




# Dell™ OptiPlex™ 160L Service Manual

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## Notes, Notices, and Cautions

-  **NOTE:** A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your computer.
  -  **NOTICE:** A NOTICE indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.
  -  **CAUTION:** A CAUTION indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.
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## Control Panel

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3. Disconnect any telephone or telecommunication lines from the computer.
4. Disconnect your computer and all attached devices from their electrical outlets, and press the power button to ground the system board.

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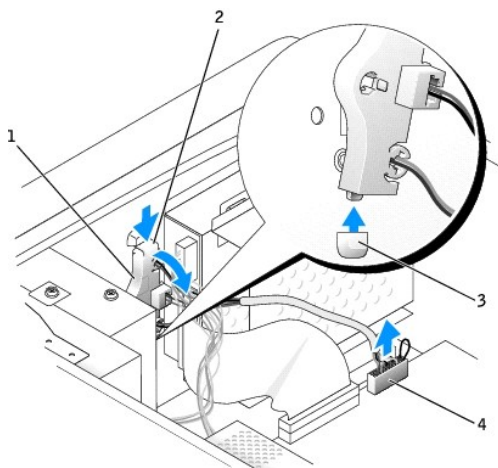
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## Removing the Control Panel

1. Disconnect the control panel cable from the connector on the system board.
2. Press the control panel lever to release the panel from the notch on the computer.



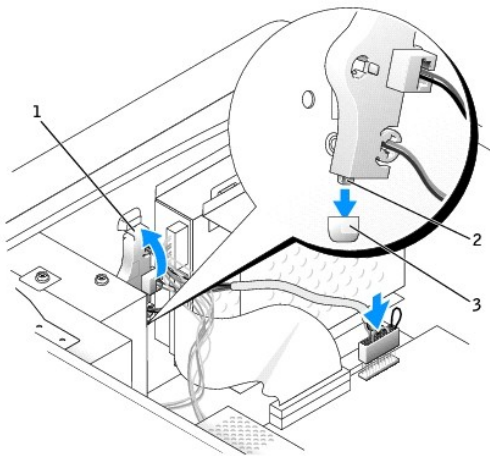
1	control panel
2	control panel lever

3	notch
4	system board connector

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## Replacing the Control Panel

1. Insert the control panel tab into the notch on the chassis.
2. Ensure that the control panel lever is secured by the tab on the chassis.
3. Connect the control panel cable to the connector on the system board.



1	control panel lever
2	control panel tab
3	notch

4. Replace the computer cover.

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5. Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.
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## Replacing the Computer Cover

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1. Ensure that all cables are connected, and fold cables out of the way.
2. Ensure that no tools or extra parts are left inside the computer.
3. Place the cover on the computer.
4. Slide the cover toward the front of the computer until it fits completely into place.

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## I/O Panel


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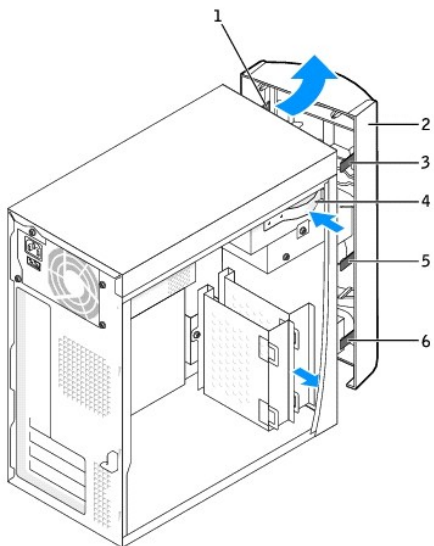
5. Remove the computer cover.

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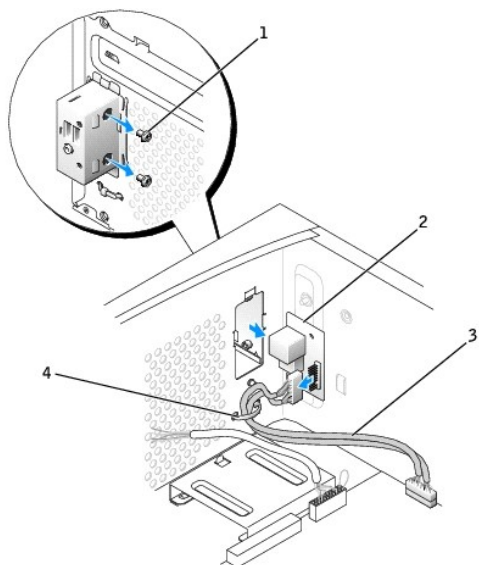
## Removing the I/O Panel

1. Remove the hard drive(s).
2. Cut the tie wrap cord that secures the I/O panel cables to the computer frame.
3. Release and remove the front panel:
  - a. Push the release lever to release the top tab.
  - b. Reach inside the computer and push the bottom tab toward you to release it (the middle tab releases automatically).
  - c. Rotate the front panel to separate it from the side hinges.



