



# Gas Pump Skimmers

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# Current trends

- Bluetooth
- Cellular
- Buried deep inside gas pump
- ATM Deep Insert Skimmers



# Gas Pumps











## Basic Gas Pump Skimmer:

- Typically a Mini123 hand held skimmer is altered to operate inside a gas pump.
- 512kb of memory, can hold hundreds of track data/card numbers
- Captures track data (account number, expiration date and account holder name).
- Easy to examine with proper software.
- Commercially produced



# Basic Gas Pump Skimmer:

#### Mini123 hand held skimmer







# Basic Gas Pump Skimmer:

Typical altered Mini123 skimmer for gas pump use.





#### Bluetooth skimmers:

- Typically Bluetooth enabled commercial skimmers that are altered to operate in a gas pump
- Can possibly read 3 tracks of data
- Bluetooth signal is usually not left discoverable on device



#### Bluetooth skimmers:

Traditionally, skimmers are installed behind the card reader panel of gas pump terminals.

When conducting a random search of a gas pump in Van, TX, Bluetooth signals were present near the gas pump terminals but skimmers were not found in the normal place behind the card reader. Further inspection of the entire terminal found that the tray containing additional electrical components on the pump is accessible and may slide out. This tray contains electrical components for both sides of the gas pump. In this tray, two Bluetooth skimmers

were found – these were attached with the normal components and operated the traditional way, capturing PIN and card data.

#### Seek and Find



#### Skimmer located



# 2017 Ohio Skimmers Clark County



Standard key used to gain entry

## Franklin County



## OSU ATM



## **Delaware County**





### **Clermont County**







Marathon and BP Gas Stations

### Medina County



**Travel Centers of America** 

#### News Video 2015

http://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news/usecredit-card-skimmers-gas-stations-atmsexploding-n468216

#### Alternate locations



https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/? url=https%3A%2F%2Fbrightside.me%2Finspir ation-tips-and-tricks%2Fthis-is-what-youshould-know-when-paying-with-your-creditcard-292310%2F%3Futm source%3Dfb r69f48%26 utm\_campaign%3DUltimate%26utm\_medium %3Dcpm&data=01%7C01%7Cfapplegate%40d ps.ohio.gov%7C8af19d7387364527bdf108d472f 11991%7C50f8fcc494d84f0784eb36ed57c7c8a2 %7C0&sdata=qwWkQyqc71080VobEgPcYHA WLAiwcPQMuT6V%2ByiGo%2Fo%3D&reser

# ATM Deep Insert Skimmer





#### ATM Skimmer case

- Trooper stops vehicle for speeding violation
  - Coming from Dayton, Ohio
  - Surveillance team called ahead
- Canine sniff was performed (positive indication)
- Search of vehicle revealed:
  - Several hundred credit cards
  - Skimming equipment
  - Computer equipment

Suspect





#### Devices Installed





#### **ATM Skimmer**



# Suspect Install

12/21/2017 - Suspect placing skimmer on HNB Strip Ave. Giant Eagle ATM (HB3957) located at 6493 Strip Ave., N.W., North Canton, Ohio 44720









# Suspect Install

05/11/2018 - Suspects placing skimmer on HNB Chippewa ATM (HB3337) located at 2552 Darlington Rd., Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania 15010





**Card Skimmer** 

PIN Capture Device



05/11/2016 18:33:44.7 d/u atm Surveillance





# Responding to possible skimmer or discovery of a Skimmer

- Has the pump already been bagged or has entire gas station management taken turns opening pump/handling device
- Contact local law enforcement (Agency w/ jurisdiction)
- Is there any immediate leads? (vehicle or suspect description, witnesses)



#### Responding to possible skimmer

- When in doubt request a gas pump technician.
- Contact local the local USSS office if you need further assistance with the skimmer or investigation.
- Gas station surveillance cameras if in existence may or may not provide sufficient leads



# Questions

Q&A

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