What should we make of the Mitsubishi Outlander hybrid hack?

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Over the past few days, the motoring community has been abuzz with news that a team of hackers managed to wirelessly hack a Mitsubishi Outlander, taking control of its electric charging and alarm systems.

While this is far from the first time a car has been remotely hacked, it has raised fresh fears about just how easy it is to break into contemporary vehicles. But just how worried should be?

How it's done

Before delving deeper into that question, it's worth taking a look at where the security flaw lies. As demonstrated by security researcher Ken Munro, the major issue is Mitsubishi's mobile app. The app, which allows you to set charging times, turn on the lights, air conditioning, and turn off alarms, connects to a wireless access point in the car.

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