1	side hinges (3)	4	release lever
2	front panel	5	middle tab
3	top tab	6	bottom tab

4. Remove the two screws that secure the I/O panel to the computer.



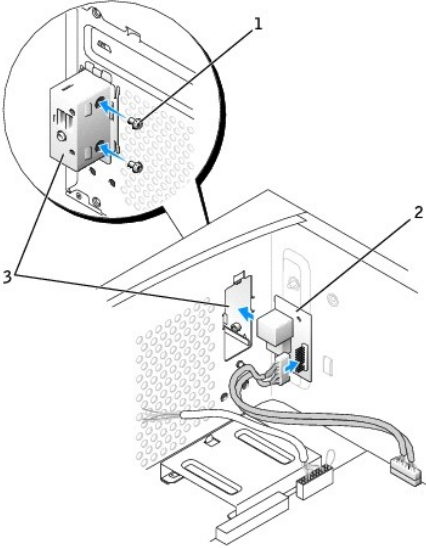
1	screws (2)
2	I/O panel
3	sound/USB cable
4	tie wrap cord

5. Remove the I/O panel and disconnect the sound/USB cable from the I/O panel.

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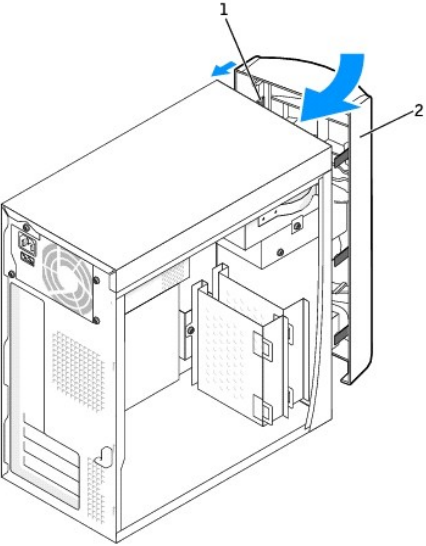
# Replacing the I/O Panel

- 1. Attach the sound/USB cable to the new I/O panel.
- 2. Insert the I/O panel into the I/O cage and replace the screws that you removed in [step 4](#).



1	screws (2)
2	I/O panel
3	I/O panel cage

- 3. Reattach the front panel to the side hinges, and then rotate it until it snaps onto the front of the computer.



1	side hinges
2	front panel

- 4. Reinstall the hard drive(s).

5. Replace the computer cover.

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6. Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.

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## Power Supply

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4. Disconnect your computer and all attached devices from their electrical outlets, and then press the power button to ground the system board.

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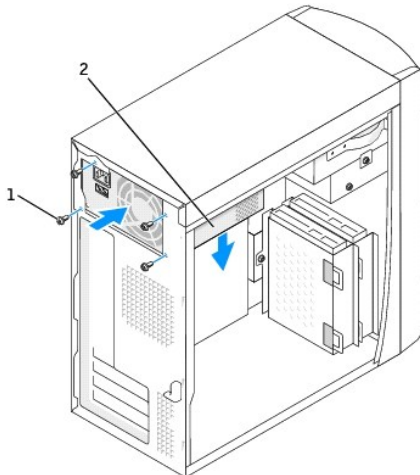
5. Remove the computer cover.

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## Removing the Power Supply

1. Remove the fan assembly.
2. Disconnect the AC power cable from the AC power connector on the back of the power supply.
3. Unplug the DC power cables from the drives and system board.
4. Remove the four screws that secure the power supply to the back of the computer.



1	screws (4)
2	power supply

- Remove the power supply from the computer.

