



Side Panels

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INTRODUCTION

This guide shows how to install and remove the Side Panels for your Framework Desktop.

There are two Side Panels on the Framework Desktop: the Right Panel and the Left Panel.

The Right Panel only comes in the **Black** version, but the Left Panel comes in either the **Black** or **Translucent** version.

Step 1 — Remove the Handle



- ❗ If you installed the Handle on your Desktop, follow this step. Otherwise, skip it.
- Rotate the Handle's screw threads counterclockwise on both sides until it comes free.
 - Remove the Handle.

Step 2 — Remove the Top Panel screws



- Use your finger to lift up the two D-rings on the Top Panel screws.

Step 3



- Use your fingers to twist the screw counter-clockwise and loosen it.
- Remove the Top Panel screw.

Step 4



- Repeat the same procedure for the other Top Panel screw.

Step 5 — Remove the Top Panel



- Slide the Top Panel towards the rear of the computer to release the clips securing it to the chassis.
 - ❗ If you're having a hard time gripping the Top Panel, use the screw holes to get a better handhold.
- Lift the Top Panel off the chassis and remove it.

Step 6 — Remove the Left Panel



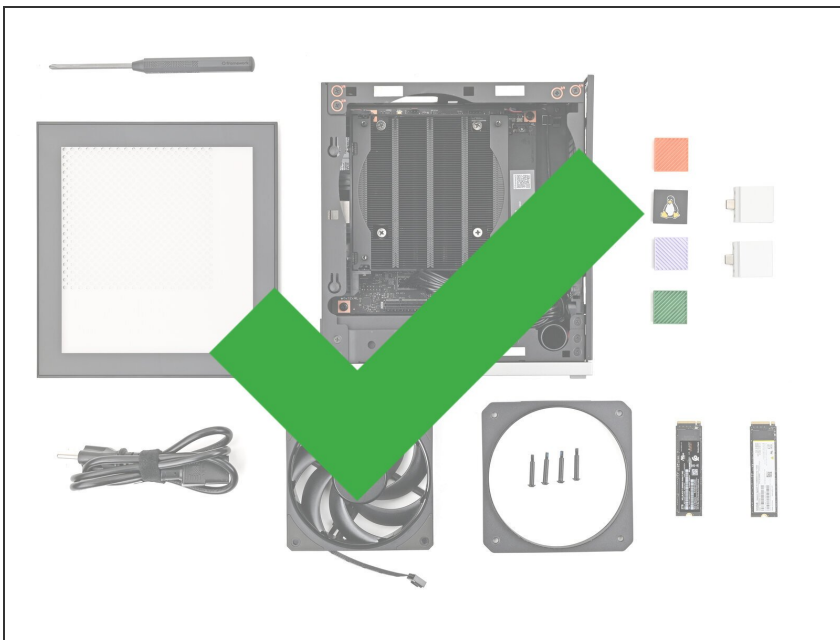
- Use your fingers to grip the top of the Left Panel and slide it upward to release its clips.
- Remove the Left Panel.

Step 7 — Remove the Right Panel



- Use your fingers to grip the top of the Right Panel and slide it upward to release its clips.
- Remove the Right Panel.

Step 8 — Disassembly complete



- Congratulations on completing disassembly! **The remaining steps will show how to reassemble your Framework Desktop.**

Step 9 — Install the Right Panel



- Slide the Right Panel onto the right edge of the chassis, from top to bottom, and press it flat to ensure its clips are slotted into place.
 - ❗ There should be a [small gap](#) between the bottom of the Right Panel and the silver base.
- Push the Right Panel towards the base of the computer to engage the clips.

Step 10 — Install the Left Panel



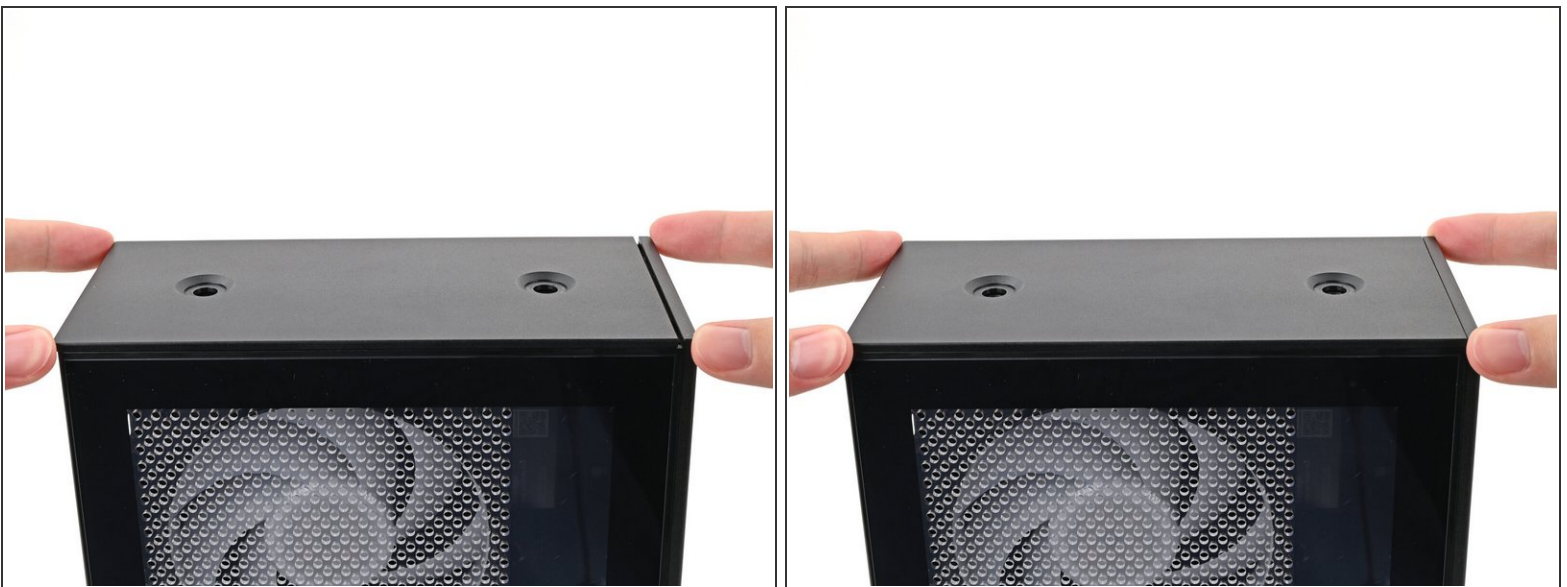
- Slide the Left Panel onto the left edge of the chassis and press it flat to ensure its clips are slotted into place.
 - ❗ There should be a [small gap](#) between the bottom of the Left Panel and the silver base.
- Push the Left Panel towards the base of the computer to close the gap and engage the clips.

