

# Aurora R6

## Liquid Cooling Module

**Computer Model: Alienware Aurora R6**  
**Regulatory Model: D23M**  
**Regulatory Type: D23M001**

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# Notes, cautions, and warnings

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**NOTE:** A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your product.



**CAUTION:** A CAUTION indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.



**WARNING:** A WARNING indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.

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# Before working inside your computer

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**NOTE:** The images in this document may differ from your computer depending on the configuration you ordered.

## Before you begin

- 1 Save and close all open files and exit all open applications.
- 2 Shut down your computer.

Windows 10: Click or tap **Start** →  **Power** → **Shut down**.



**NOTE:** If you are using a different operating system, see the documentation of your operating system for shut-down instructions.








- 3 Disconnect your computer and all attached devices from their electrical outlets.
- 4 Disconnect all cables such as telephone cables, network cables, and so on, from your computer.
- 5 Disconnect all attached devices and peripherals, such as keyboard, mouse, monitor, and so on, from your computer.
- 6 Remove any media card and optical disc from your computer, if applicable.
- 7 After the computer is unplugged, press and hold the power button for 5 seconds to ground the system board.

## Safety instructions

Use the following safety guidelines to protect your computer from potential damage and ensure your personal safety.



**WARNING:** Before working inside your computer, read the safety information that shipped with your computer. For more safety best practices, see the Regulatory Compliance home page at [www.dell.com/regulatory\\_compliance](http://www.dell.com/regulatory_compliance).


-  **WARNING:** Disconnect all power sources before opening the computer cover or panels. After you finish working inside the computer, replace all covers, panels, and screws before connecting to the electrical outlet.
-  **CAUTION:** To avoid damaging the computer, ensure that the work surface is flat and clean.
-  **CAUTION:** To avoid damaging the components and cards, handle them by their edges, and avoid touching pins and contacts.
-  **CAUTION:** You should only perform troubleshooting and repairs as authorized or directed by the Dell technical assistance team. Damage due to servicing that is not authorized by Dell is not covered by your warranty. See the safety instructions that shipped with the product or at [www.dell.com/regulatory\\_compliance](http://www.dell.com/regulatory_compliance).
-  **CAUTION:** Before touching anything inside your computer, ground yourself by touching an unpainted metal surface, such as the metal at the back of the computer. While you work, periodically touch an unpainted metal surface to dissipate static electricity, which could harm internal components.
-  **CAUTION:** When you disconnect a cable, pull on its connector or on its pull tab, not on the cable itself. Some cables have connectors with locking tabs or thumb-screws that you must disengage before disconnecting the cable. When disconnecting cables, keep them evenly aligned to avoid bending any connector pins. When connecting cables, ensure that the ports and connectors are correctly oriented and aligned.
-  **CAUTION:** Press and eject any installed card from the media-card reader.

## Recommended tools

The procedures in this document may require the following tools:

- Philips screwdriver
- Flat-head screwdriver
- Plastic scribe

# Installing liquid cooling module

 **NOTE:** Ensure that you remove the security cable and security screw from the security-cable slot—if applicable.

- 1 Pull the side-panel release latch.
- 2 Release the left-side cover away from the chassis and then lift it from the computer.

