

T3 Tip #6: Resurrecting a Dead Palm Tungsten T3

The other day, I went to turn on my Palm Tungstern T3, and it was dead, and I mean D-E-A-D. No combination of charging, resets, etc. would bring it back to life. I posted a message at www.1src.com (an excellent PalmOS forum) and found some suggestions and links. Fortunately, opening the T3 and re-seating the battery connector did the trick, so a replacement battery was unnecessary, but if I did have to replace the battery, it would have been an easy task. Read on for some links and information about disassembling and resurrecting a dead Palm Tungsten T3â?¦

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I did a Google Search on Palm T3 Disassemble or Palm T3 Disassembly and got a number of good hits. I found the following links to be very useful:

http://www.pspilot.de/ppptun3/ppptun3.html
http://www.pidcock.co.uk/pda/tungsten-repair.html
http://www.gethightech.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc?Screen=CTGY&Store_Code=GHT&Category_Code=

If your battery is completely unusable, go to http://www.PDAParts.com , where they have a *huge* selection of PDA replacement parts.

A couple notes:

1. You only need a simple, small Philips screwdriver to disassemble the T3. No need for a Torx driver (which *is* required for the T5â?¦.)

2. Have patience and be careful. The parts are small, and you donâ??t want to break anything. The good news, though, is that once opened up, there is a logic about how things are connected, and itâ??s very simple to locate the proper connections.

If nothing else, itâ??s kinda cool seeing the insides of a T3, and how it works!

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