## Replacing the Power Supply

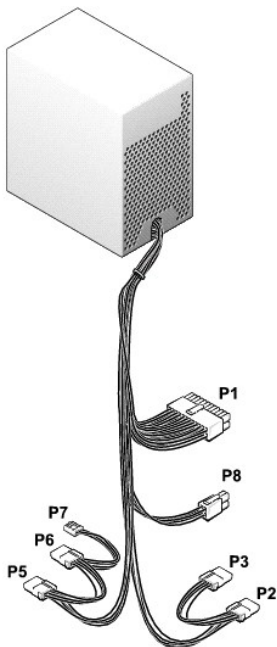
- Slide the power supply into place.
- Replace the four screws that secure the power supply to the back of the computer.
- Reinstall the fan assembly.
- Reconnect the DC power cables to the drives and system board.
- Replace the computer cover.
- Connect the AC power cable to the AC power connector on the back of the power supply.

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- Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.

## DC Power Connectors

### Power Supply DC Connector Pin Assignments



### Main Power Connector

Pin Number	Signal Name	22-AWG Wire
1	+3.3 VDC	Orange

11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

2	+3.3 VDC	Orange
3	COM	Black
4	+5 VDC	Red
5	COM	Black
6	+5 VDC	Red
7	COM	Black
8	PWR_OK	Gray
9	+5 VSB	Purple
10	+12 VDC	Yellow
11	+3.3 VDC [+3.3 V default sense]	Orange [Brown]
12	-12 VDC	Blue
13	COM	Black
14	PS ON#	Green
15	COM	Black
16	COM	Black
17	COM	Black
18	N/C	N/C
19	+5 VCD	Red
20	+5 VCD	Red

### 12-volt Power Connector

<b>Pin Number</b>	<b>Signal Name</b>	<b>22-AWG Wire</b>
1	COM	Black
2	COM	Black
3	+12 VDC	Yellow
4	+12 VDC	Yellow

### Peripheral Power Connectors

<b>Pin Number</b>	<b>Signal Name</b>	<b>22-AWG Wire</b>
1	+12 VDC	Yellow
2	COM	Black
3	COM	Black
4	+5 VDC	Red

### Floppy Drive Power Connector

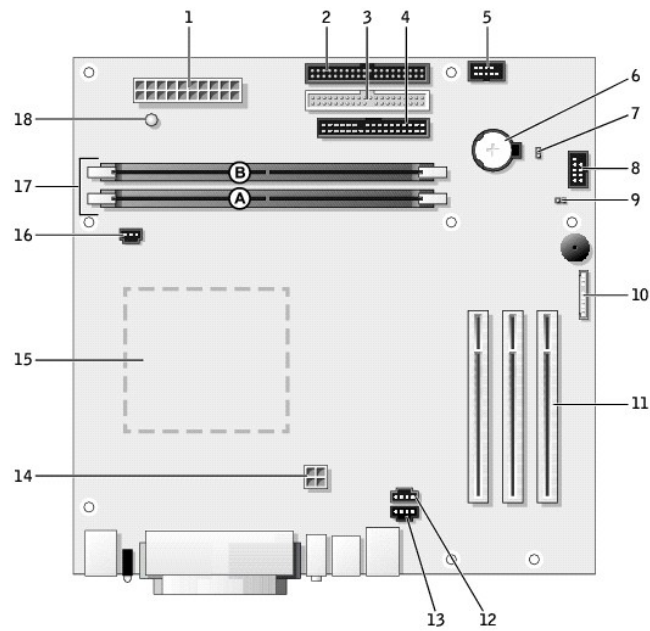
<b>Pin Number</b>	<b>Signal Name</b>	<b>22-AWG Wire</b>
1	+5 VDC	Red
2	COM	Black
3	COM	Black
4	+12 VDC	Yellow

## System Board

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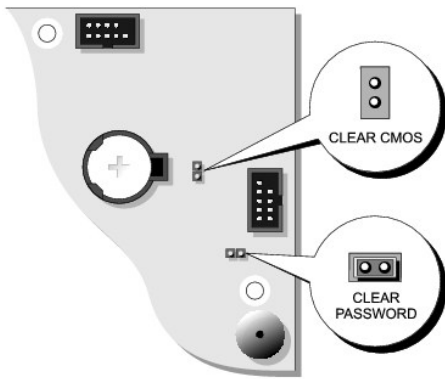
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### System Board Components









1	power connector (J21)	10	front-panel audio connector (J29)
2	hard-drive connector (J23)	11	PCI card Slots (3) (PC11, PC12, PC13)
3	CD drive connector (J20)	12	modem telephony connector (J25)
4	floppy-drive connector (J18)	13	CD audio connector (J8)
5	control panel connector (J28)	14	12V POWER connector (J10)
6	battery socket (BT1)	15	processor connector (U16)
7	clock jumper (CLEAR CMOS)	16	fan connector (J30)
8	front-panel connector (J27)	17	memory module connectors (DDR1, DDR2)
9	password jumper (CLEAR PASSWORD)	18	power indicator (LED1)

### Jumper Settings



- ➔ **NOTICE:** Ensure that your computer is turned off and unplugged before you change the jumper settings. Otherwise, damage to your computer or unpredictable results can occur.
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To change a jumper setting, pull the plug off its pin(s) and carefully fit it down onto the pin(s) indicated.