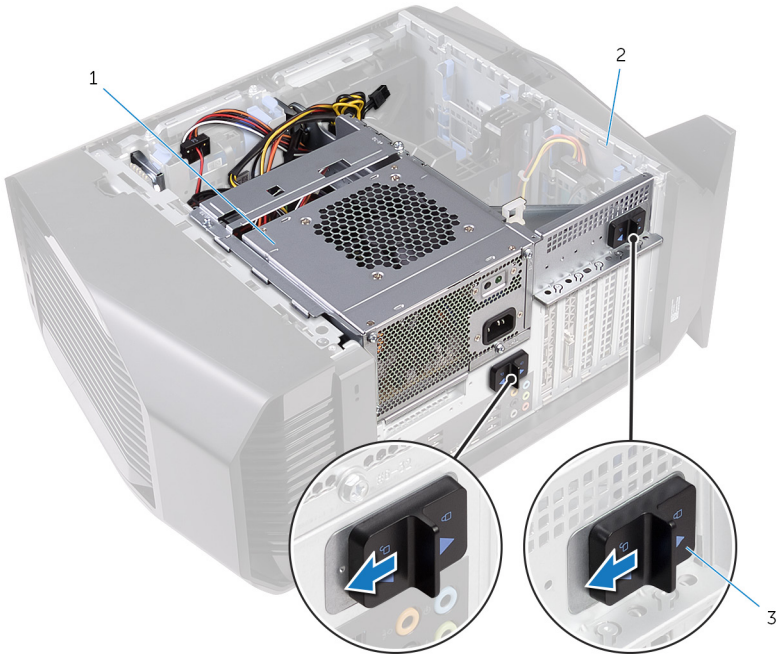


**Figure 1. Removing the left-side cover**

- |   |                          |   |           |
|---|--------------------------|---|-----------|
| 1 | side-panel release latch | 2 | top cover |
| 3 | left-side cover          |   |           |

- 3 Lay the computer on the right side.

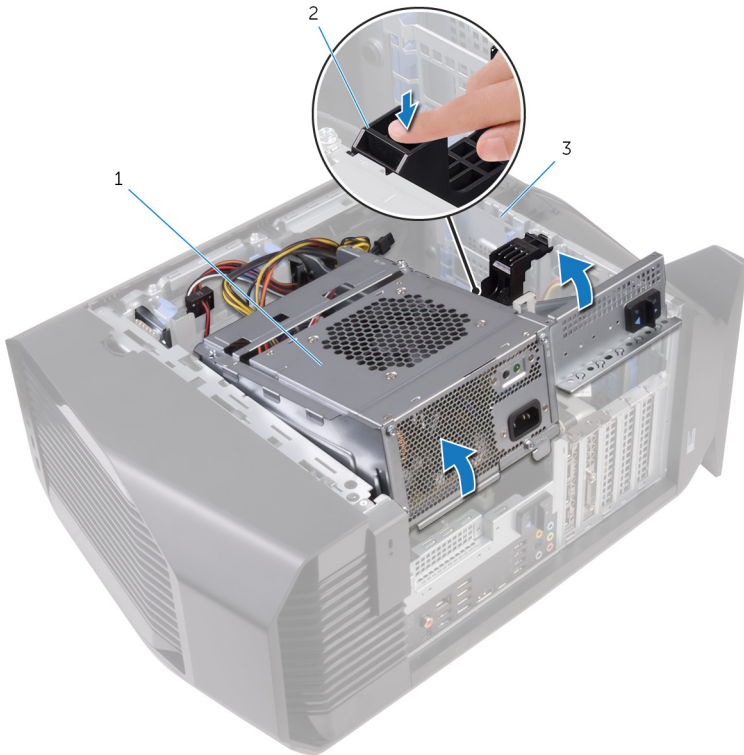
- 4 Slide the power-supply unit cage release latches towards the unlock position.



**Figure 2. Sliding the power-supply unit cage release latches**

- |   |  |   |         |
|---|--|---|---------|
| 1 | power-supply unit                                  | 2 | chassis |
| 3 | power-supply unit cage<br>release cage latches (2) |   |         |

- 5 Lift the power-supply unit cage while pressing and holding the graphics-card bracket.

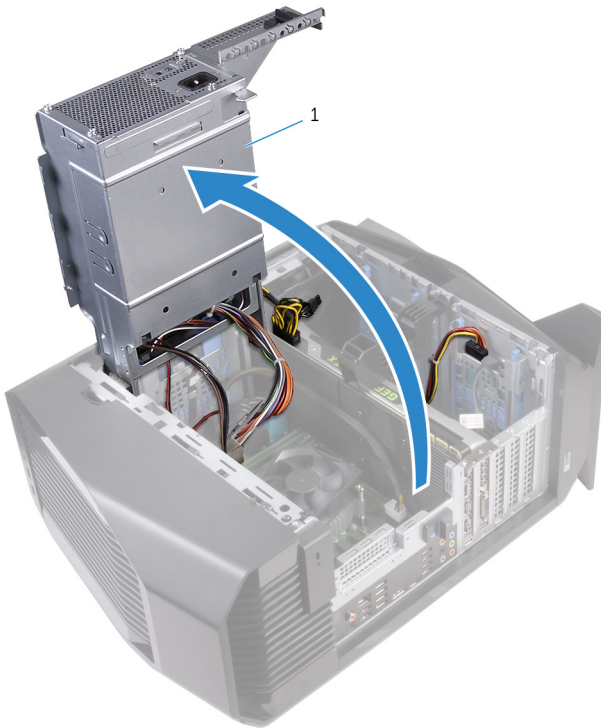


**Figure 3. Rotating the power-supply unit**

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|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | power-supply unit cage | 2 | graphics-card bracket |
| 3 | chassis                |   |                       |



