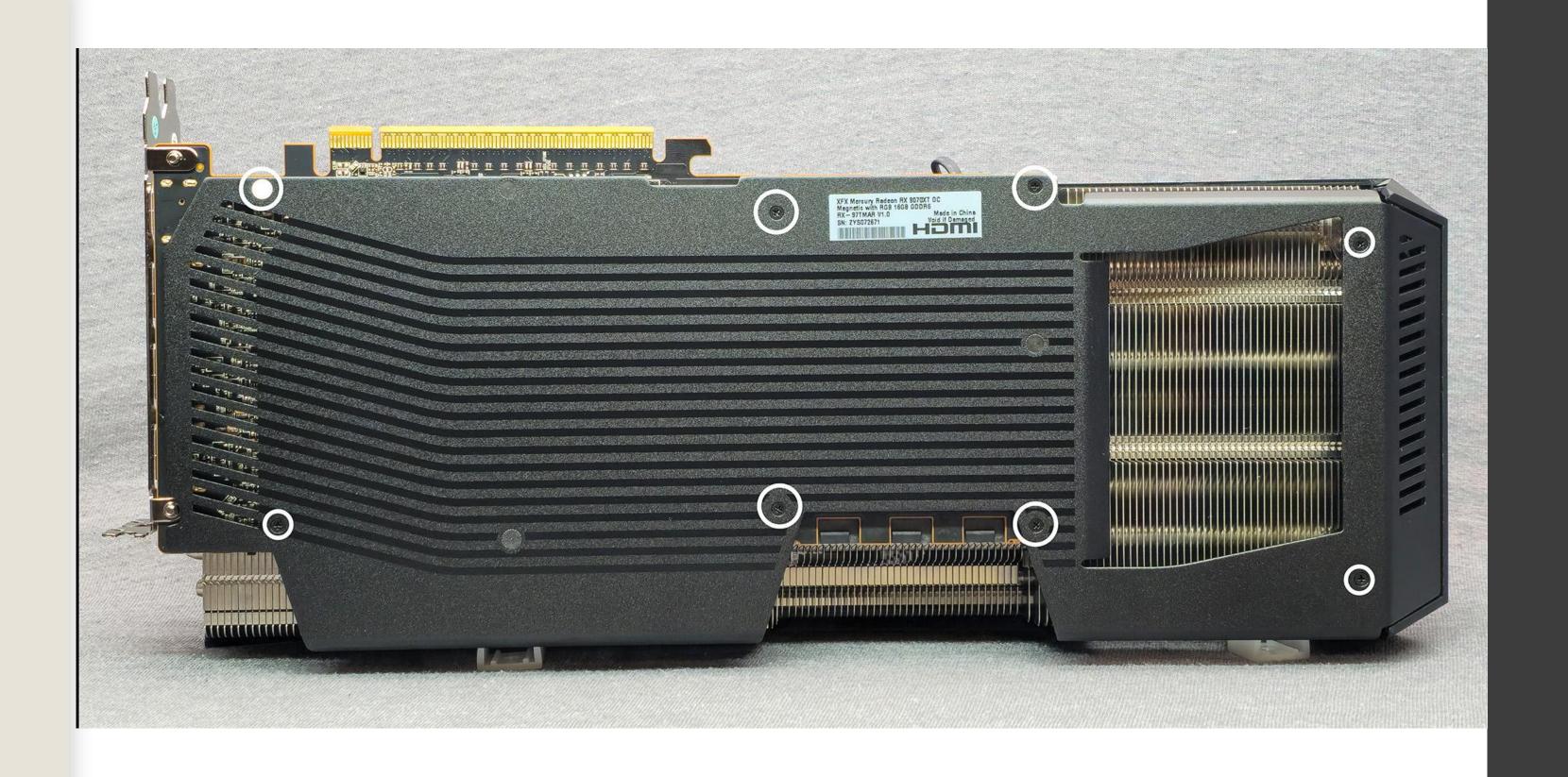
Because of possible damage to thermal pads, stock thermal paste, and PCB components, it is recommended to complete all testing before doing a teardown.

The first step to disassembly is removal of the backplate.

