

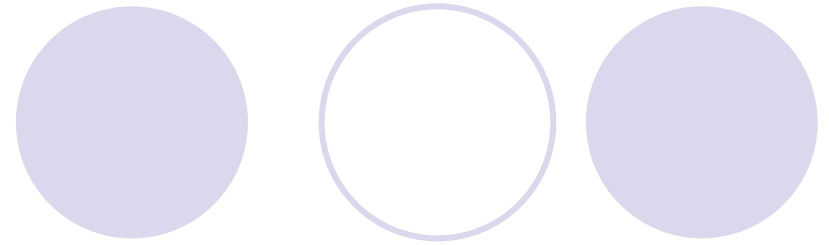
# Things that go “BUMP” in the Night:

An analysis of current and emerging  
threats to Physical Security

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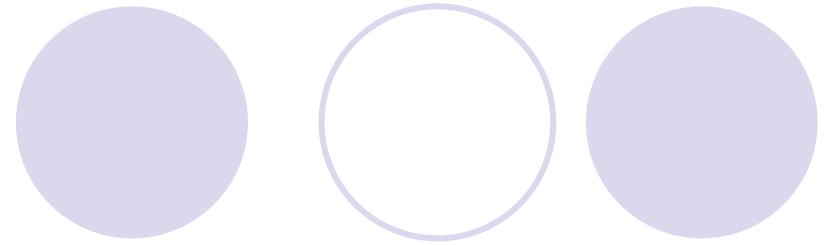
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# Types of Locks



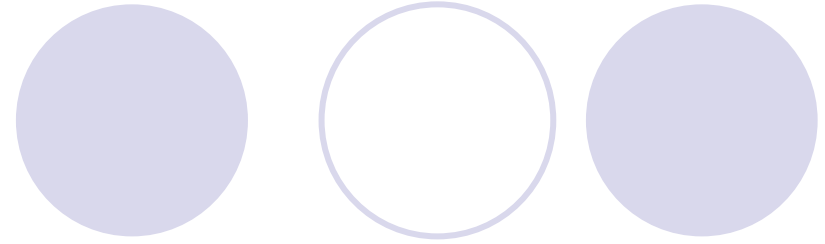
- Warded
- Lever
- Wafer and Disc Tumbler
- Pin Tumbler
- Hybrid: Combined Technologies
- Combination
- Most Often Utilized
  - LEVER (Europe)
  - PIN TUMBLER (US)

# Pin Tumbler Locks



- 4000 year old Egyptian design
- Re-invented by Linus Yale in 1860
- Modern pin tumbler: split pins
- Comprises 95% of all locks
- Low to high security applications
- All based upon original Yale design
  - Billions of locks
  - Many different configurations

# Security of Locks



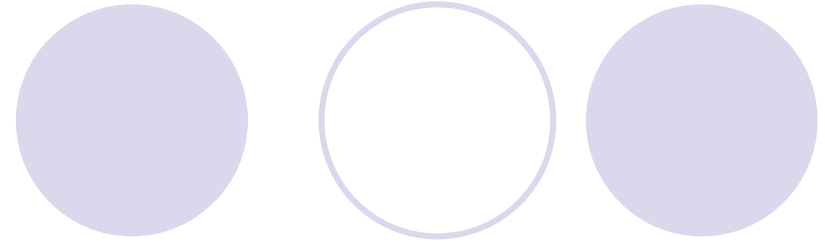
- The Perfect World:

- Locks cannot be opened without correct key or codes

- Reality:

- There are levels of difficulty or resistance to forced or covert methods of entry

# Methods of Entry



- Destructive
- Non-Destructive
  - Covert
  - Surreptitious

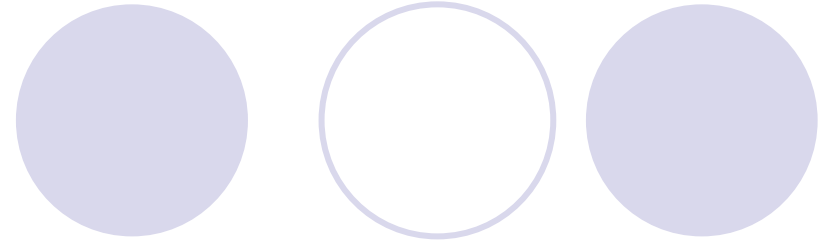
# Covert Methods of Entry (CMOE)