Jumper	Setting	Description
CLEAR PASSWORD	 (default)	Password features are enabled.
		Password features are disabled.
CLEAR CMOS		Real-time clock reset.
		
 jumpered  unjumpered		

## Resetting CMOS Settings


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6. Reset the current CMOS settings:


- a. Locate the [Clear Password and Clear CMOS jumpers](#) on the system board.
  - b. Remove the password jumper from its pins.
  - c. Place the password jumper on the Clear CMOS pins and wait approximately 5 seconds.
  - d. Remove the jumper from the Clear CMOS pins and place the jumper back on the password pins.
7. Replace the computer cover.

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8. Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.
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## Replacing the System Board

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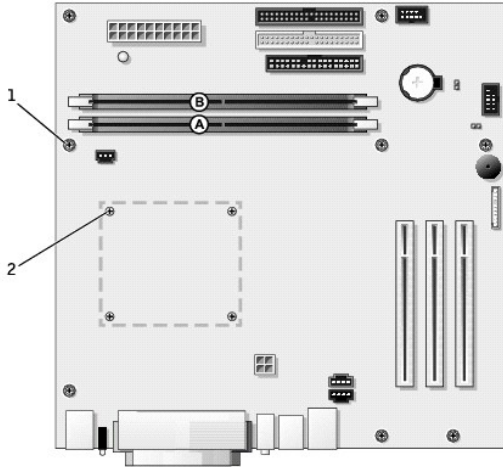
## Removing the System Board

1. If a floppy drive is installed, remove the floppy drive.
2. Remove any installed cards.
3. Disconnect all cables from the system board.
4. Disconnect the fan power cable from the connector on the system board.
5. Remove the shroud/fan assembly.

 **CAUTION:** The processor heat sink can get hot. To avoid burns, ensure that the heat sink has had sufficient time to cool before you touch it.

6. Remove the processor heat sink.
7. Remove the 12 screws that secure the system board to the computer frame.

Four of the 12 screws that secure the system board to the computer frame also secure the heat-sink base to the system board.



1	system board screws (8)
2	heat-sink base screws (4)

8. Lift the system board out from the computer.
9. Place the system board that you just removed next to the replacement system board.

Visually compare the replacement system board to the existing system board to ensure that you have the correct part.

## Replacing the System Board

1. Transfer components from the existing system board to the replacement system board:
  - a. Remove the memory modules and install them on the replacement board.

**⚠ CAUTION:** The processor can get hot. To avoid burns, ensure that the processor has had sufficient time to cool before you touch it.

- b. Remove the processor from the existing system board and transfer it to the replacement system board.
2. Configure the settings of the replacement system board.

[Set the jumpers](#) on the replacement system board so they are identical to the ones on the existing board.

3. Place the system board inside the computer frame, place the heat-sink base on the system board, and then replace the screws that you removed in [step 7](#) of the preceding procedure.
4. Reinstall the processor heat sink.
5. Reinstall the shroud/fan assembly and then lower the heat-sink shroud.
6. Reattach the cables to the system board.
7. Reinstall any cards.
8. Replace the floppy drive, if used.
9. Replace the computer cover.

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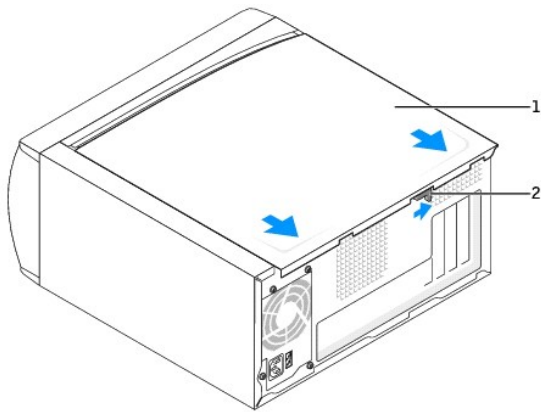
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5. Lay your computer on its side with the computer cover facing up.
6. While keeping the cover latch in the open position, grip the indents and slide the computer cover toward the back of the computer.
7. Place the computer cover on a level surface.



1	computer cover
2	cover latch