

# Defeating Moving Elements in High Security Keys

Bill Graydon



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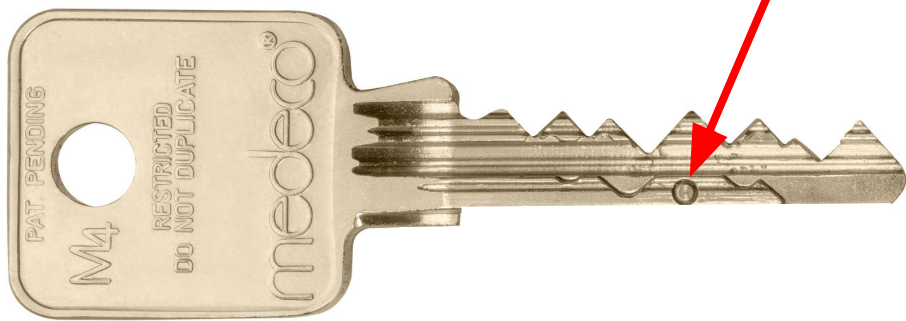
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# Outline

- What is a moving element?
- How can we hack them?
  - 3D Print Captive
  - Compliant
  - Static
- Vendor Disclosure
- Implications
- Defenses



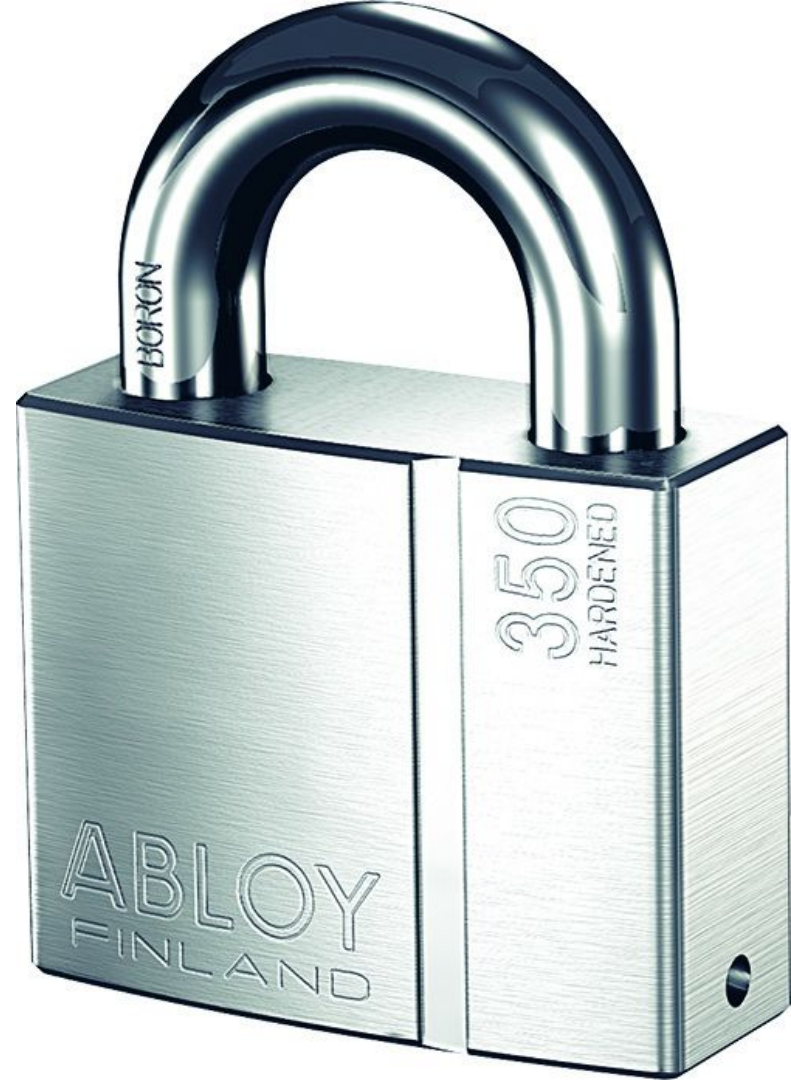
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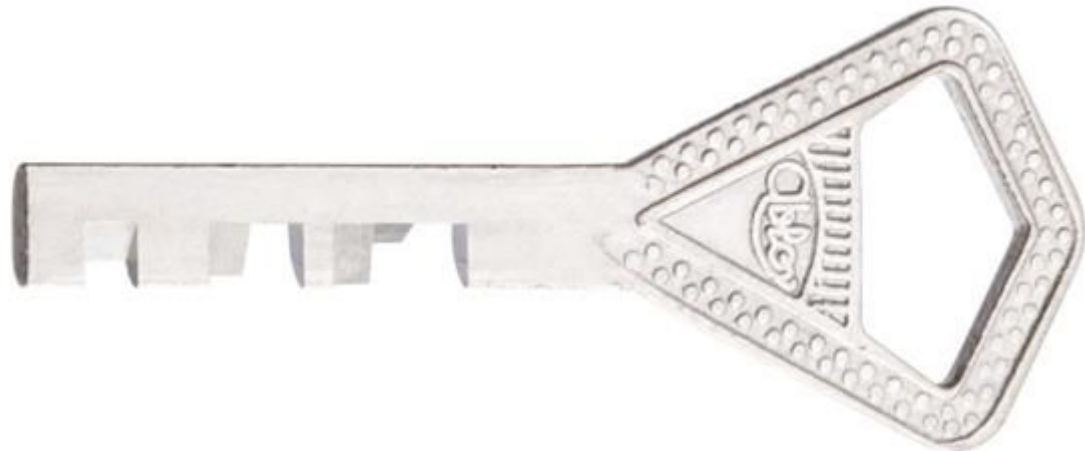






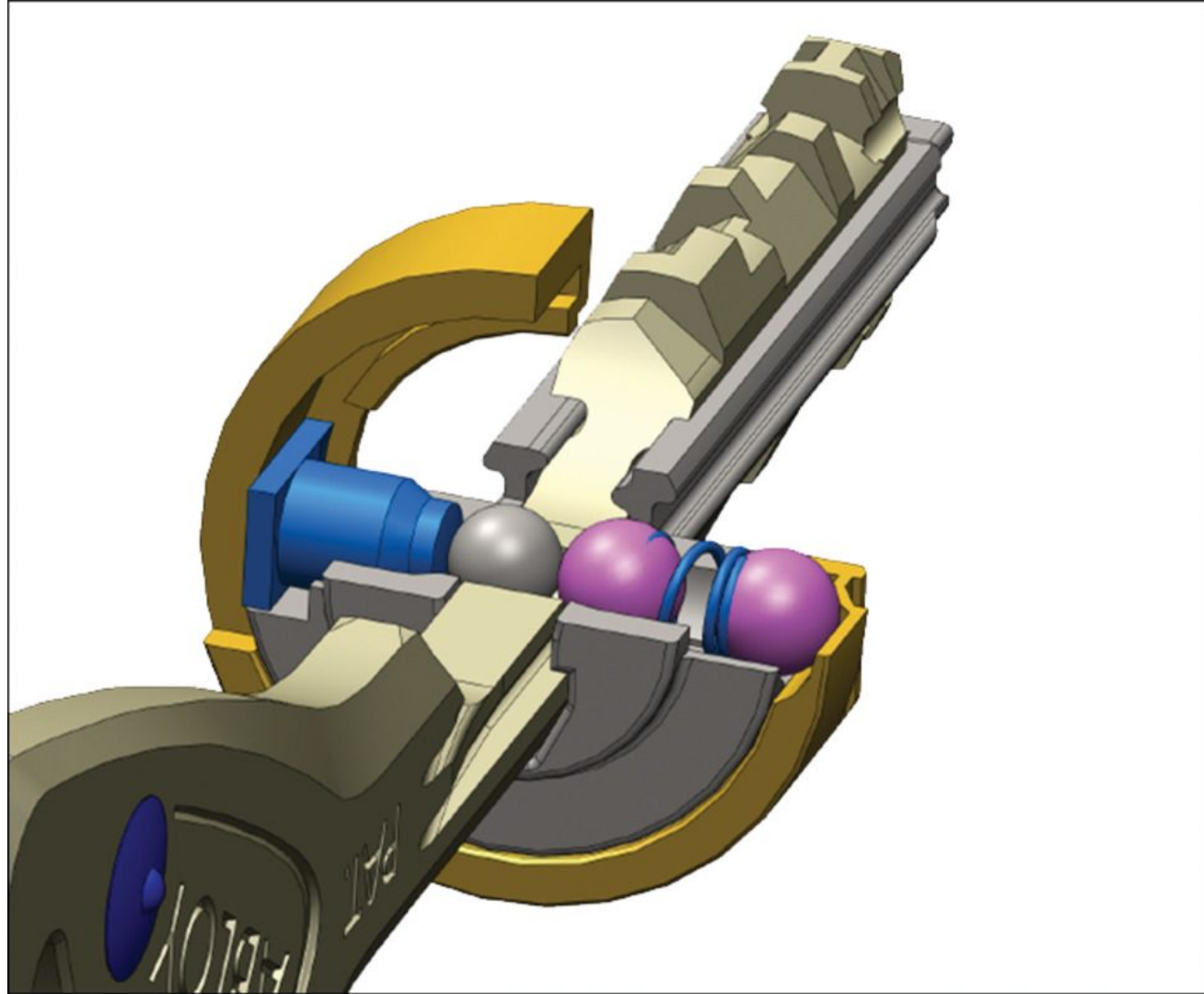
















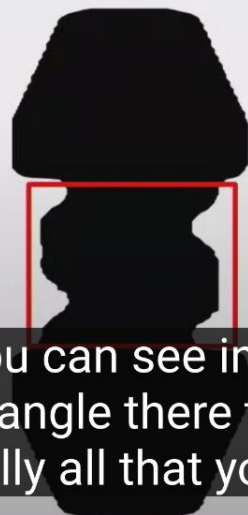








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And you can see in the red rectangle there that's essentially all that you have in





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# Parametrically Generated 3D Printable ABLOY PROTEC Keys

Inspired by [Dave Pedu's 3D printed Kwikset keys](#) and that the patents for the ABLOY PROTEC keys were set to expire in a couple of weeks, this OpenSCAD model generates keys for the

## About

An OpenSCAD library for parametrically generating ABLOY PROTEC keys suitable for 3D printing