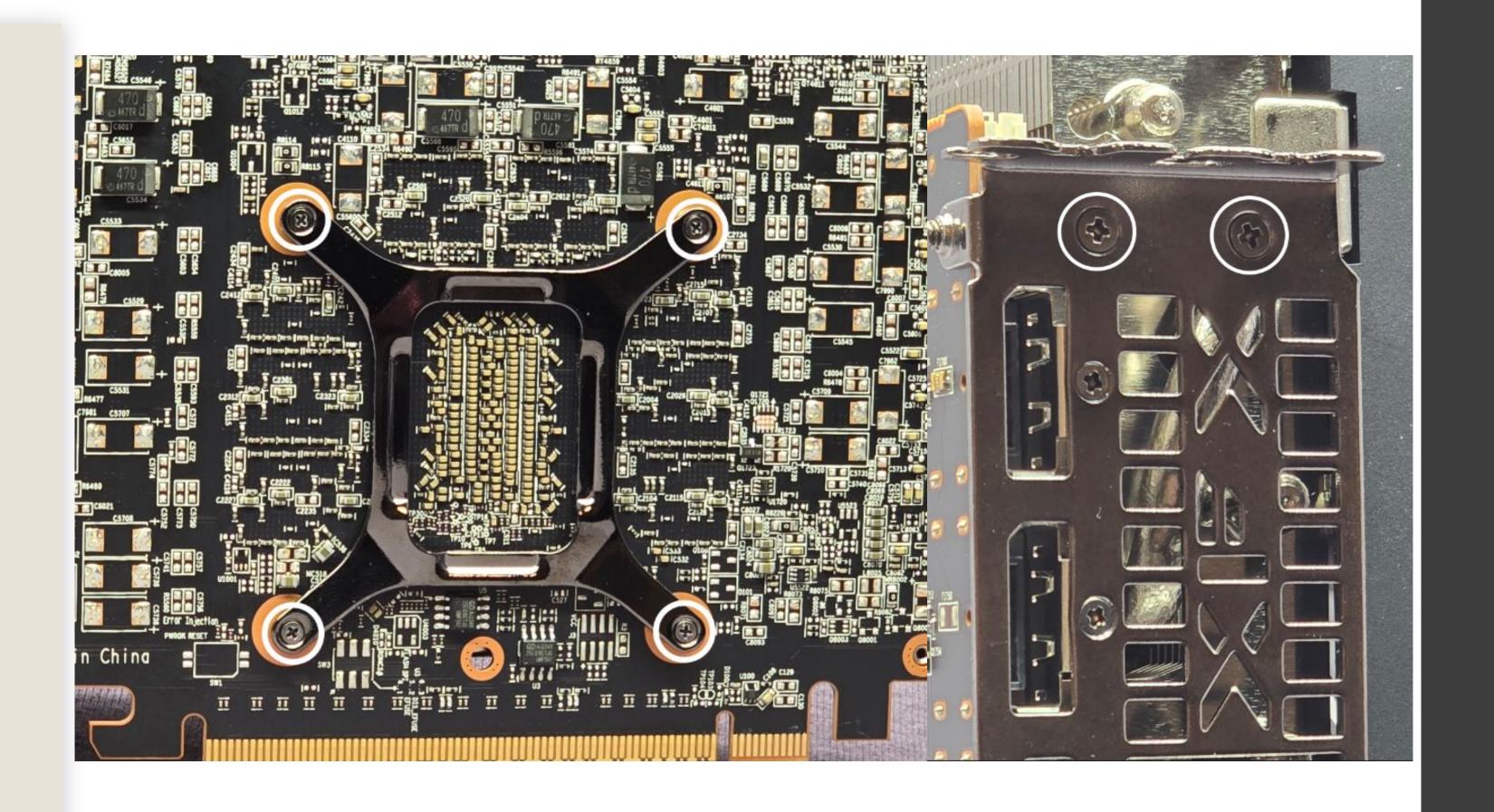
There are a total of 8 screws on the backplate, 1 will be hidden under a tamper evident* sticker.

*Piercing or damaging that sticker does not void or invalidate any warranty in USA or Canada, warranty will vary depending on specific region and retailer the product is purchase from.