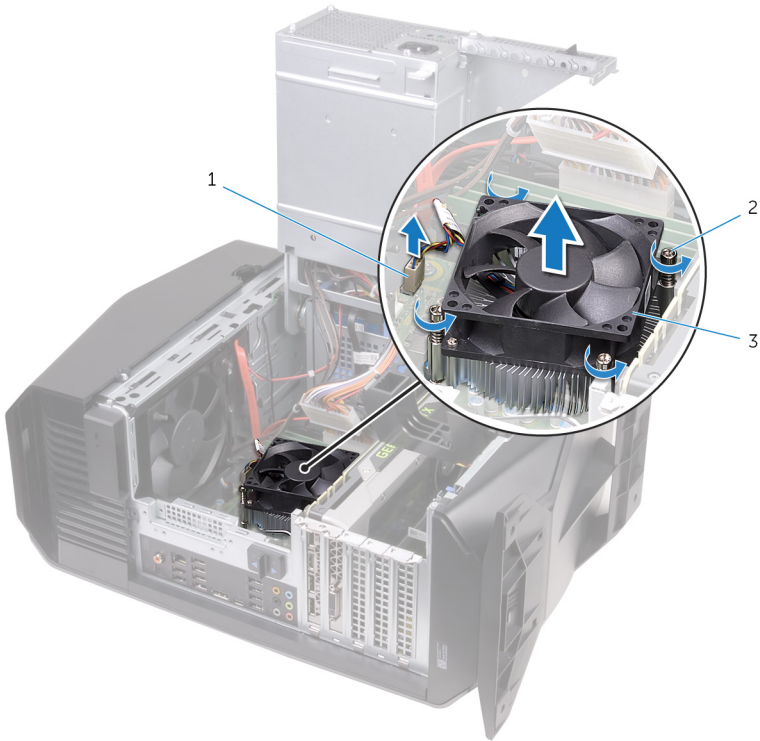
- 6 Rotate the power-supply unit cage away from the chassis.



**Figure 4. Rotating the power-supply unit**

- 1 power-supply unit
- 7 Disconnect the processor-fan cable from the system board.
- 8 In a nonadjacent sequence, loosen the captive screws that secure the processor fan and heat-sink assembly to the system board.

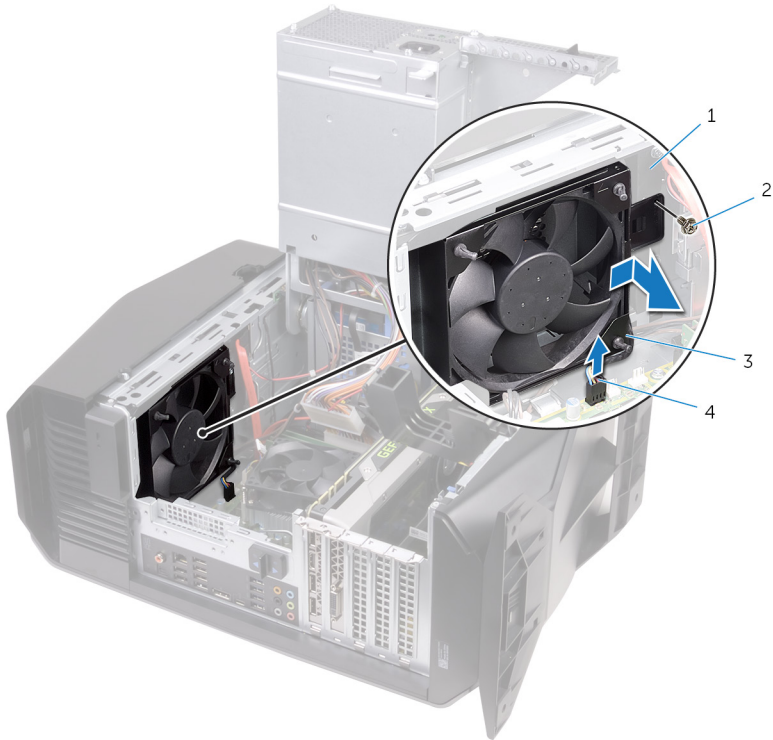
- 9 Lift the processor fan and heat-sink assembly off the system board.