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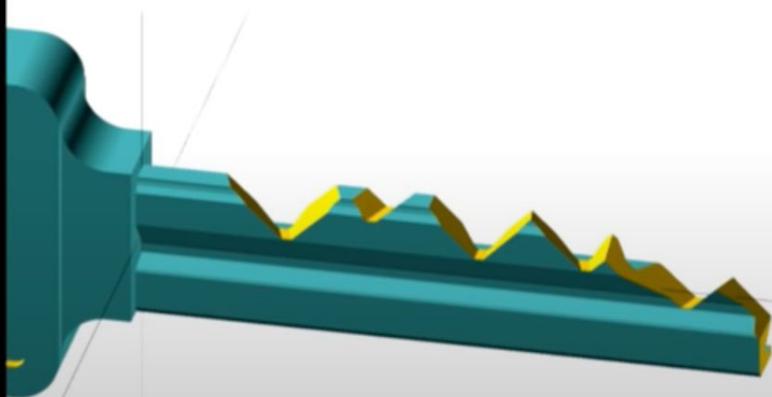
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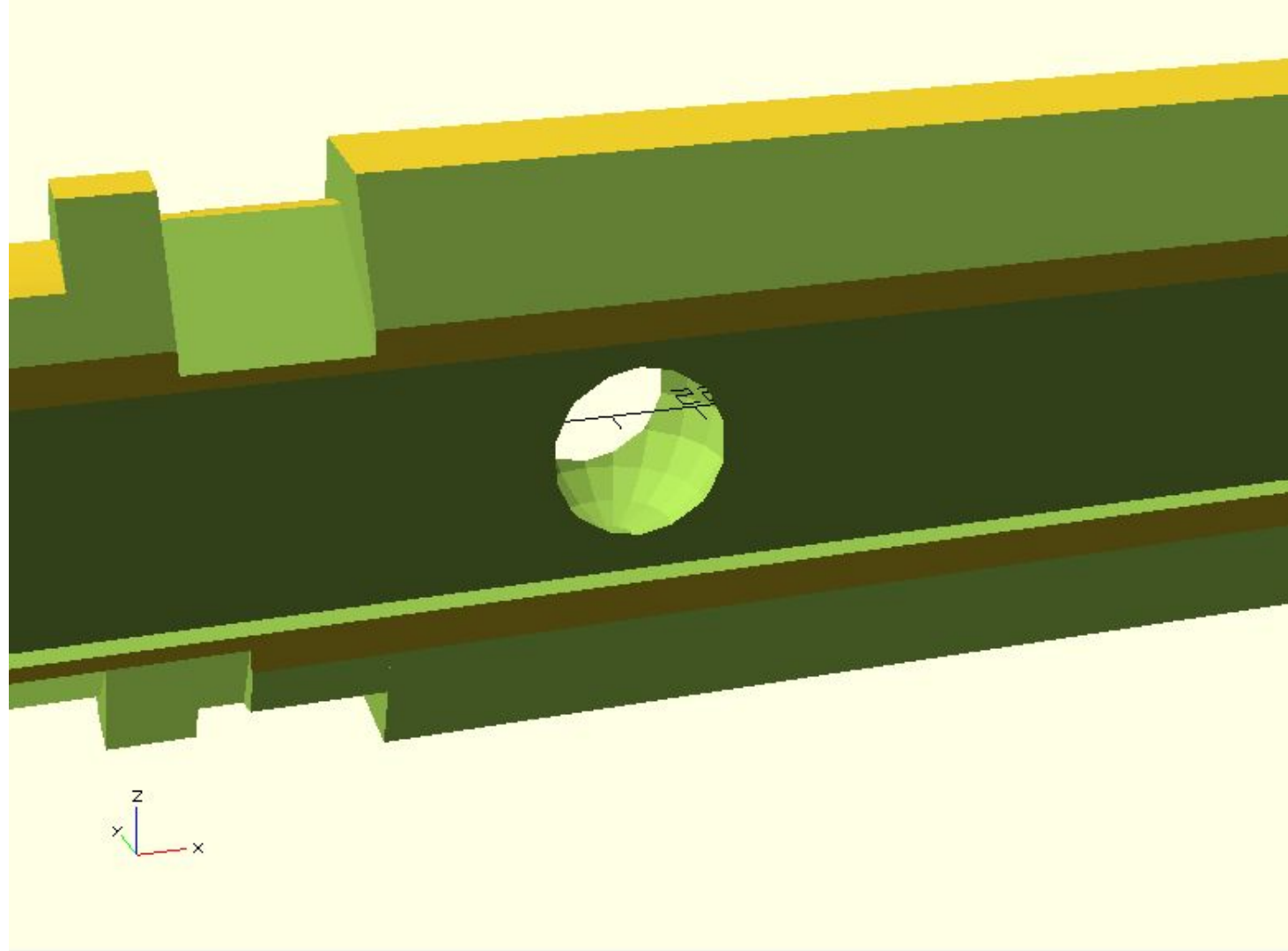


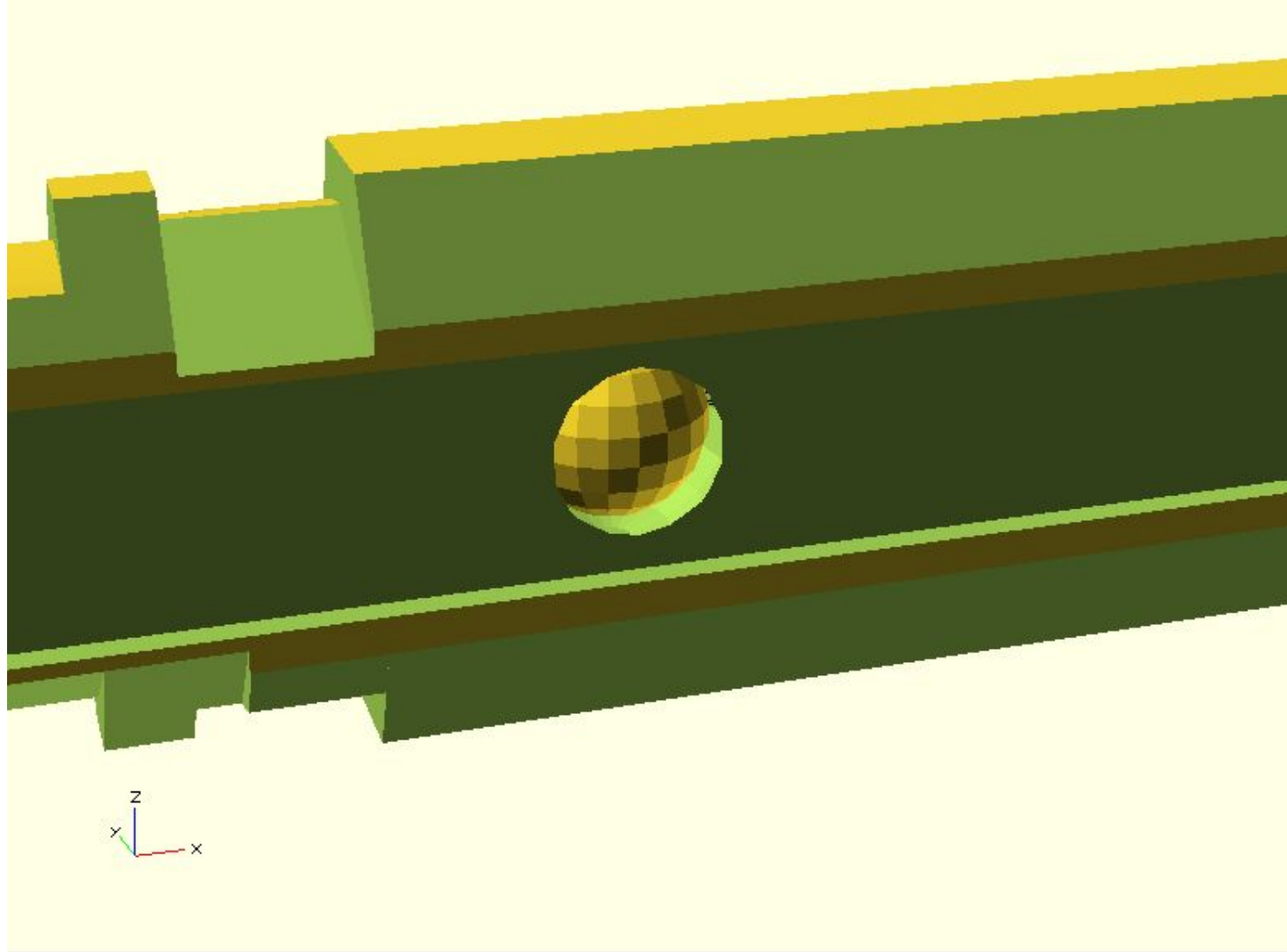


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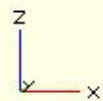
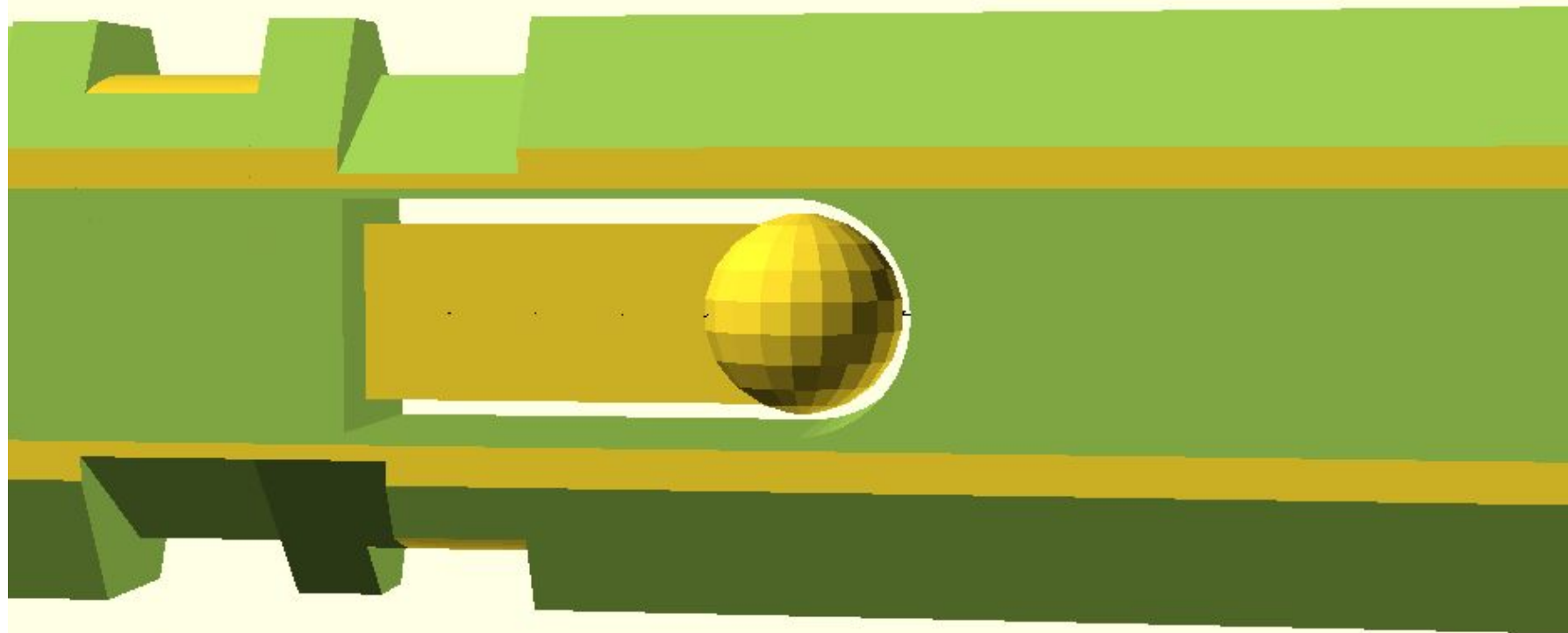
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# Exploiting Keyspace Vulnerabilities in Locks

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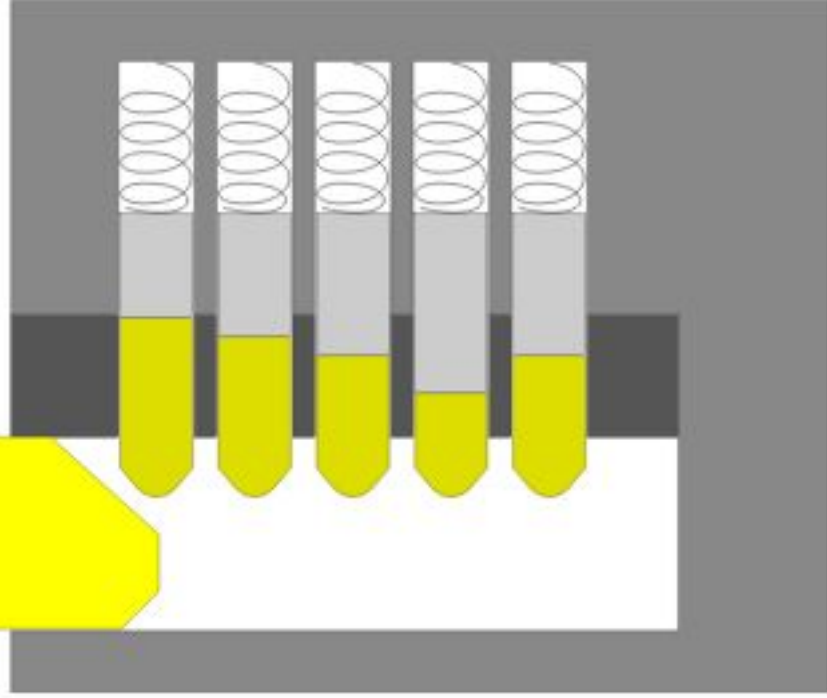