- Picking
- Impressioning
- Decoding
- Extrapolation of TMK
- Bumping: “The New old threat”
  - ALL METHODS REQUIRE
    - Move all pins to shear line together or separately
    - Allow plug to turn without obstruction

# What do we need to open a lock?

- Prior Intelligence?
  - Master Key Data
  - Sidebar codes
  - Keyway information
- Blanks or keys that can be modified
- Methods to Cut or produce a Key
  - Copy of Key
  - Simulate Key
  - Decode actions of Key and Tools
  - Impressioning
  - Manipulation of components

# What is a Key?



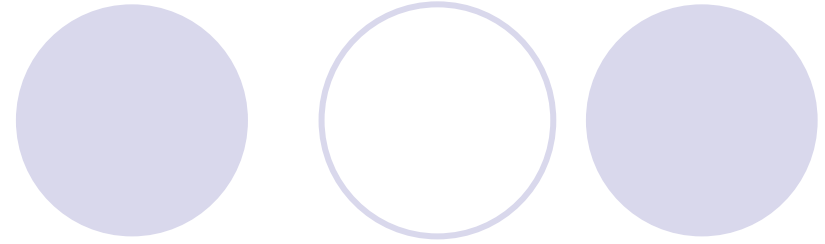
- Keyway
- Bitting
- Secondary Locking Mechanism
- Check Pins
- Interactive components
- RF and Magnetics



# “The Three T’s and Two R’s”

- Time
  - Can bypass be achieved in under a minute?
- Tools
  - Are special tools needed
- Training
  - Are special skills or training required
- Repeatability
- Reliability

# Bumping Locks



- The Threat from Bumping
- What is a Bump Key?
- 999 key and cylinder
- Training
- Difficulties Making Keys
- Covert Entry via Bumping?
- Is it Easy to Learn?
- Variables that affect Bumping
- Misinformation
- Case Examples



# The Threat from bumping

- Quick
- Easy
- Repeatable
- Applies to most locks
- Virtually anyone can open a lock
- Often no trace or damage

Reinvigorated by Toool;