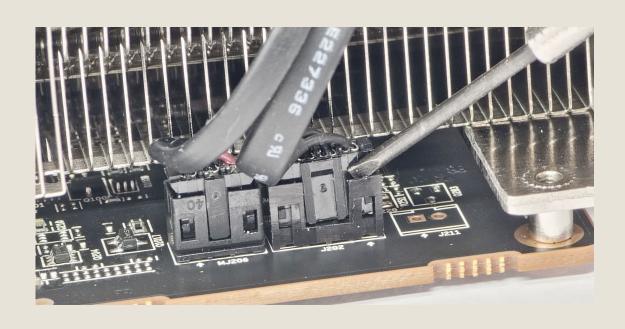
Main heatsink assembly can be removed by unscrewing the X shape tension bracket directly behind the GPU, and the 2 screws located on the I/O shield (these screws are for the internal support bar.

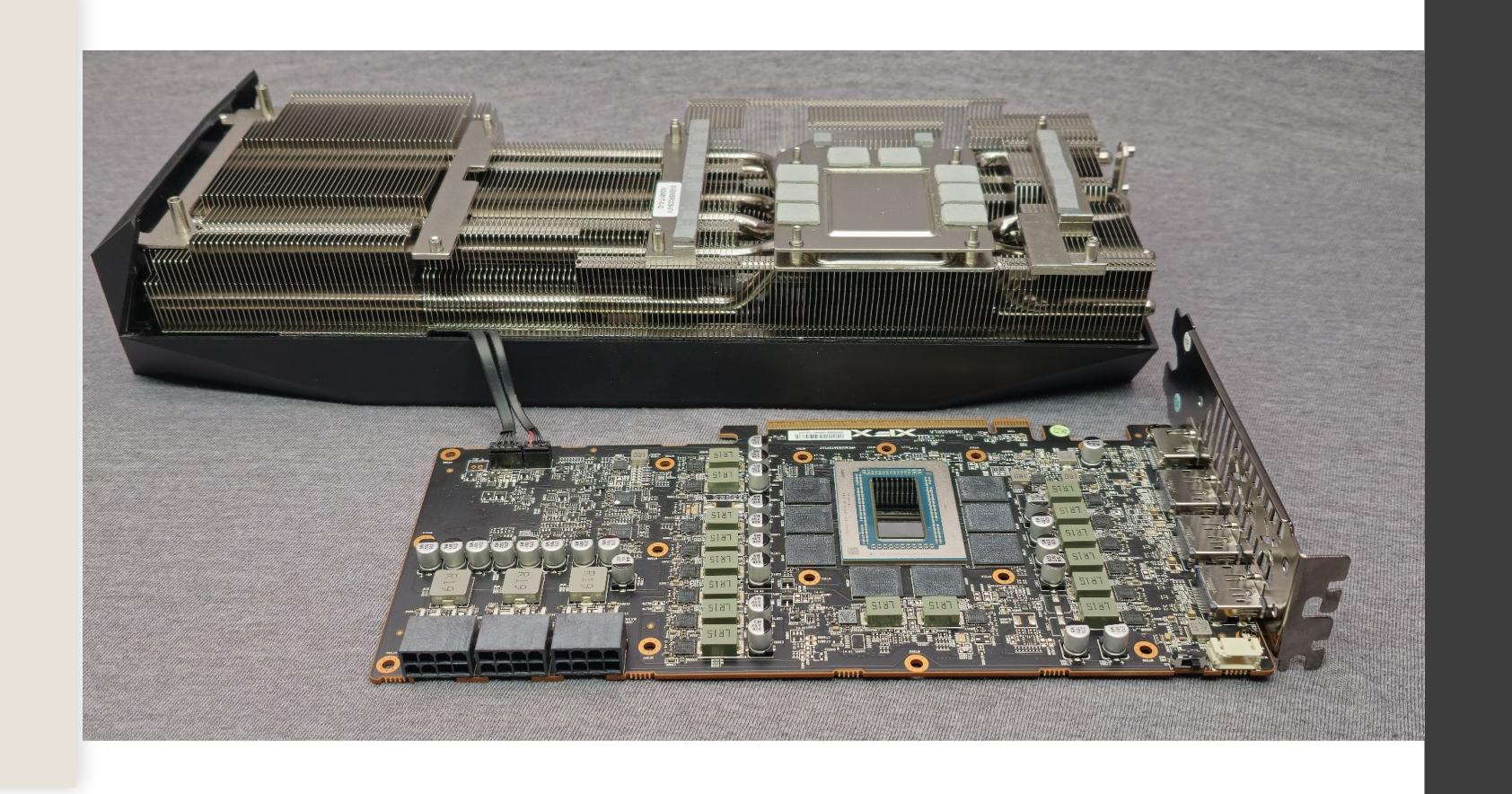
After all 6 screws above are removed, the heatsink will separate from the PCB. Take great care when separating the heatsink, you can damage the thermal pads if removed too quickly or with too much force.