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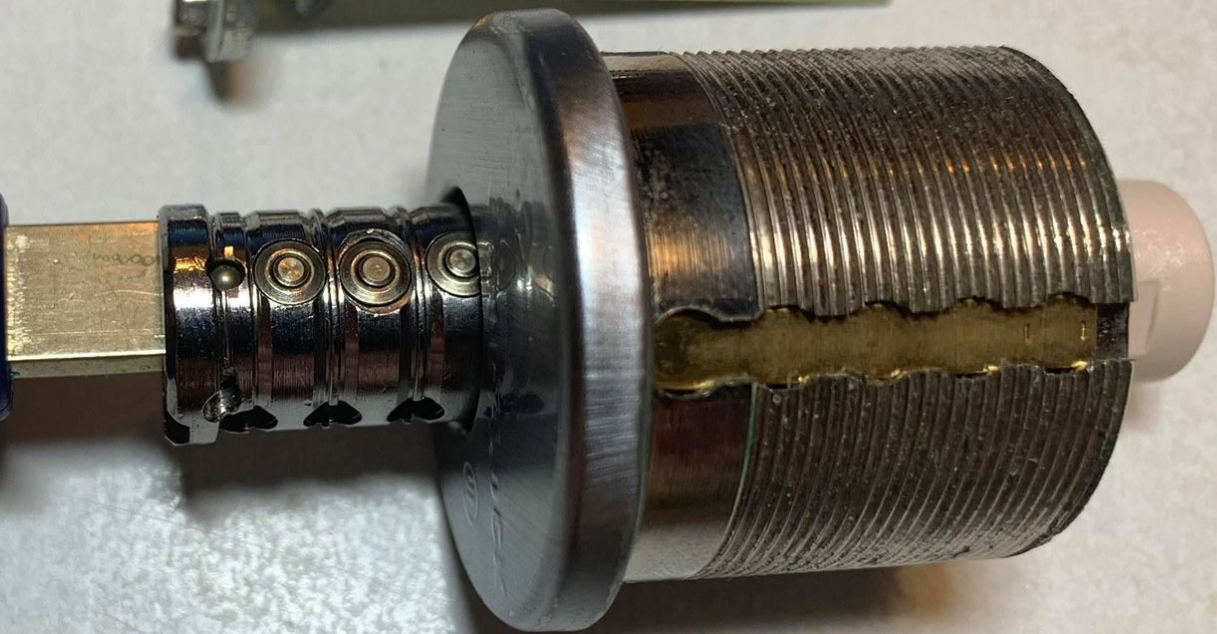
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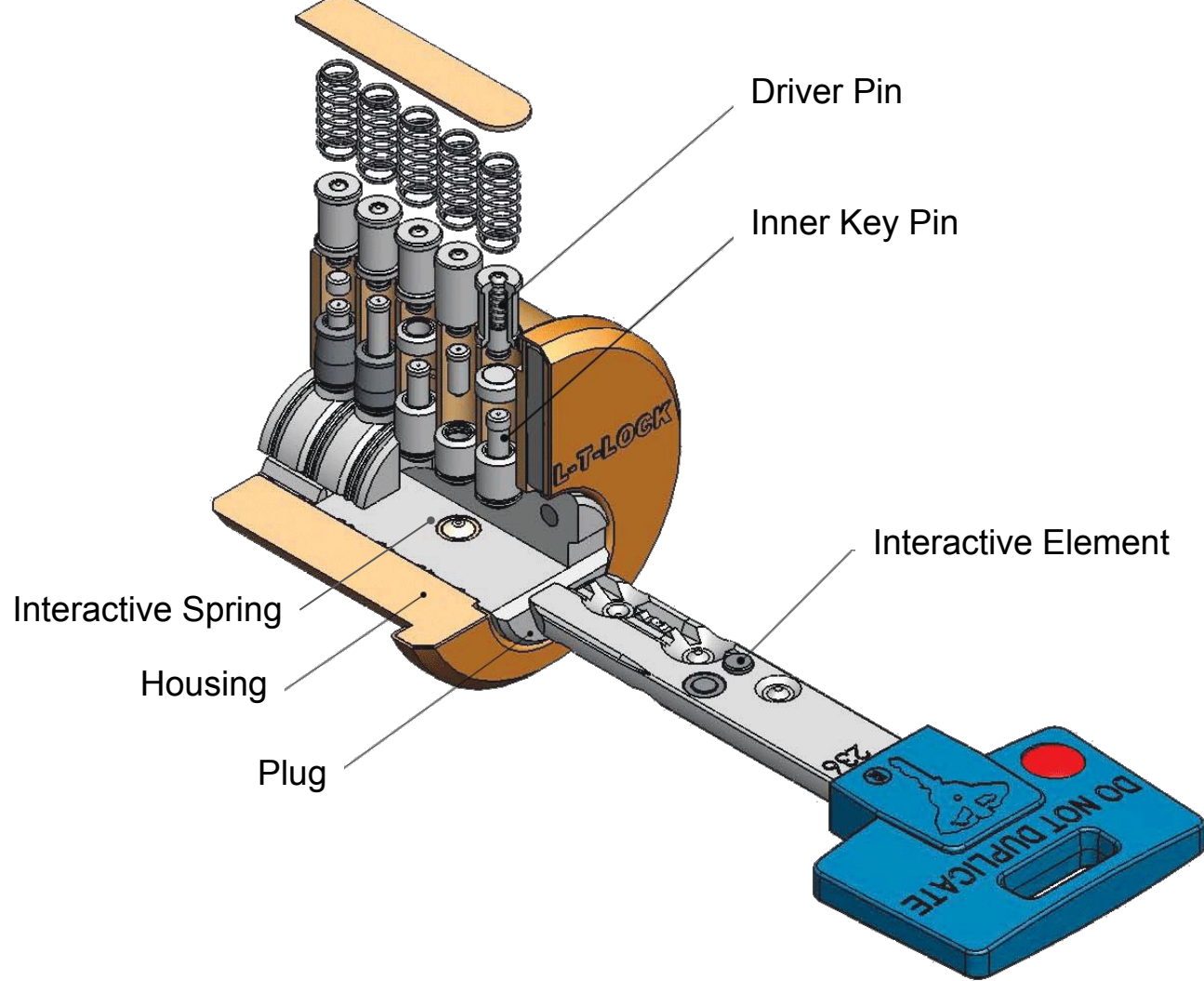












