

# KEYLESS CAR THEFT IS ON THE RISE

## TOP TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE

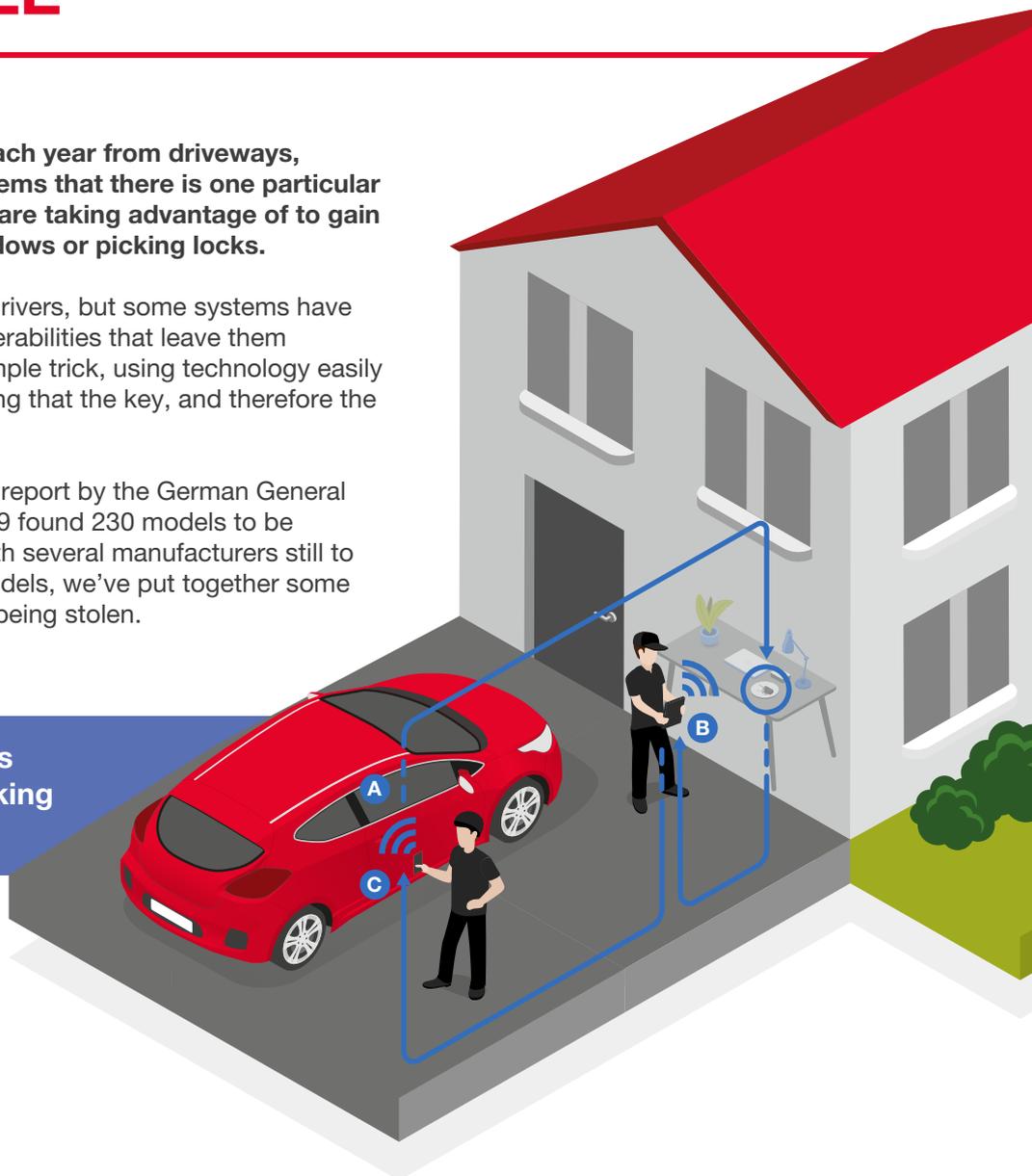
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Over 100,000 vehicles are stolen each year from driveways, offices and on the street. And it seems that there is one particular piece of technology that criminals are taking advantage of to gain easy access without breaking windows or picking locks.

Keyless entry systems are great for drivers, but some systems have been proven to contain security vulnerabilities that leave them susceptible to a relay attack. This simple trick, using technology easily found online, fools the car into thinking that the key, and therefore the driver, is close by.

The problem is so widespread that a report by the German General Automobile Club (ADAC) in early 2019 found 230 models to be susceptible to this type of attack. With several manufacturers still to release fixes for new and existing models, we've put together some top tips to protect your vehicle from being stolen.

A simple three step wireless relay fools the car into thinking the key is close by



The ultimate safeguard is to turn off the keyless entry capability but, if you would rather not sacrifice the convenience, **here's how to reduce your risk of waking up to an empty driveway:**

**1.**

Purchase a pouch or bag from a reputable provider that's specifically designed to block electronic signals from being transmitted.

**2.**

To get some extra protection, we suggest storing your keys inside a metal box, such as a biscuit tin, safety deposit box or similar.

**3.**

Keep your keys in the middle of your property, making sure that they are as far away from the car and any exterior walls as possible.

**4.**

Thieves often go for the easiest possible steal and a visible deterrent, such as a steering wheel lock, should make them think twice.

**5.**

Consider home CCTV or a Wi-Fi doorbell. It might not put them off, but you will at least have some evidence to pass on to the police.

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