**Figure 5. Removing the processor fan and heat sink assembly**

- |   |                                      |   |                    |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 1 | processor-fan cable                  | 2 | captive screws (4) |
| 3 | processor fan and heat-sink assembly |   |                    |
- 10 Remove the screw that secures the top-chassis fan to the chassis.
- 11 Disconnect the top-chassis fan cable from the system board.

**12** Remove the top-chassis fan from the chassis.



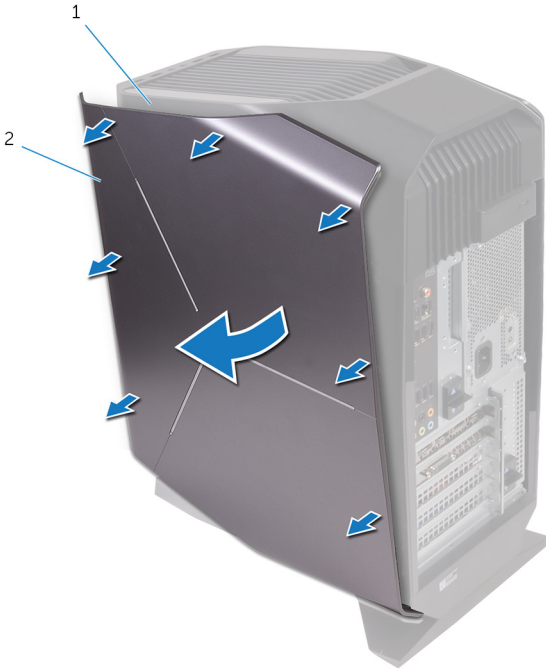
**Figure 6. Removing the top-chassis fan**

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|---|-----------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | chassis         | 2 | screw                 |
| 3 | top-chassis fan | 4 | top-chassis fan cable |

**13** Rotate the power-supply unit cage towards the chassis until the unit snaps into place.

**14** Stand the computer right side up.

**15** Carefully pry around the edges of the right-side cover from the chassis.



**Figure 7. Removing the right-side cover**

1 chassis

2 right-side cover

**16** Disconnect the lighting cable from the right-side cover.

**17** Lift the right-side cover off the chassis.



**Figure 8. Removing the right-side cover**

1 right-side cover

2 lighting cable

**18** Remove the screws that secure the top cover to the chassis.

**19** Disconnect the lighting cable from the top cover.

**20** Slide the lighting cable through the slot on the chassis.



**Figure 9. Removing the top cover**

1 lighting cable

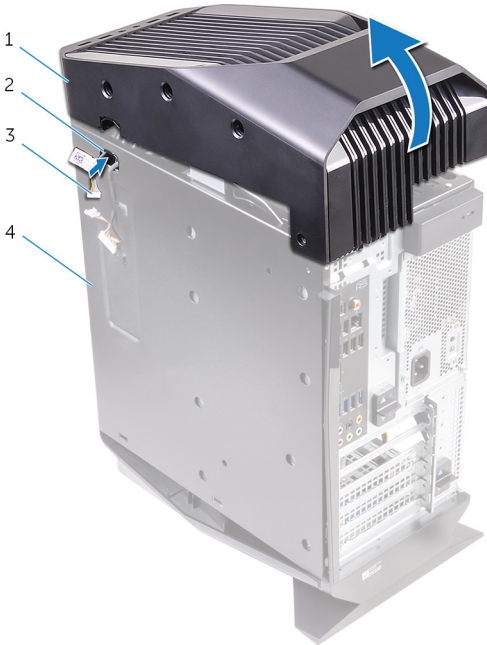
2 chassis

3 screws (2)

4 top cover

**21** Starting from the back, release the tabs on the top cover from the slots on the chassis.

**22** Lift the top cover off the chassis.



**Figure 10. Removing the top cover**

- |   |                |   |         |
|---|----------------|---|---------|
| 1 | top cover      | 2 | slot    |
| 3 | lighting cable | 4 | chassis |

