

Press release

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ASSA ABLOY Australia statement on Key Bumping.

ASSA ABLOY's icon brand Lockwood, a leading brand in the Australian locking industry, has been providing quality products for security needs for over seventy years. Lockwood products are designed and manufactured to Australian standards and, in many instances, exceed these standards.

The recent media attention over the subject of key bumping may have consumers concerned about the application of this otherwise professional technique for illegal purposes.

Bump keys like lock picks and pick guns require specialist knowledge to manufacture and use. Recent proliferation of this information via the internet and other media forums increases awareness that stretches well beyond licensed locksmith professionals.

For many years ASSA ABLOY has worked diligently to manufacture multiple levels of secure locking solutions so our customers can select products appropriate to their security needs. We offer a large range of high-security restricted keying systems, including our flagship cylinder product Abloy Protec. This product incorporates a patented rotating disc mechanism that is impervious to bumping and other lock picking techniques.

We encourage anyone who may be concerned about their current locks to contact a reputable locksmith with an industry association membership. A comprehensive list of registered locksmiths is available from the Master Locksmiths Association Australasia, Australian and New Zealand Locksmiths Association and the Locksmith Guild websites.

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