Fanshroud removed from Heatsink assembly.

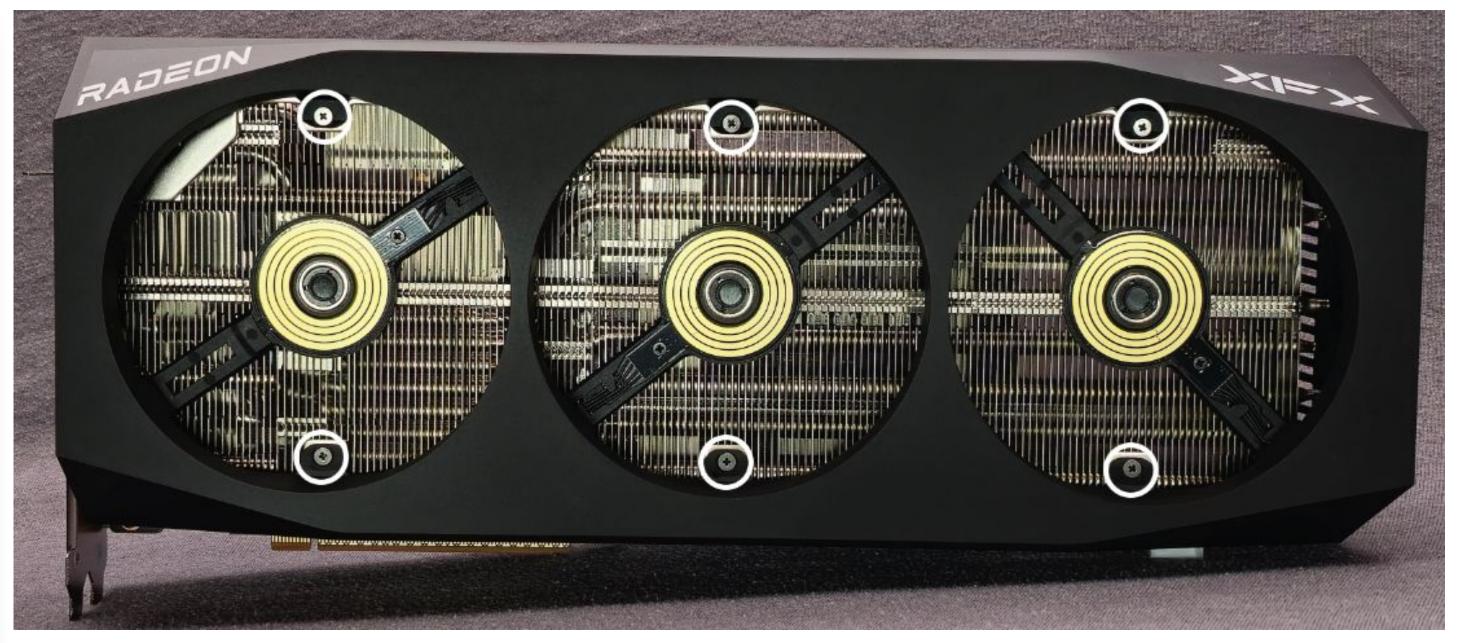
When removing the fanshroud, take care at the fan power header, a small tool will be required to unlatch the header, see figure below.





To remove the fanshroud from the heatsink assembly, there are 8 total screws.

6 screws are located behind the fan assemblies, 2 per fan.
2 more screws are located on the tail end of the heatsink
on the opposite side. .





Completely disassembled

