

Nissan Says Investigation Into Hack Is Ongoing

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Nissan says an investigation is ongoing, after hackers tried to break into the carmaker's computer systems last month. It's still not clear where the attack came from.

Nissan described the cyber-attack this way: hackers managed to get a key, but didn't use it to unlock or steal anything. Nissan says they spotted the hack almost immediately, but took a week to beef up security before announcing what happened. Executive Vice President Andy Palmer gave this statement:

“Due to the ever-evolving sophistication and the tenacity of hackers targeting corporations and governments on a daily basis, we continue to be vigilant, and maintain our protection and detection systems and related countermeasures to keep ahead of these emerging threats.”

A few outside reports say the hackers wanted to steal secrets about the drive-train for Nissan's electric car, the LEAF. But Franklin-based Nissan Americas spokesman David Reuter calls that “pure speculation.” Reuter says law enforcers may have tracked where the attack came from, but wouldn't give details, because they're still investigating.