

On Dec 30, 2014, at 12:24 PM, Alex Santos <santos.poland@gmail.com> wrote:

> Questions:

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> Does anyone know a good link showing a 2400 takeapart? I have been searching around but nothing worthy comes up.

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> Also, If you have taken one apart is it a very complex takeapart? I have done eMacs and iMac G3s and powerbook pismos to install RAM and hard drives. In the case of the eMac it was a complete takeapart aside from the CRT.

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> Any advice or links would be greatly appreciated.

Green Light of Death (GLOD) is a common occurrence on these machines. It's usually (but not always) related to a dead PRAM battery, so you are probably on the right track.

I'm not aware of a good take apart guide. There used to be Apple service manuals (PDFs) hanging around the internet that showed how to get in and out of these vintage machines, but I don't have a good link handy. You could probably Google for PowerBook 2400c service manual and see what turns up. A take apart on any PowerBook is not really a "difficult" proposition, but it can be very tedious and time consuming. From what I remember of the 2400c, there were an absurd number of screws in the thing, and you'll want to be diligent about keeping track of which screws go where. I like to make a visual/spatial map on a sheet of paper and number the screws in the order I take them out of the machine. Roughly where I put them on the paper corresponds to where in 2 dimensions they were installed in the machine. I might be a little anal about it...

Fortunately for the 2400c, most were Philips screws instead of Apple's favorite torx/star screw, so a couple of jeweler's screw drivers should do the trick. A #0 and #00 will probably be needed. In terms of difficulty, I'd place it well beyond Pismo land (trivial, especially for RAM installs) but somewhere right under an aluminum G4. Like the G4, the 2400c requires a complete tear down and removal of the motherboard to replace the hard drive, IIRC.

Good luck. Take pictures as you go and post them online for future reference by other owners!

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