<http://www.toool.nl/bumping.pdf>

# What is a Bump Key

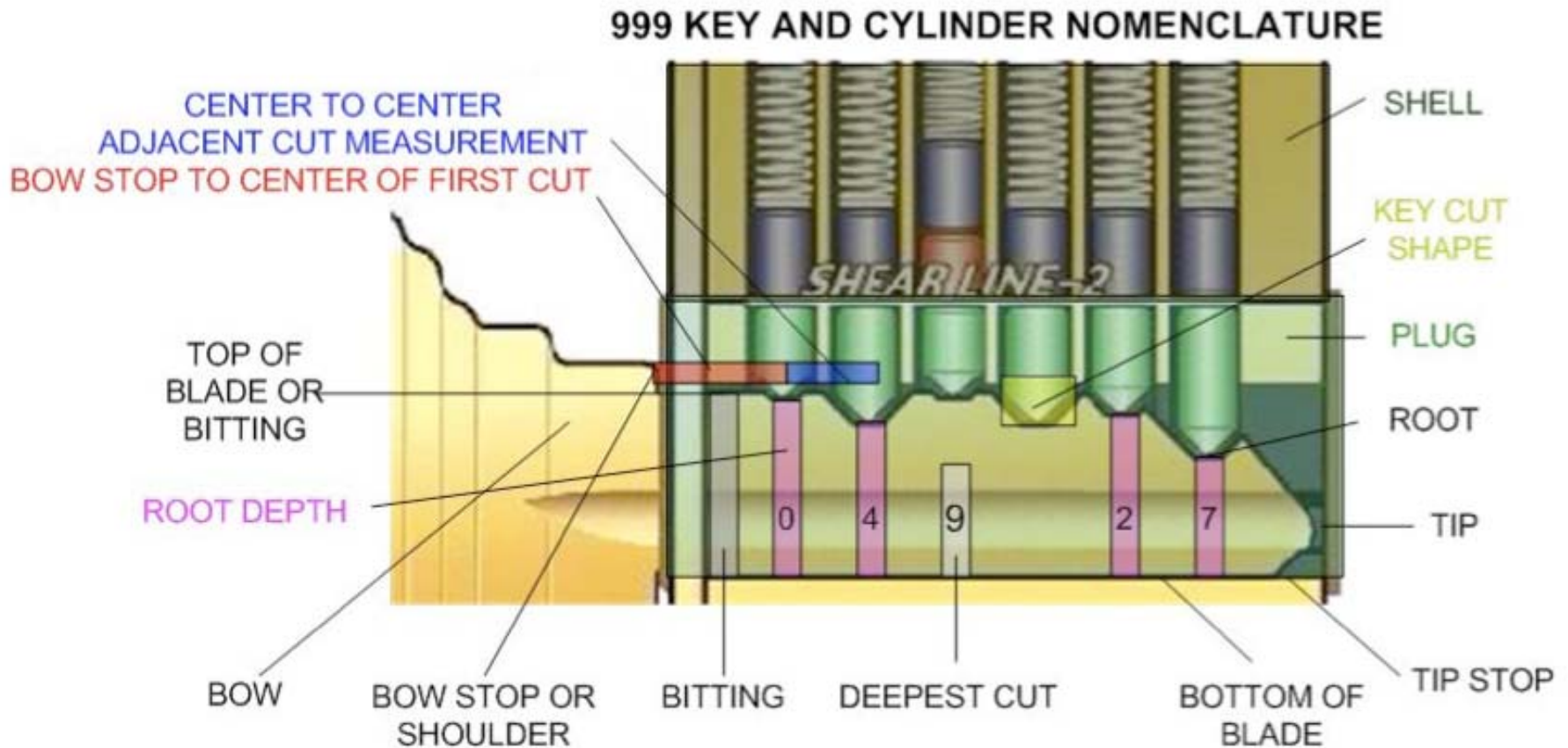
- Any key that fits the lock
- All cuts made to the deepest allowable position



# Why 999?

- Originated in Denmark 25 years ago
- Keys could be duplicated by code
- 0 = Shallowest
- 9 = Deepest
- Thus “999” Key

# 999 Key and Cylinder



# Training

- How to position the key
- Amount of force needed
- Correct amount of torque
- Timing between “Bump” and “Torque”
- How to repeat the process

# Difficulties Making Keys

- Availability of key that fits the target
- Virtually any key can be modified
- File to deepest depth
- “Most” are easily obtainable

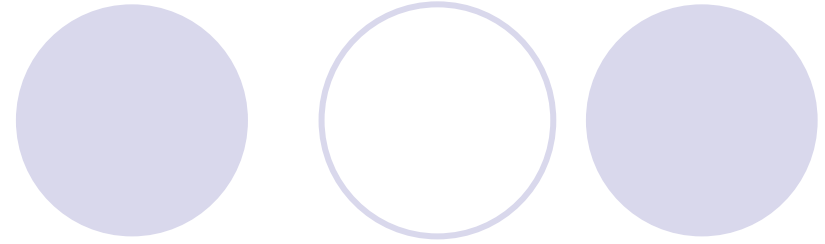


# Covert Entry via Bumping

- There can be significant noise
- Depends on the condition of the lock
- Sometimes only one strike is required



# Is it Easy to Learn?



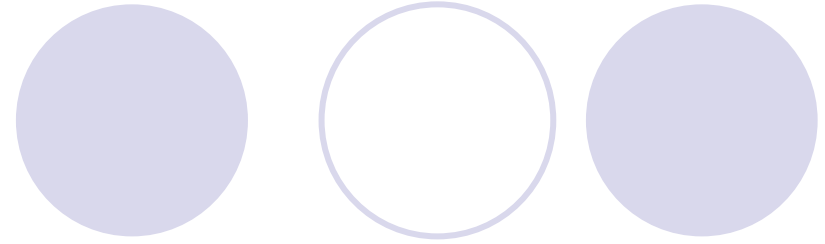
- Can be learned in less than an hour
- Requires virtually no skill



