VGN-FWxx Series Hard Disk Drive Replacement Instructions

IMPORTANT!
 PLEASE READ BEFORE YOU START

These easy instructions are intended to guide you through the replacement process. If you need additional help, please call 1-866-651-7669 for technical support from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm EST.

✓ To avoid electric shock, please make sure product is turned off and AC Adaptor is disconnected from the power source. Remove jewelry before you begin work to avoid scratching the surface of your notebook computer.*

✓ Place your notebook computer on a clean, stable and covered surface to avoid damage to the computer’s case.*

✓ Follow the ESD (Electrostatic Discharge) damage prevention instructions:
  o Hold parts by the edges, away from exposed circuitry when possible.
  o Do not walk around excessively as this promotes static build-up.

✓ The appearance of the electronic components shown in the illustrations may be different from the components shipped. This slight difference does not affect the accuracy of these instructions.

* Sony is not responsible for any loss of data associated with your computer or any damage caused by incorrect handling of the computer under these procedures. The terms of your Sony limited warranty continue to apply.

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Step 1. Prepare the Computer.

⚠️ CAUTION: Make sure the computer is turned off, the lid is closed, and the AC Adapter is disconnected. Failure to do so can result in damage to the computer.

Place the computer upside down on a protected surface with the front edge facing you.

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Step 2. Remove the Battery Pack.

1. Slide the left battery tab to the unlock position.
2. With your right thumb, slide the right battery tab in the release direction and hold.
3. Remove the battery by lifting the side where the arrow is pointing.

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(HDD Removal) Step 3-8

Step 2. Locate HDD Bay.

Position the computer with the HDD Bay facing you as shown in the picture.

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Step 5. Using the enclosed magnetic screwdriver, remove the one (1) screw securing the HDD Bay Access door.

Step 6. Carefully remove the HDD Bay Access door by sliding it in the direction shown in the picture.

Step 7. Locate the three (3) screws securing the HDD assembly and remove them accordingly.

Step 8. To detach the old HDD from the connector, slowly pull the clear plastic tab in the direction shown. Some force may be needed to unlock the HDD from the connector.

(HDD Reinstallation) Steps 9-12

Step 9. Carefully remove the old HDD assembly from the drive bay and replace with new one. Start by inserting the tab in the slot indicated by the arrow.

Step 10. Attach the HDD to the Connector.

Move the HDD assembly in the direction shown to attach the new drive to the connector.

Step 11. Re-install the three (3) screws holding the HDD assembly in place.

Step 12. Re-attach the HDD access cover by sliding it in the direction shown in the picture. Secure the HDD Bay access door with the one (1) screw that was previously removed.

Step 13. Reinstall the battery pack and reconnect the AC Adaptor.

Power on your computer and continue with the recovery process by following the instructions described on the back of the recovery disk’s case.

Return the old HDD to Sony following the included shipping instructions.