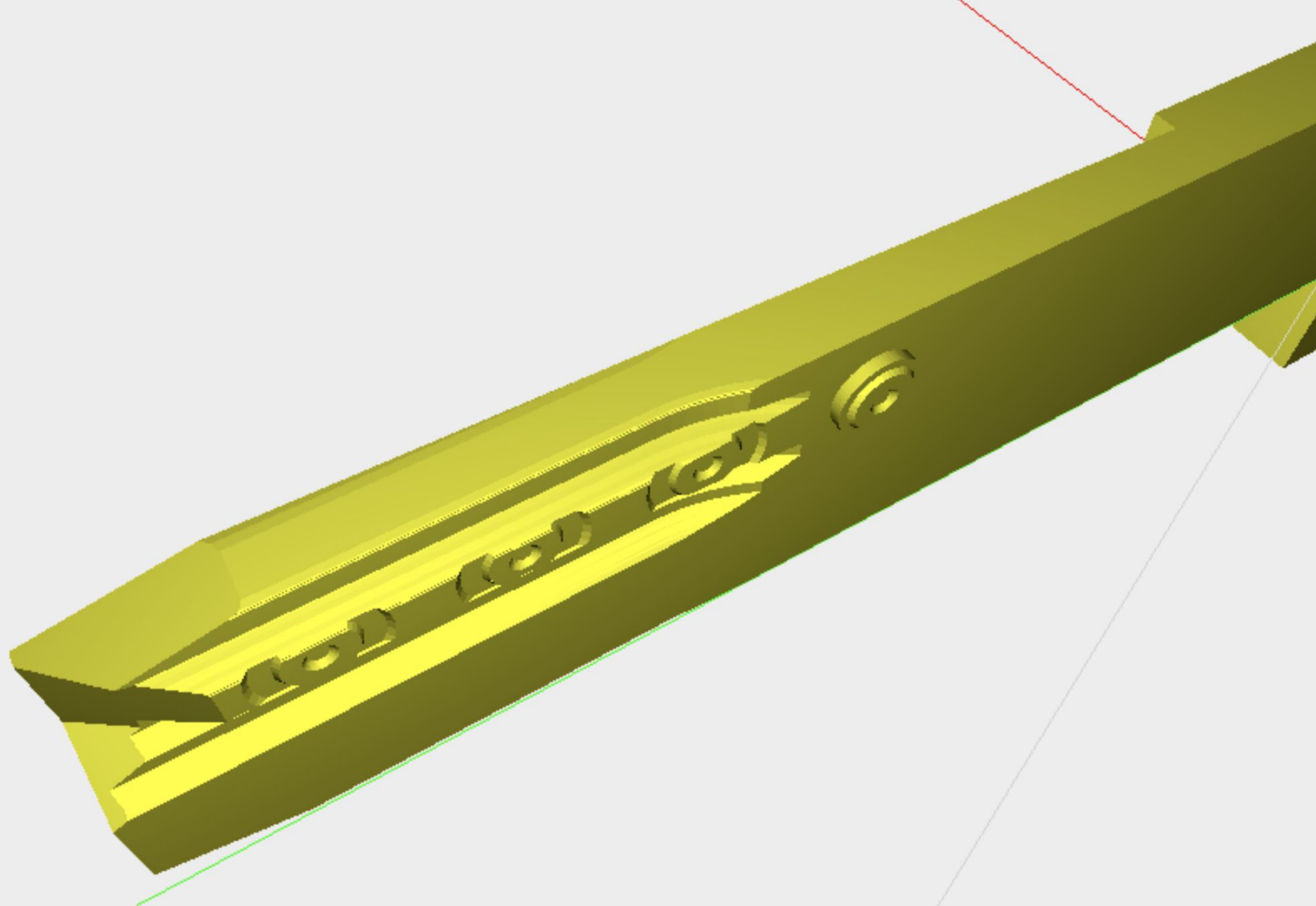














# Mul-T-Lock 006C Classic Key blank

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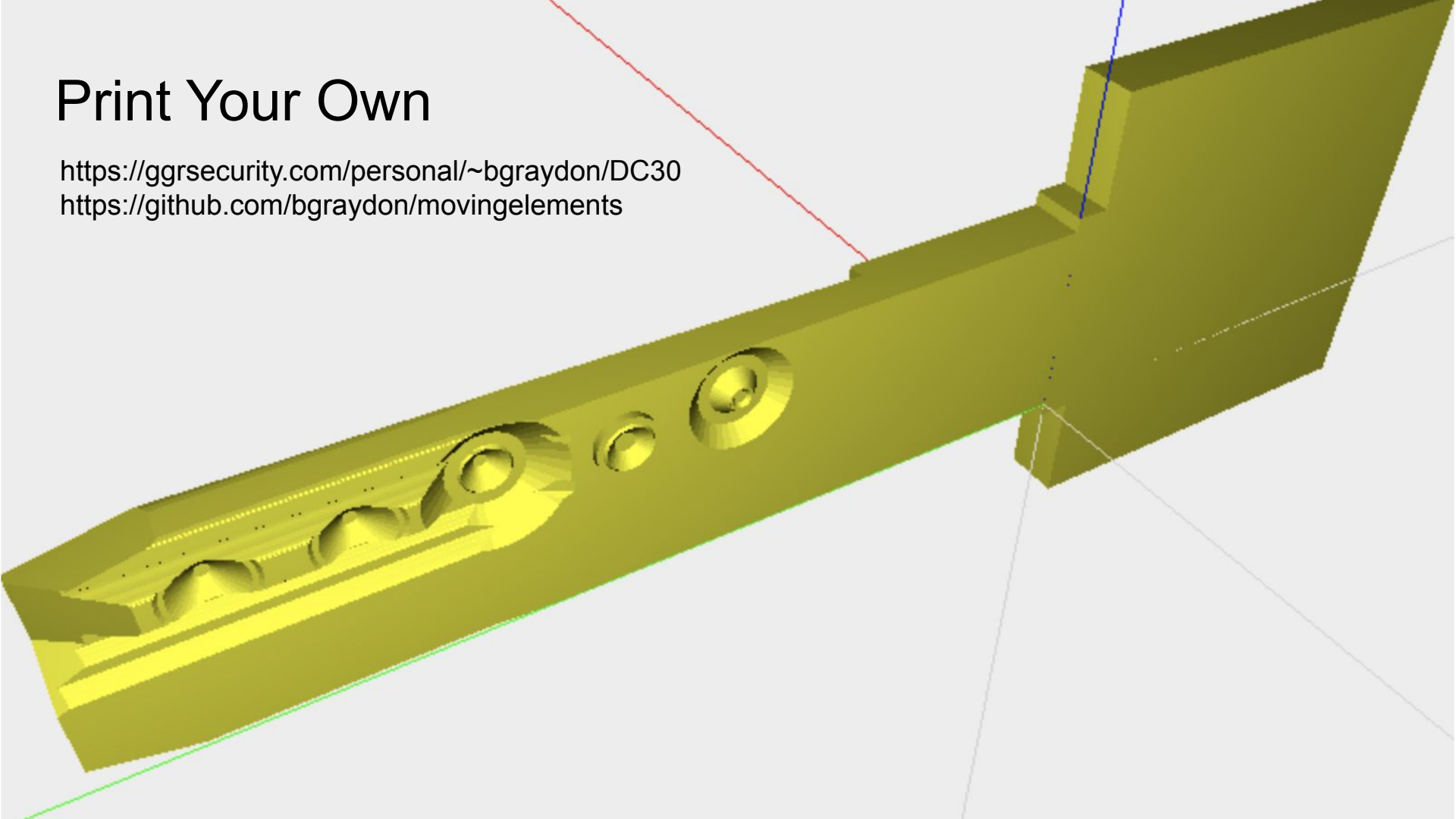




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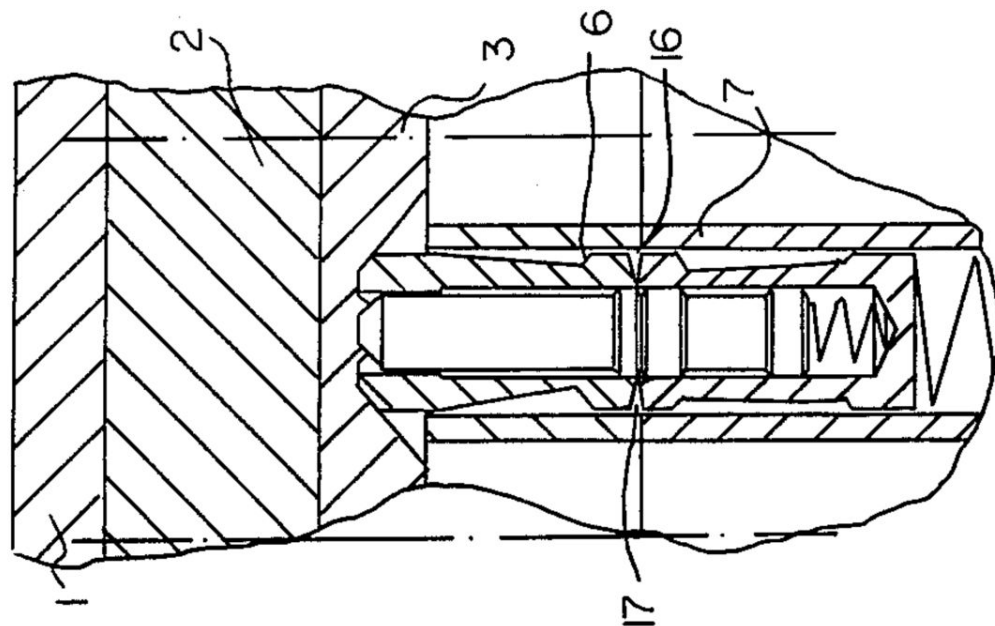
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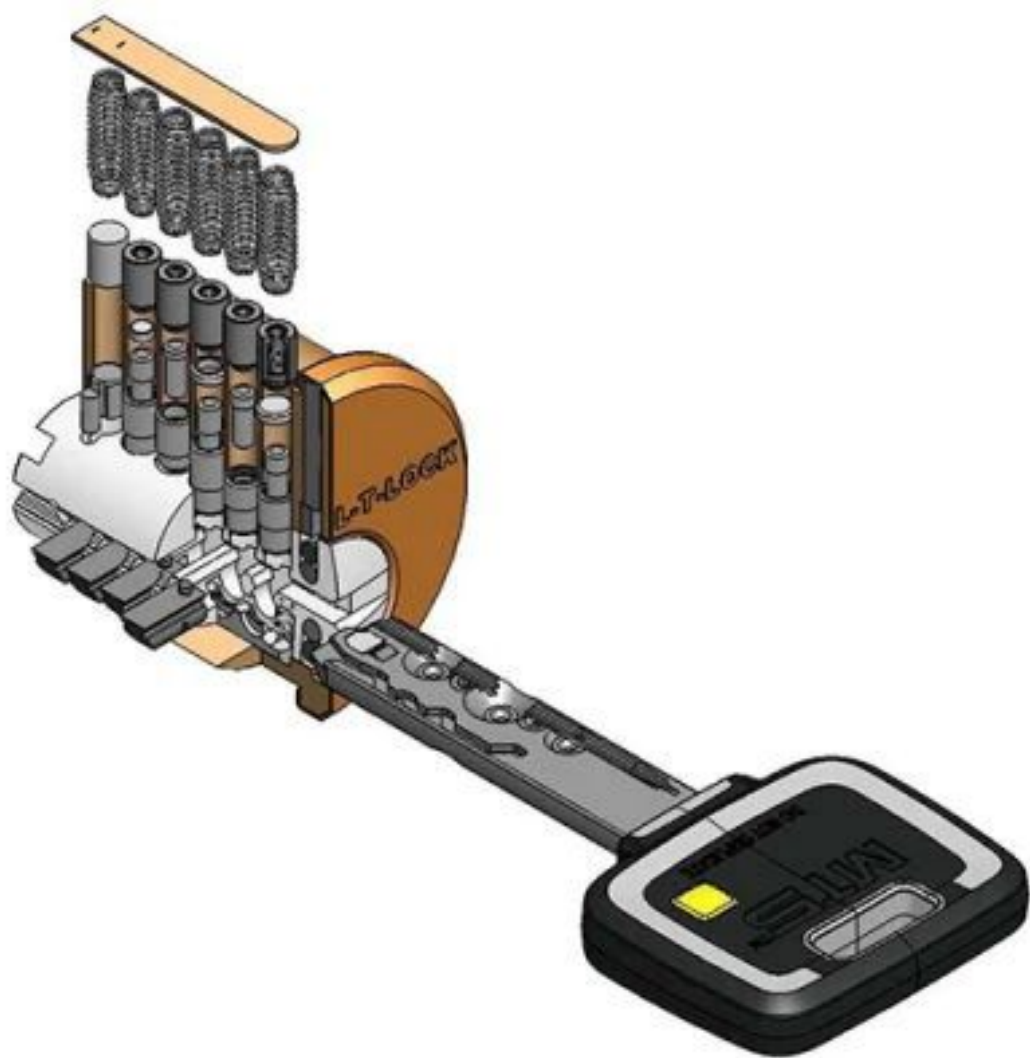