**23** Lay the computer on the right side.


**24** Slide the radiator and fan assembly into the radiator and fan cage.

**25** Align the screw holes on the radiator and fan assembly with the screw holes on the radiator and fan cage.

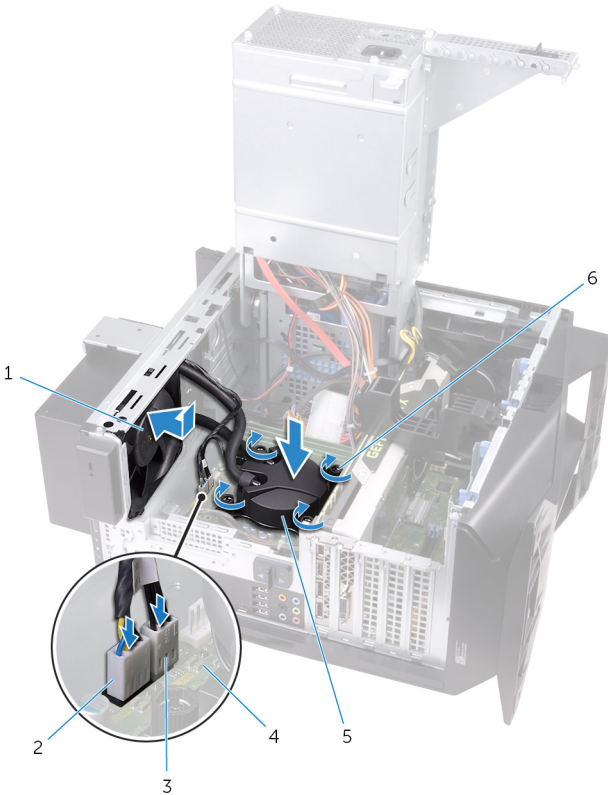
**26** Replace the screws that secure the radiator and fan assembly to the radiator and fan cage.

**27** Align the screw holes on the processor cooler with the screw holes on the system board.

28 In sequential order (indicated on the processor cooler), tighten the captive screws that secure the processor cooler to the system board.

 **NOTE: Torque the screws at 6.9 +/-1.15 kilogram-force centimeter (6 +/-1 pound force inch).**

29 Connect the processor-cooling assembly cables to the system board.

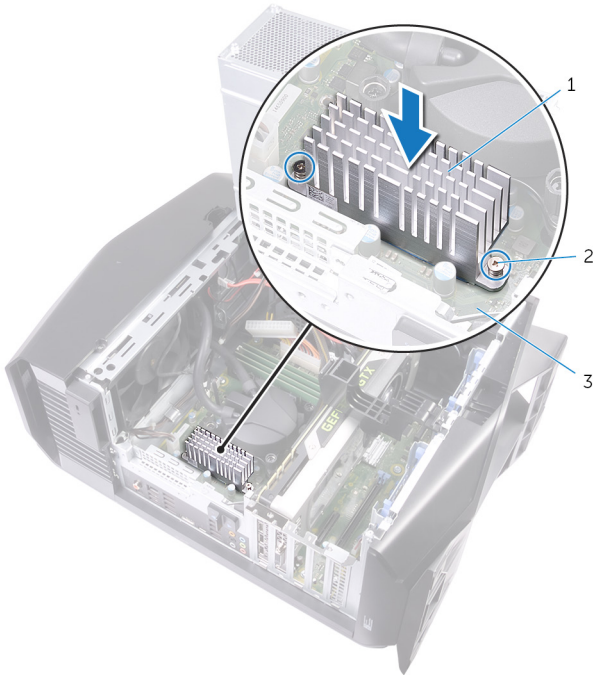


**Figure 11. Replacing the processor-cooling assembly**

- |   |                                  |   |                    |
|---|----------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 1 | radiator fan                     | 2 | radiator-fan cable |
| 3 | processor-cooling assembly cable | 4 | system board       |
| 5 | processor-cooling assembly       | 6 | captive screws (4) |



- 30 Align the screw holes on the VR heatsink with the screw holes on the system board.
- 31 Tighten the captive screws that secure the VR heatsink to the system board.