Step 11 — Install the Top Panel



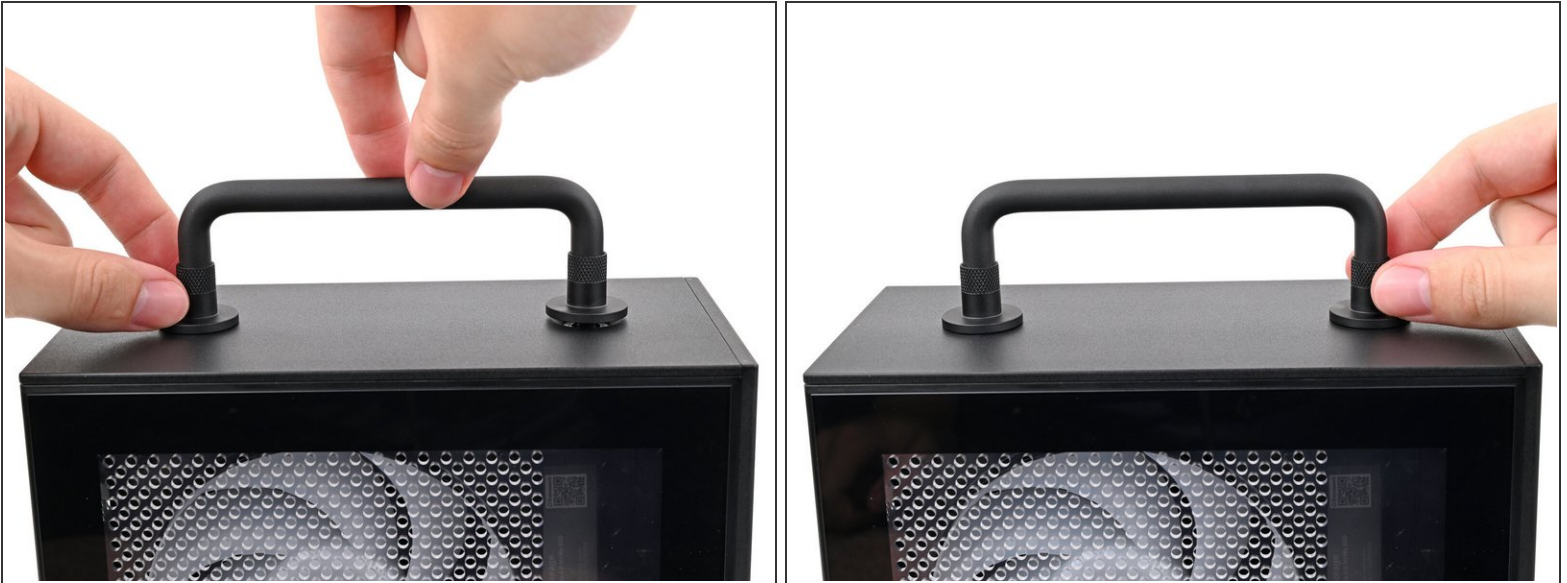
- Orient the Top Panel so its arrow is pointing towards the rear of the computer.
- While holding the Top Panel at a slight downward angle, slide it across the top of the chassis (from rear to front) until you feel its clips catch.
 - ⓘ There should be a [small gap](#) between the Top Panel and the front of the Desktop.
- Lay the Top Panel flat on the chassis to align the remaining clips.

Step 12



- While securing the computer with one hand, use the other hand to slide the Top Panel towards the front of the computer to close the gap and engage the clips.

Step 13 — Install the Handle



- ❗ If you're installing the Handle on your Desktop, follow this step. Otherwise, skip it.
- Place the Handle over the Top Panel screw holes.
 - While holding the Handle in place, twist the screw threads on both sides clockwise until they're snug on the Top Panel.

Step 14 — Install the top panel screws



- Insert the top panel screw into its hole and twist clockwise until it feels snug.

Step 15



- Repeat the same procedure for the other top panel screw.

Step 16



- Use your finger to close the two D-rings on the top panel screws.

If you need help, [contact Framework support](#).