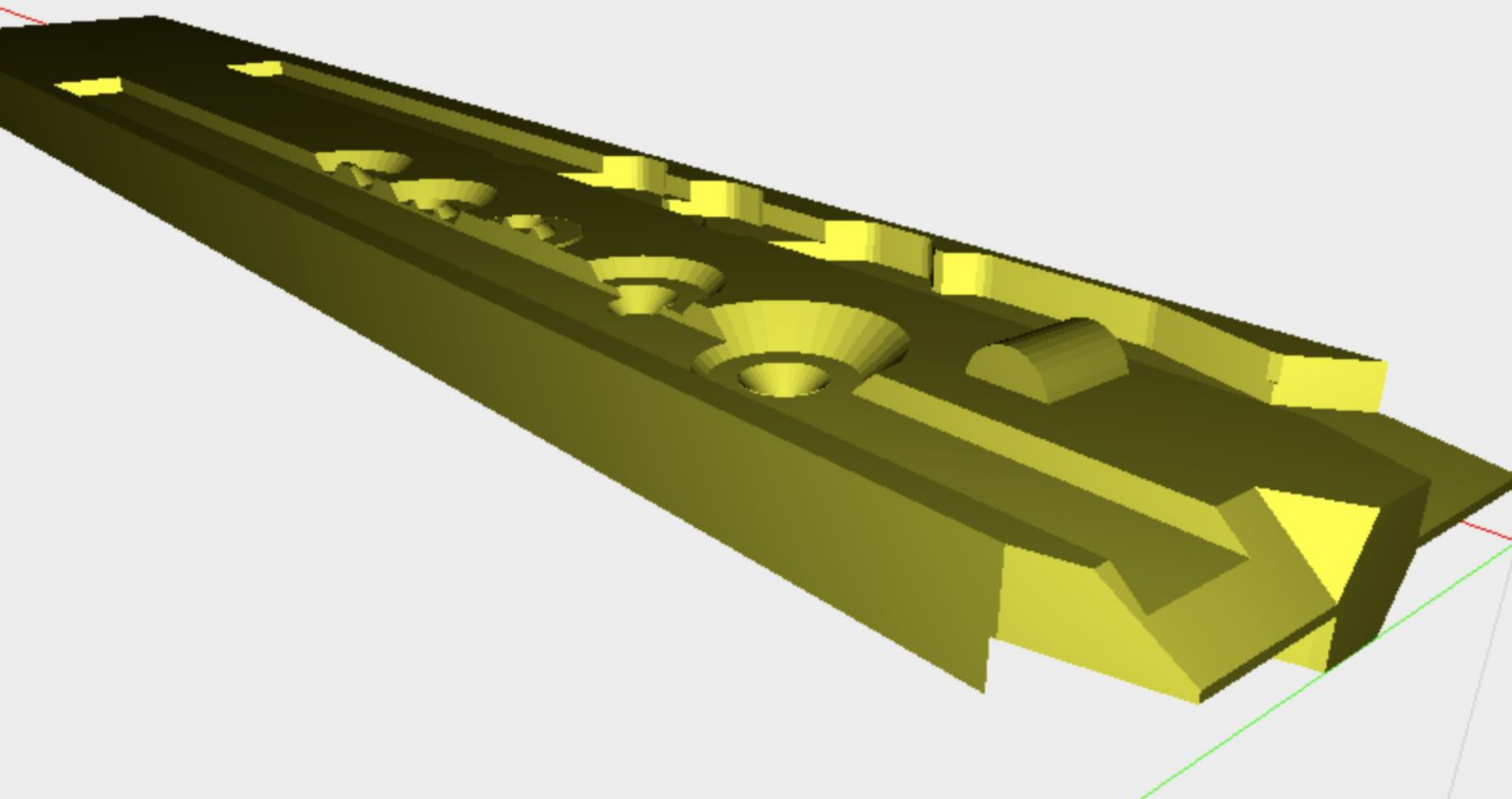
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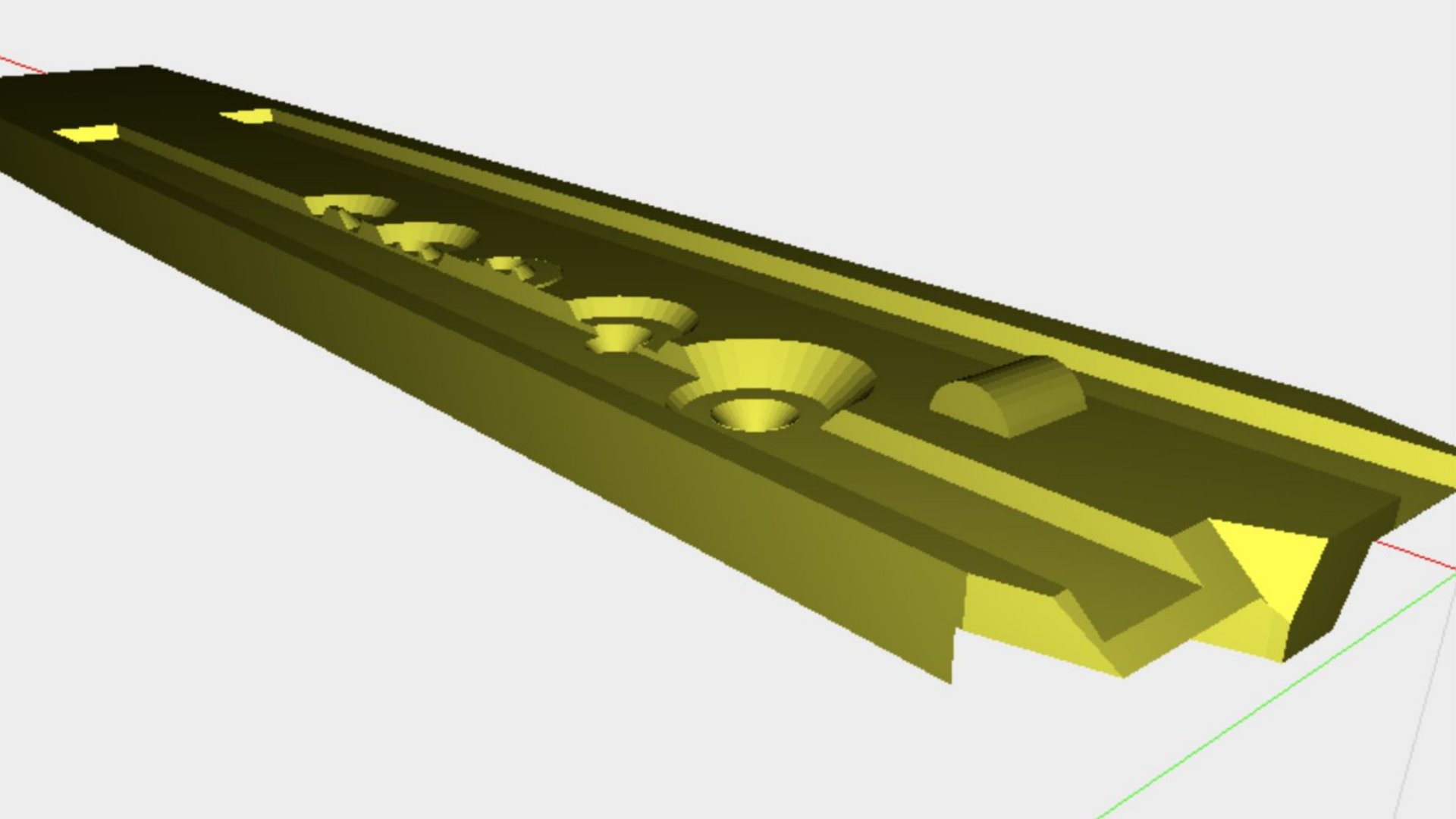
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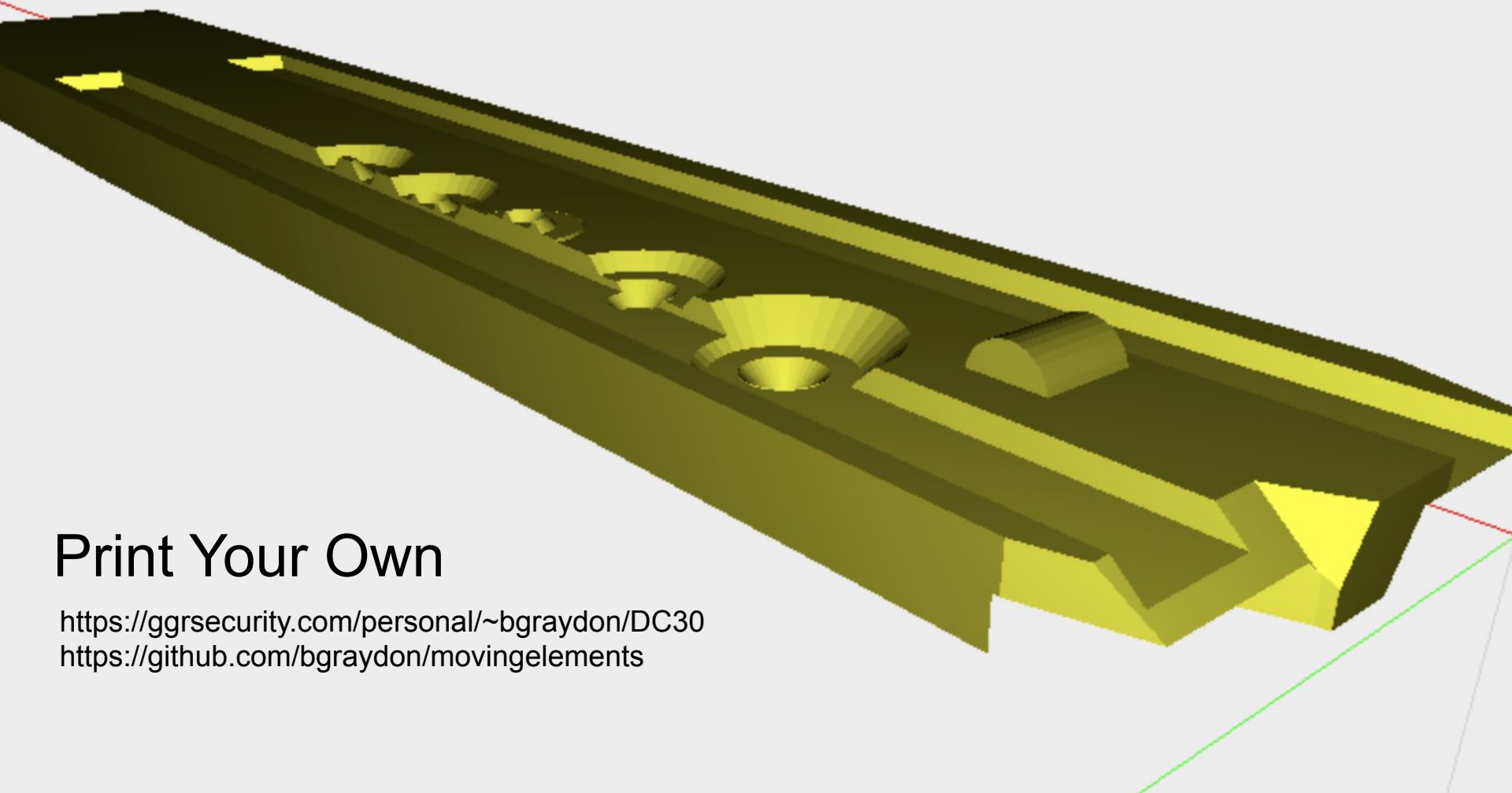












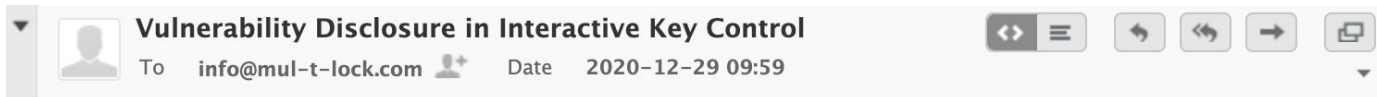
# Print Your Own

<https://ggrsecurity.com/personal/~bgraydon/DC30>

<https://github.com/bgraydon/movingelements>



# Vendor Outreach



Hi folks,

I hope you're doing well! I'd like to reach out to disclose a vulnerability we've discovered in the key control of Mul-T-Lock systems; namely, a means to defeat the interactive component of the Interactive and MT5 models by creating a key which operates the lock out of a single solid piece of material (including by 3D printing).

Please forward this to the appropriate department so I can forward drawings on the technique and we can discuss further. We'd like to assist you in any way we can to mitigate these risks.