# Variables that affect Bumping

- Availability of Blanks
- Secondary locking mechanisms
- Noise tolerances while bumping
- Spring conditions / biases
- Lubrication and ease of movement of pins
- Concerns with forensic marks or indications
- Depth and spacing info and availability
- Shoulder and Tip modifications
- Solid cams at end to stop blanks
- Anti-Bump Locks

# Misinformation



- Not all locks are affected!
- Protection against bumping methods
- Complexities
- Ability to create keys

# Millions and Millions Vulnerable

- Apartments
- Office Buildings
- Hotels
- Elevators
- Colleges
- Mailboxes...

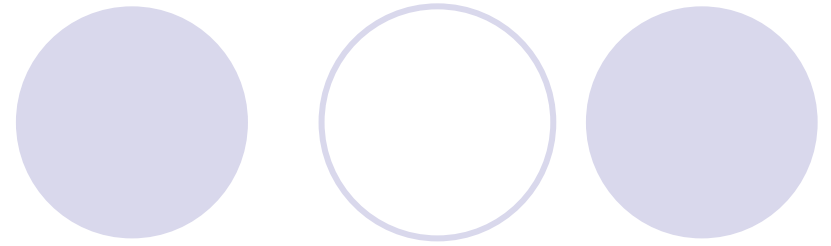
Is it really a threat to physical security?

# Case Examples

- The UPS Store
  - Mail Boxes Etc.
- USPS



# The Real World



- Post Office and UPS / MBE Boxes Worldwide
- Millions of users at risk of:
  - Identity Theft
  - Surveillance of mail
  - Unlawful Interception
  - Injection of explosives / Bio-Hazzards

38,000 Locations  
5+ Million Mailboxes





# Legal Issues of Bumping

- Current Statutes
- Trafficking in precut Bump-Keys and Tools
- Manufacturers Liability
- What if I suffer a loss?

# Current Statutes

- **83 USC 1704**, makes it a federal crime to improperly utilize, sell or traffic in keys that will open post office locks
- **39 USC 3002(a)** prohibits sending lock picking and bypass tools by mail
- **18 USC 1716A** makes it a crime to send any materials defined in **39 USC 3002(a)** through the mail or interstate commerce by common carrier such as Federal Express or UPS

# Trafficking in Bump Keys and Tools

- **39 USC 3002** is not applicable to bump keys and only applies to tryout keys for motor vehicles and related issues, and bypass tools
- Should Bump Keys and Tools be **RESTRICTED**?



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### LOCK ENTRY TOOLS

- Pick Guns (Electrics)
- Pick Sets
- Tubular Lock Picks
- Lock By-Pass Tools
- Pick Set Parts
- Special Tension Tools
- Plug Spinners
- Destructive Entry

### AUTOMOTIVE

- Auto Opening Kits
- Individual Auto Tools
- Auto Pick Tools
- Try-Out Keys

### LOCKSMITH TOOLS

- Locksmith Tools
- Broken Key Tools
- Impression Tools
- Files

### PIN KITS & REKEYING TOOLS

- Rekeying Tools & Pins
- I-Core Tools

### KEY MACHINES & PUNCHES

- Key Machines
- Key Machine Parts

### KEY BLANKS



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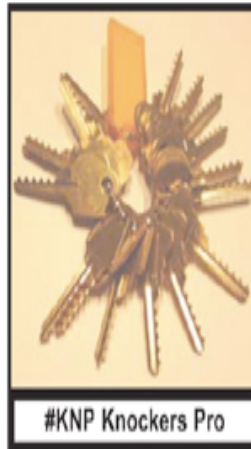
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# Manufacturer Liability?

- If a lock can be opened in two seconds by simply applying torque to the plug and rapping on a key, should such a problem give rise to a claim for defective product or false advertising?

# What if I Suffer a Loss?

- If proof of entry must be evident...
  - Theft may not be recoverable
- In some cases...
  - Forensic evidence may be difficult to prove

# Questions?



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