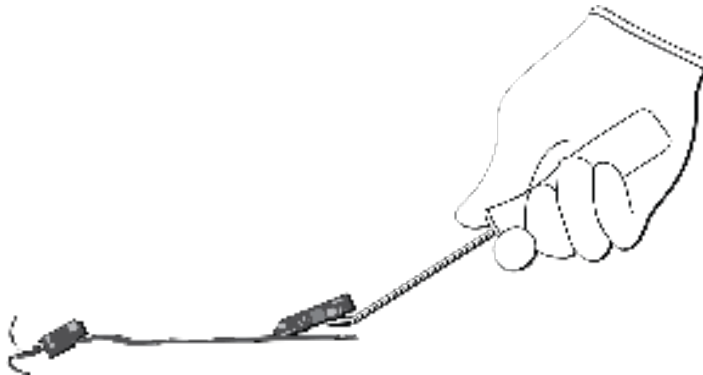
Fraction




Lithium-ion polymer battery

BT
Battery

12. Pry off the main logic board.



Tools Used



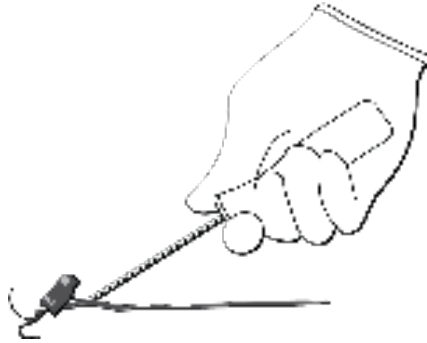
Fraction



Main logic board

PMs
Precious Metals

13. Pry off the antenna.



Tools Used



Fraction



Antenna

Cu

Copper

Fraction

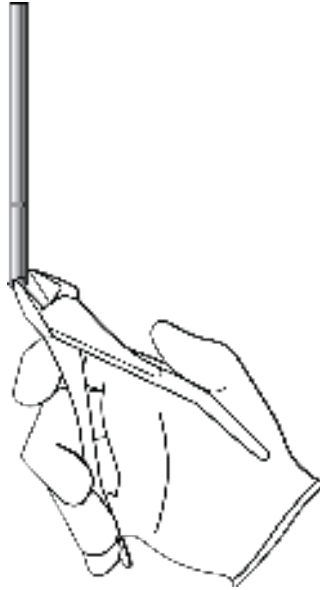


Internal assembly

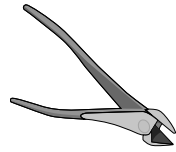
Fe

Ferrous

14. From the internal housing, cut off the stylus.



Tools Used



Fraction



Stylus

Cu

Copper

Fraction










Internal housing

Fe

Ferrous

Material Categorization of Output Fractions

All outputs from this process must be managed, handled, and disposed of in accordance with applicable waste laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Waste Framework Directive and its national enactments in Europe.

Fraction	Downstream Processing
<p>Batteries</p>  <p><i>Lithium-ion polymer battery</i></p>	<p>Primary Target Material</p> 
<p>Ferrous</p>  <p><i>Lightning connector cover ring</i></p>  <p><i>Fastener</i></p>  <p><i>Internal assembly</i></p>  <p><i>Internal housing</i></p>	<p>Primary Target Material</p> 

Fraction

Downstream Processing

Logic Boards



Main logic board

Primary Target Material



Potential Additional Materials



Mixed Electronics



Apple Pencil tip

Primary Target Material



Potential Additional Materials



Lightning connector



Antenna



Stylus

Fraction

Downstream Processing

Mixed Plastics



Lightning connector cover



Housing

Primary Target Material



Rare Earth Magnets



Magnet

Primary Target Material