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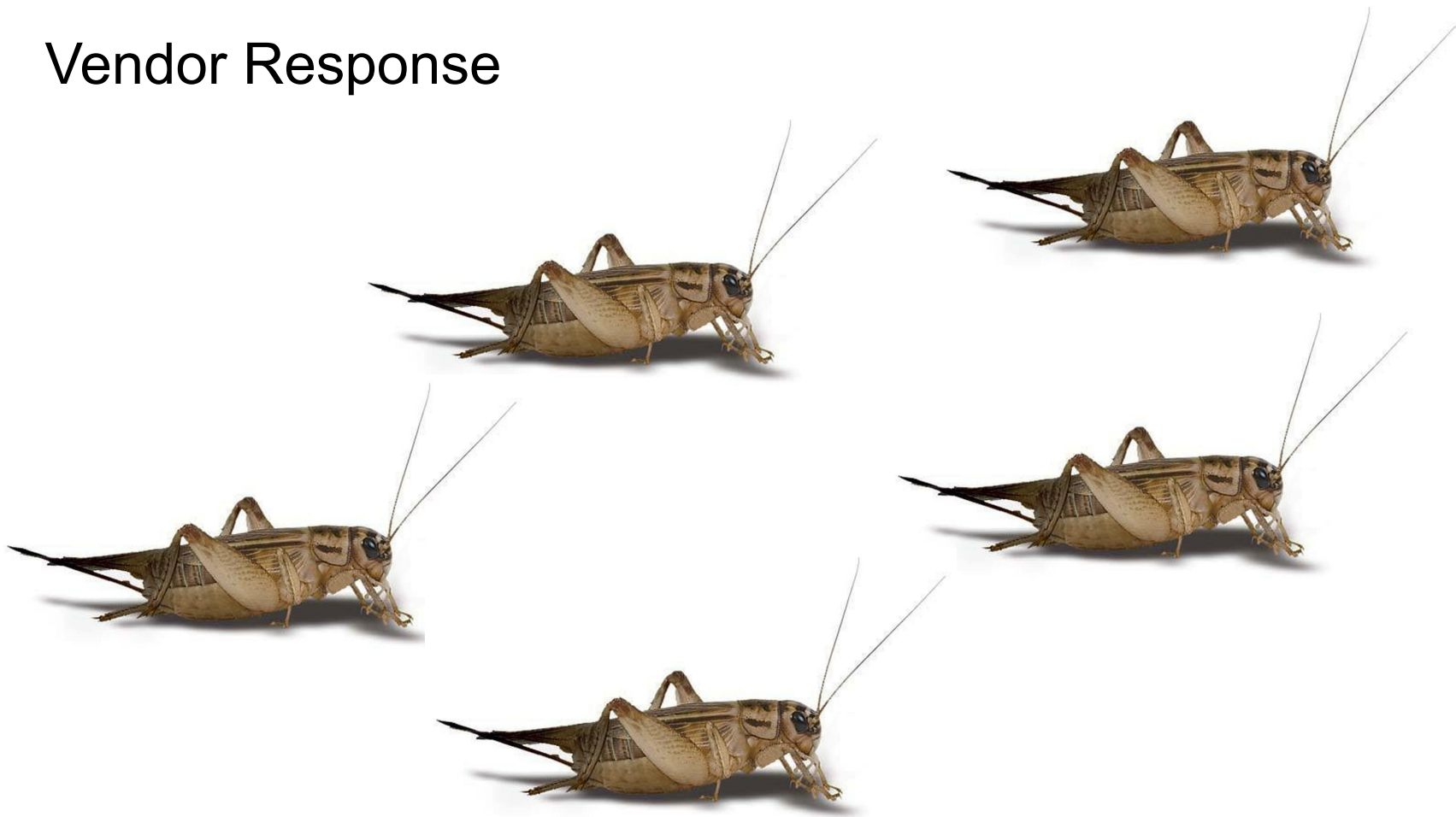
Looking forward to hearing back from you - all the best,

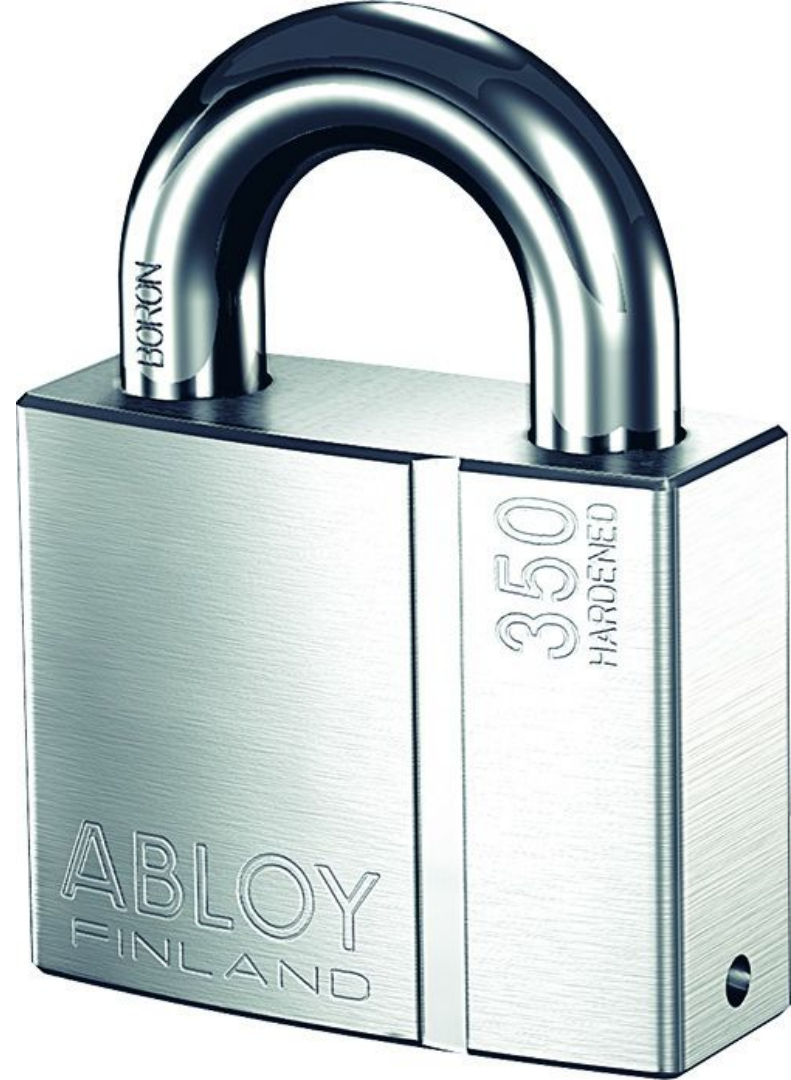
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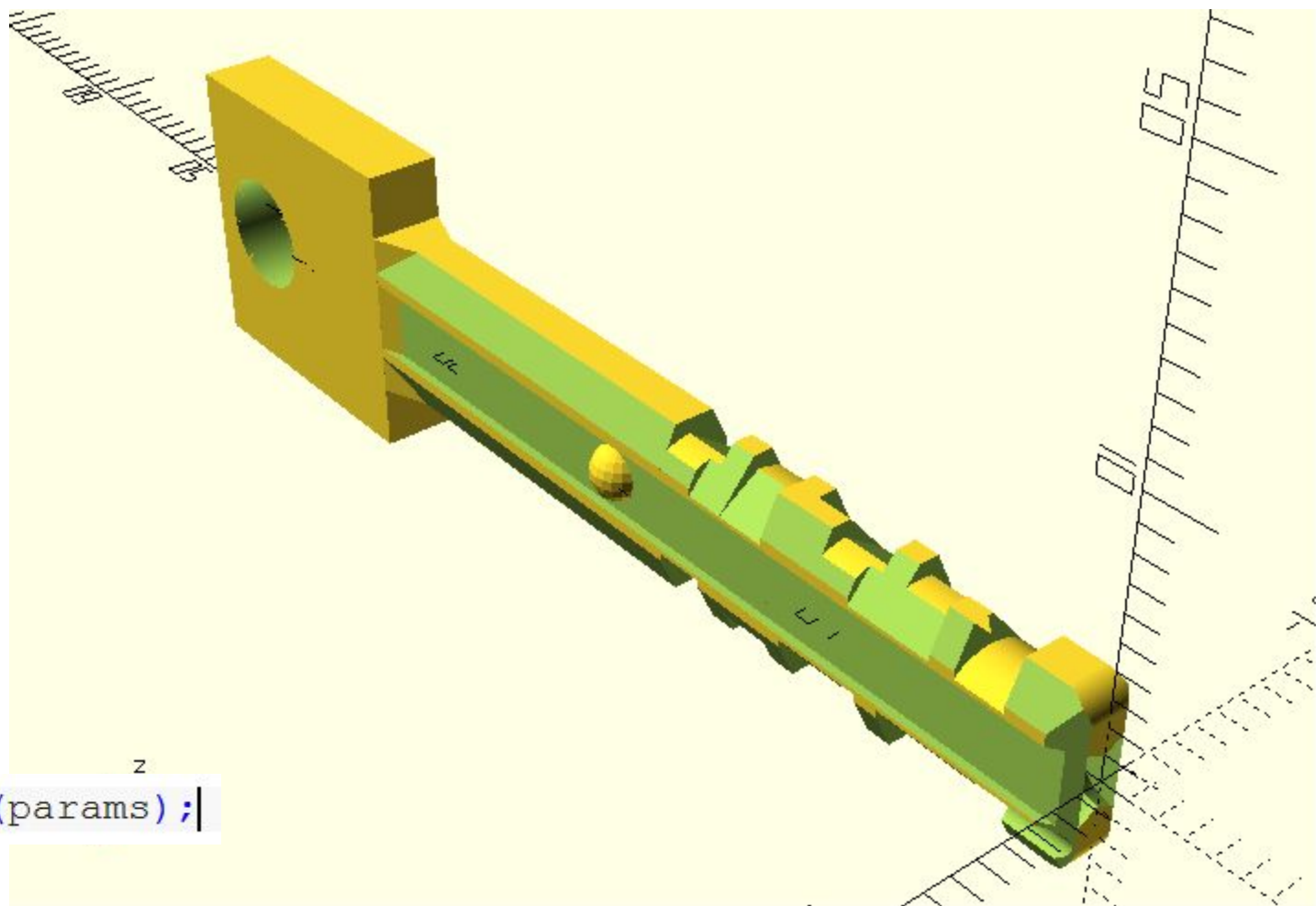
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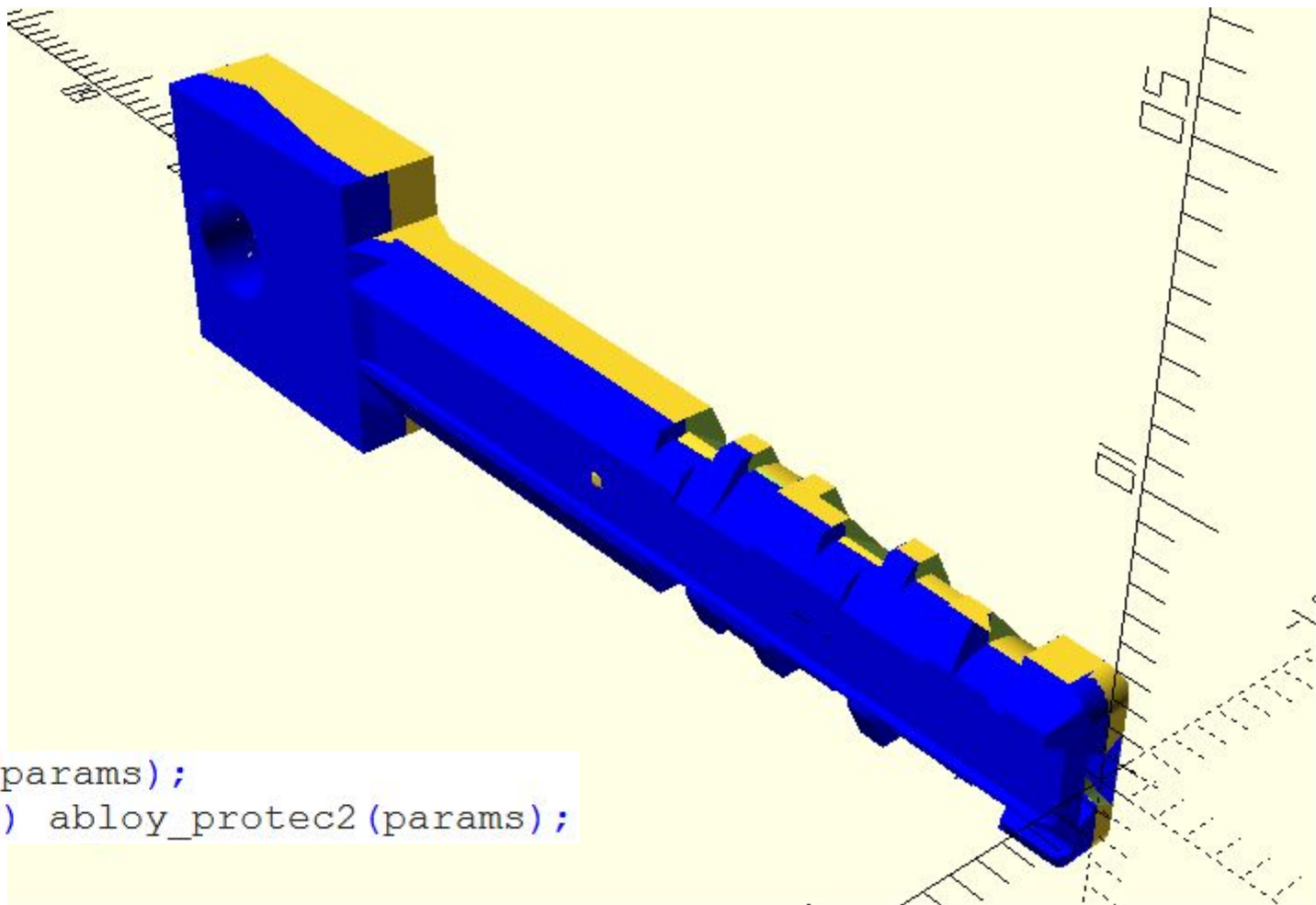






