

General Tips to Clean a Mouse

Mechanical Mouse:

1. Close (shut down) the computer and unplug it.
2. Disconnect the mouse from the PS/2 or USB port.
3. Turn the mouse upside down.
4. Push and turn the ball-cover ring in the direction shown on the plastic ring. This action unlocks it; if there is no arrow showing the direction, then push the ring and turn counter-clockwise.
5. Turn the mouse sideways and remove the ring and tracking ball.
6. Rinse the tracking ball with water.
7. Use an anti-static wipe, paper towel, or cotton swab dampened with cleaning fluid (i.e. menthylated spirits) to remove the dust and grime from inside the mouse cavity. Wipe over the outside the mouse.
8. Let all the parts dry.
9. Reassemble all the parts of the mouse.
10. Reconnect the mouse to the computer.

Optical Mouse:

1. Close (shut down) the computer and unplug it.
2. Disconnect the mouse from the PS/2 or USB port.
3. Turn the mouse upside down.
4. Use an anti-static wipe or paper towel dampened with alcohol cleaning liquid (e.g. methylated spirits) to wipe the bottom of the mouse. Be sure the wipe is only lightly dampened.
5. Let all the parts dry.
6. Reassemble all the parts of the mouse.
7. Reconnect the mouse to the computer.