

Changing Batteries

Changing batteries can be challenging, as the print is small and the contrast is poor. But your sense of touch and your remaining vision can help you replace batteries easily.

Use task lighting, and work over a cookie sheet, tray, or contrasting colored towel. If you drop a battery, it'll be easier to find.

Common Batteries (AAA, AA, C, or D)

First, find the battery compartment. Use your fingertips to find the latch—it will be on the back or bottom surface of the device. The door may have a textured surface instead of a latch.

To open the compartment's cover, press on the textured area or latch and slide the cover off. If the door is held in place with screws, remove them with a Phillips screwdriver.

Next, use your fingertip or fingernail to push and lift up the used batteries. Notice which end is flat and which has the round piece that sticks out. The flat end is the minus (–) or female end, and the end with the rounded part is the plus (+) or male end. Put the old batteries where they won't get mixed up with the new ones.

Now put in the new batteries. They must be oriented in the same direction as the old ones were. In most cases, push

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the flat end of the battery against the small spring in the battery compartment. To replace the compartment cover, slide it in until it snaps in place.

9-Volt Batteries

A 9-volt battery has two snap connectors at the top end that fit into a small cap in the battery compartment. The male connector is slightly larger than the female connector.

Find, open, and remove the battery compartment cover. Next, use your fingernail or fingertip to lift the used battery. Hold the cap with one hand, and pull the battery from the cap with the other. Hold the new battery with the snap connectors pointing downward at a 30-degree angle. Push in and down to connect it to the cap. Snap the battery in place. Then close the battery cover.

Hearing Aid Batteries

Find and open the battery compartment cover. Then use your fingernail to lift up the old battery. Put the new battery in the compartment with the female side facing up. The female or minus (–) end is the flat end, and the male or plus (+) end has a small circle on the surface. Replace the battery cover.

Be careful when handling these batteries, as they can be toxic to small children and pets. Also, a hearing aid battery magnet stick can be useful for removing and replacing hearing aid batteries.