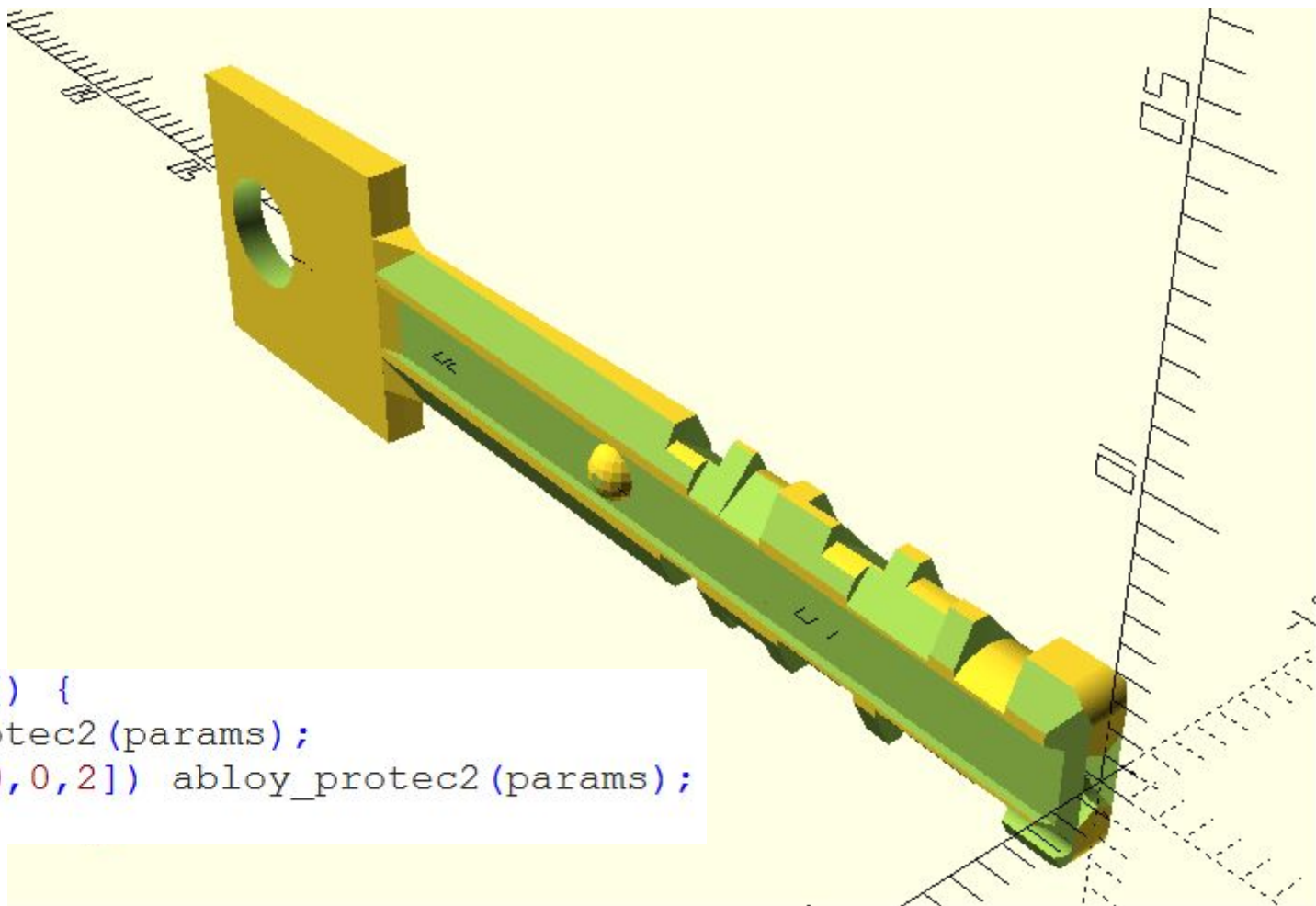




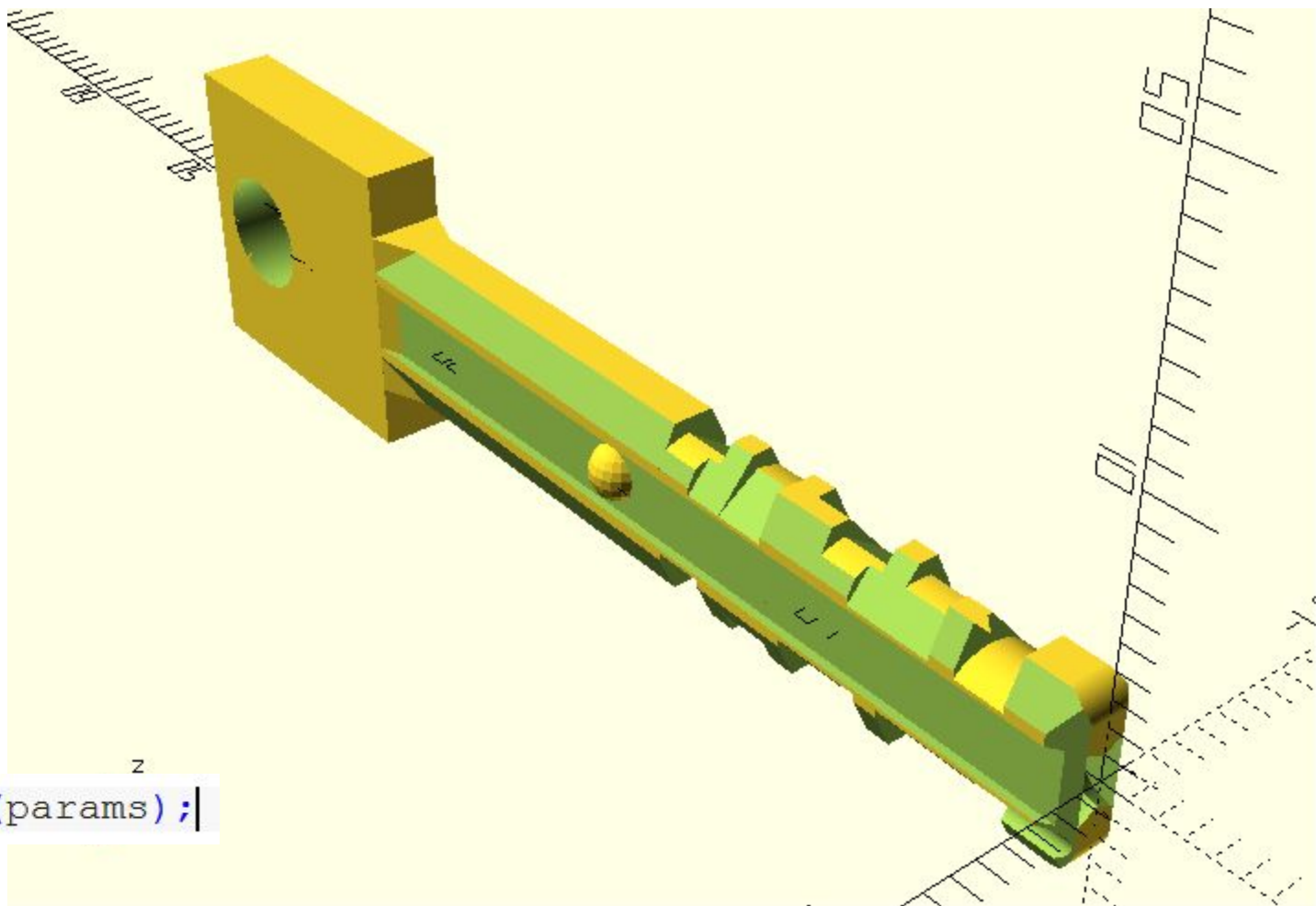


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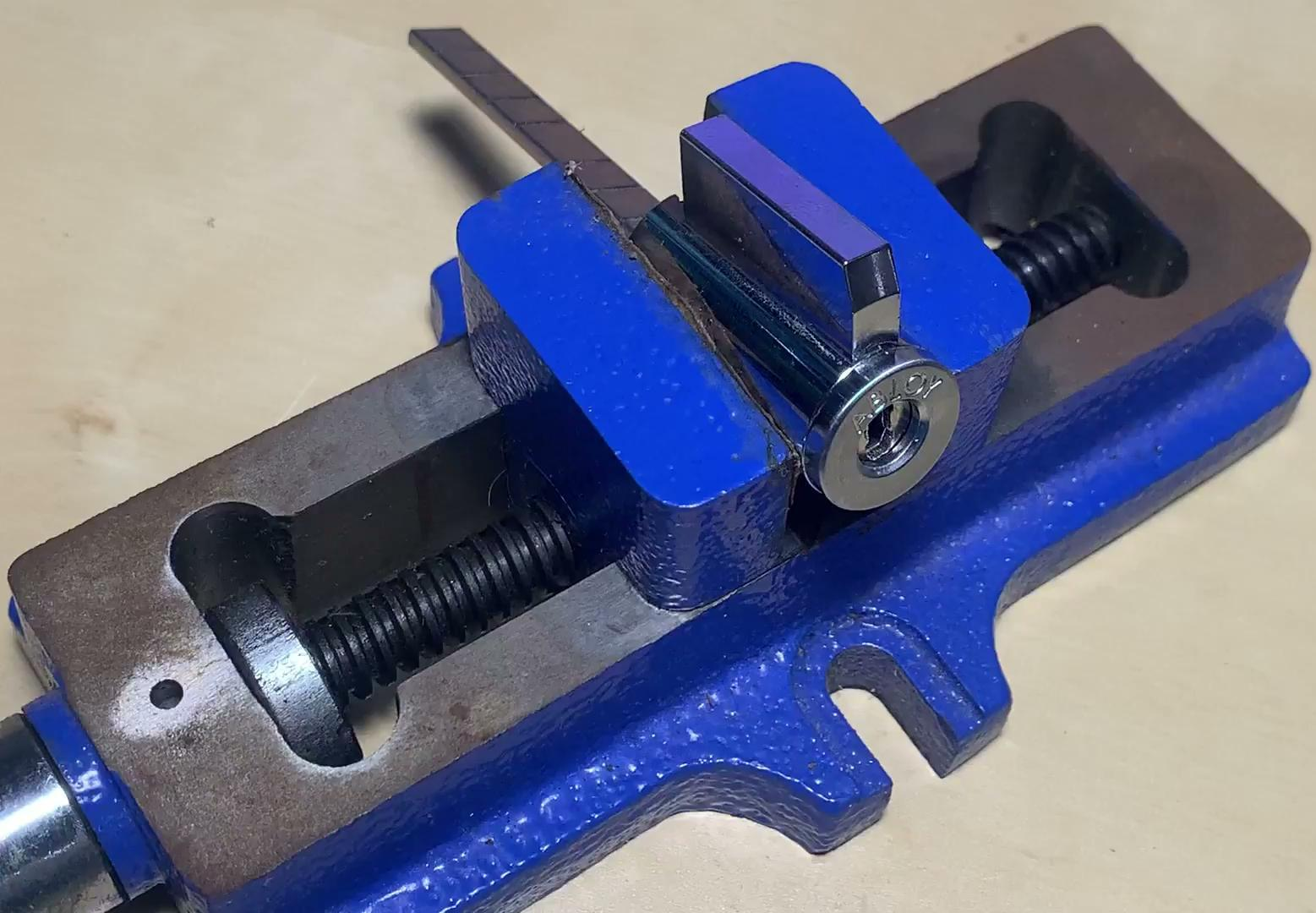
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}
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Hi folks,

I'd like to reach out to disclose two vulnerabilities we've discovered in the key control of Abloy Protec systems -

- 1) A means to defeat the interactive component of Protec2 locks by creating a key which operates the lock out of a single solid piece of material (including by 3D printing).
- 2) A means to copy the radial cuts of Protec and Protec2 using a standard key duplicator.