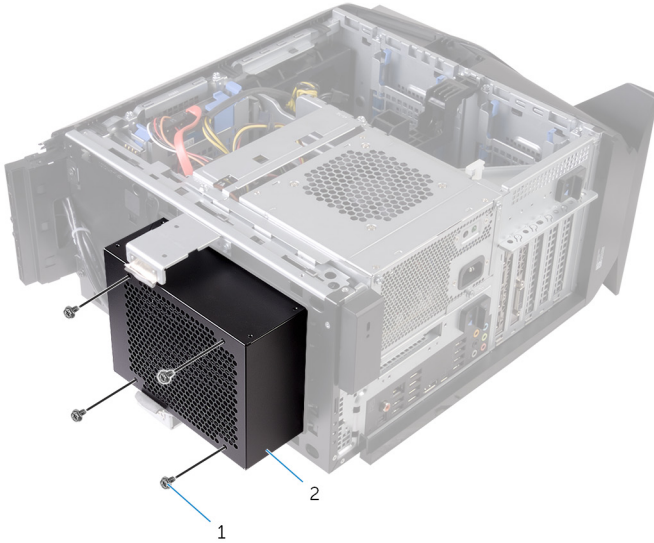


**Figure 12. Replacing the VR heatsink**

- 1 VR heatsink
- 2 captive screws (4)
- 3 system board

- 32 Rotate the power-supply unit cage towards the chassis until the unit snaps into place.

- 33** Replace the screws that secure the radiator and fan assembly to the radiator and fan cage.



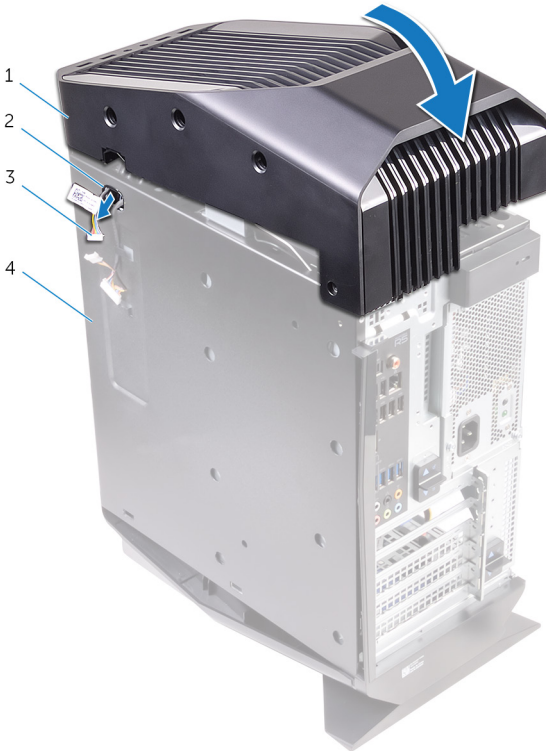
**Figure 13. Replacing the processor-cooling assembly**

1 screws (4)

2 radiator and fan cage

- 34** Slide the lighting cable through the slot on the chassis.

**35** Align the tabs on the top cover with the slots on the chassis and snap the top cover into place.



**Figure 14. Replacing the top cover**

- |   |                |   |         |
|---|----------------|---|---------|
| 1 | top cover      | 2 | slot    |
| 3 | lighting cable | 4 | chassis |

**36** Connect the lighting cable to the top cover.

**37** Replace the screws that secure the top cover to the chassis.



**Figure 15. Replacing the top cover**

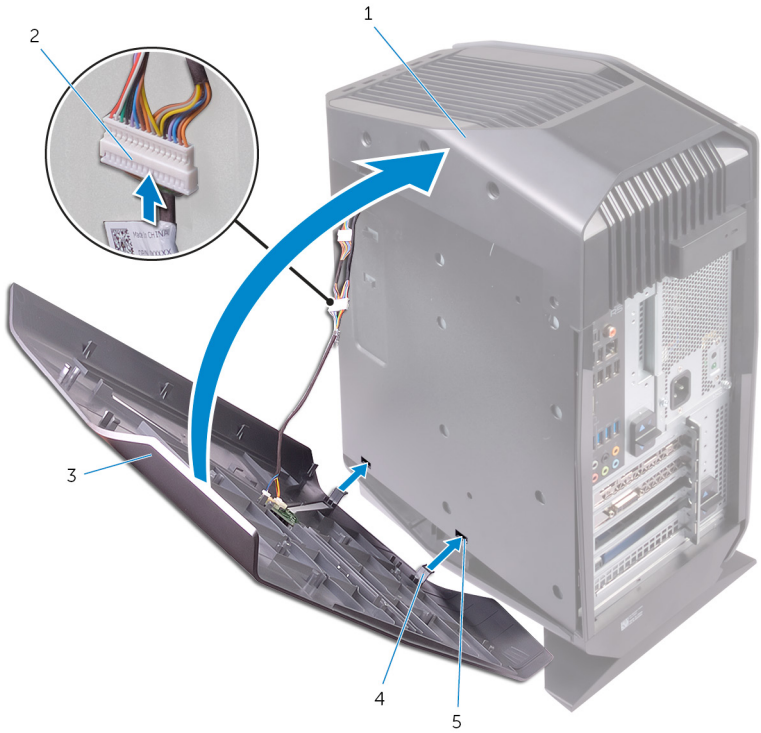
1 lighting cable

2 chassis

3 screws (2)

4 top cover

**38** Connect the lighting cable to the right-side cover.



**Figure 16. Connecting the lighting cable**

- a chassis
- b lighting cable
- c right-side cover
- d tabs
- e slots

**39** Align the tabs on the right-side cover with the slots on the chassis and snap the right-side cover to lock it in place.

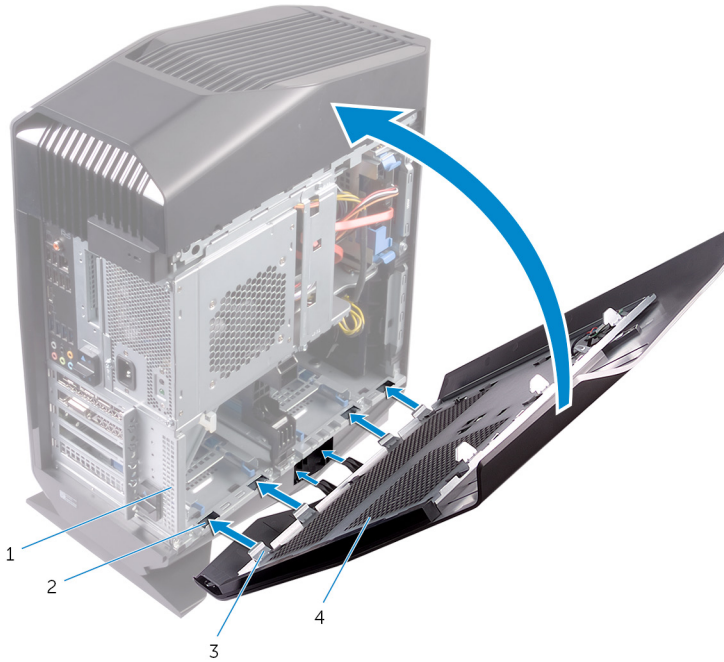


**Figure 17. Replacing the right-side cover**

- a chassis
- b slots
- c right-side cover

**40** Align the tabs on the left-side cover with the slots on the chassis.

41 Snap the left-side cover to lock it in place.



**Figure 18. Replacing the left-side cover**

1 chassis

2 slots

3 tabs

4 left-side cover

# After working inside your computer

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**CAUTION:** Leaving stray or loose screws inside your computer may severely damage your computer.

- 1 Replace all screws and ensure that no stray screws remain inside your computer.
- 2 Connect any external devices, peripherals, or cables you removed before working on your computer.
- 3 Replace any media cards, discs, or any other parts that you removed before working on your computer.
- 4 Connect your computer and all attached devices to their electrical outlets.
- 5 Turn on your computer.



# Getting help and contacting Alienware

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## Self-help resources

You can get information and help on Alienware products and services using these online self-help resources:

**Table 1. Self-help resources**

Information about Alienware products and services	<a href="http://www.alienware.com">www.alienware.com</a>
Troubleshooting information, user manuals, setup instructions, product specifications, technical help blogs, drivers, software updates, and so on	<a href="http://www.alienware.com/gamingservices">www.alienware.com/gamingservices</a>
Videos providing step-by-step instructions to service your computer	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/alienwareservices">www.youtube.com/alienwareservices</a>

## Contacting Alienware

To contact Alienware for sales, technical support, or customer service issues, see [www.alienware.com](http://www.alienware.com).



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