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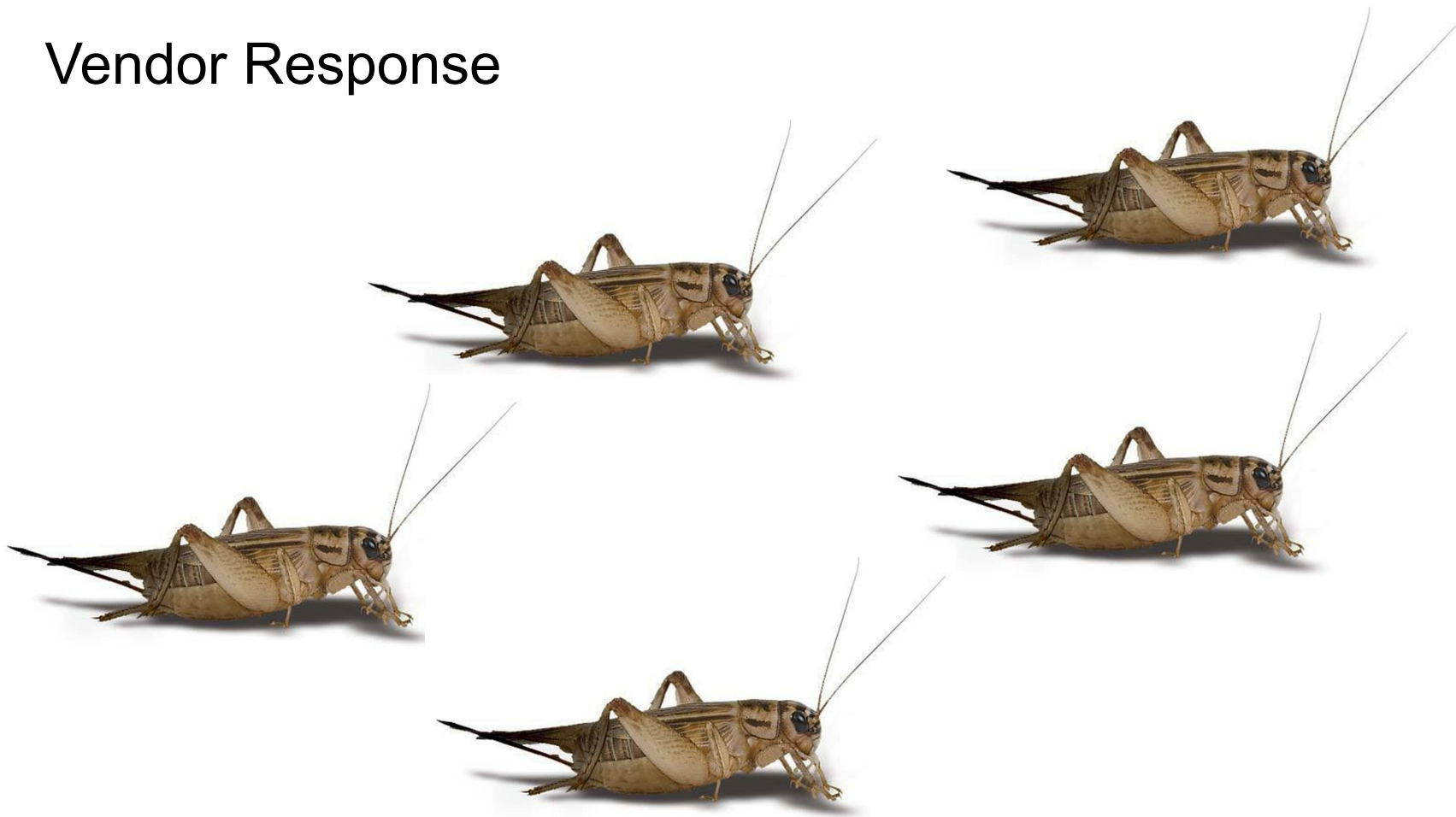
All the best,  
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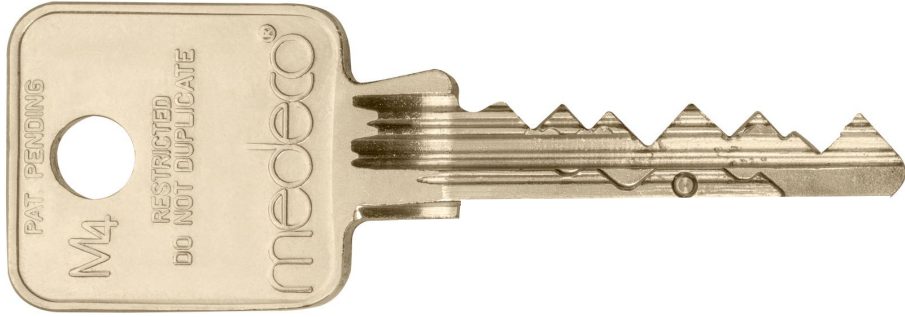
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# Vendor Response









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# ASSA ABLOY Introduces Medeco 4 Locking System

M4's patent-pending key control protects against unauthorized duplication of keys, including unauthorized 3D printed copies.

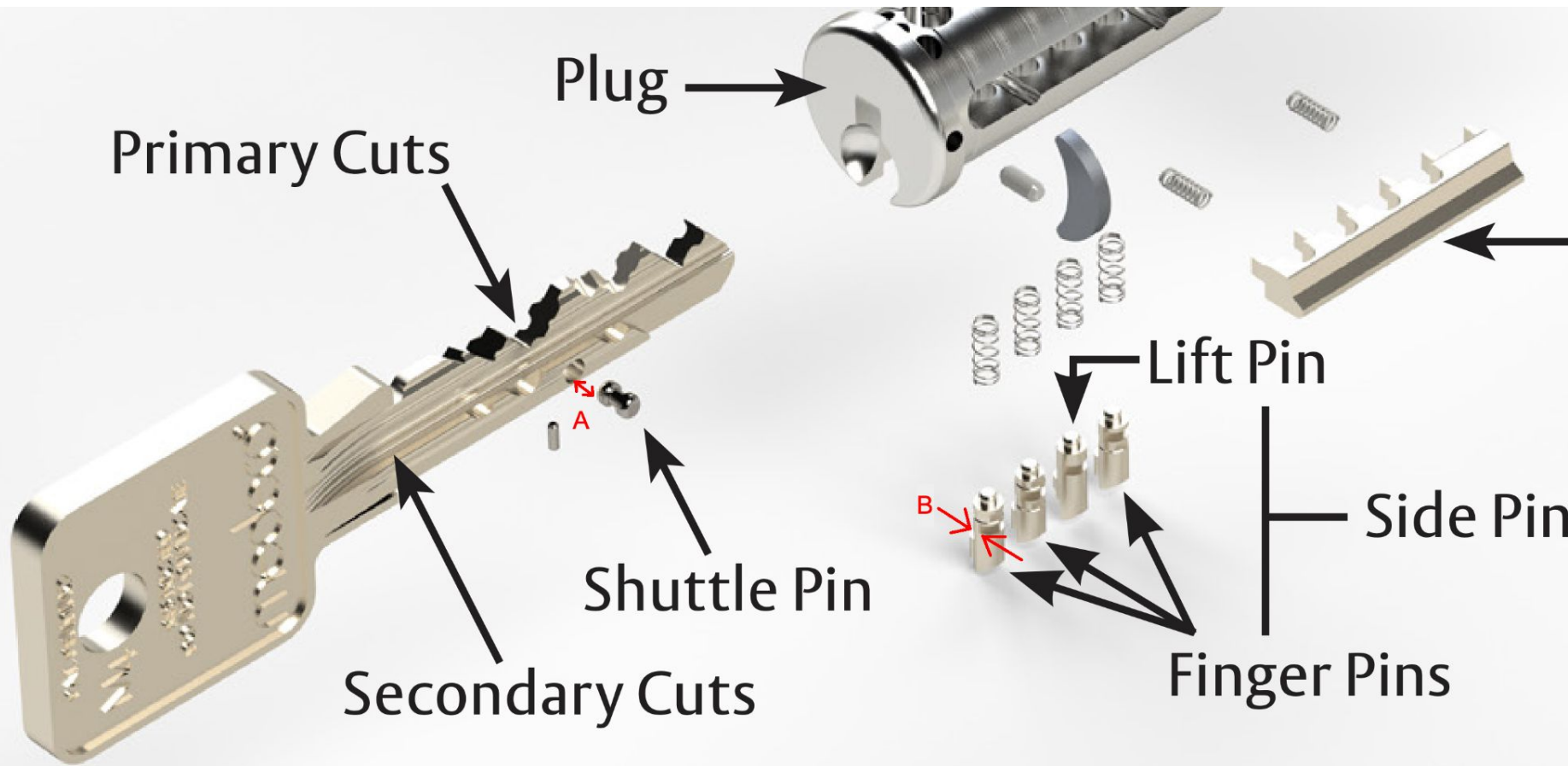
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[ASSA ABLOY](#), a manufacturer of [access control](#) solutions, introduces Medeco 4 (M4), a high-security key technology that is said to offer protection against physical attack and unauthorized key duplication.

M4 cylinders are UL Standard 437 listed for physical strength and high security, with solid brass machined construction and hardened-steel inserts to thwart drilling attacks. M4 cylinders are available in a wide variety of formats and are ideal for any application requiring [key control](#) and a high level of physical security.







# Vendor Outreach

Hi folks,

I'd like to reach out to disclose two vulnerabilities we've discovered in the key control of Medeco systems -

- 1) A means to defeat the interactive component of the upcoming M4 locks by creating a key which operates the lock out of a single solid piece of material (including by 3D printing).
- 2) A means to copy the angled top cuts of all Medeco versions using a standard key duplicator.

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All the best,

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# Vendor Response

Later that day...

Hi Bill,

Thanks for reaching out. When can we speak by phone?

Regards,  
**Clyde**

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**From:** Stewart, Brenda <brenda.stewart@assaabloy.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 29, 2020 10:11 AM

**To:** Roberson, Clyde <Clyde.Roberson@assaabloy.com>

**Cc:** Esposito, Amy <Amy.Esposito@assaabloy.com>

**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Robert Goldberg <r.goldberg@ggrsecurity.com>, Robert Graydon <r.graydon@ggrsecurity.com>



# Vendor Response

Clyde Roberson's Zoom Meeting

From

Roberson, Clyde <Clyde.Roberson@assaabloy.com>

Date

2020-12-30 13:03

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Invitation to Clyde Roberson's Zoom Meeting

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2020-12-30 15:30 - 16:00

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Agenda 2020-12-30

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Clyde Roberson's Zoom Meeting

No later events

Hi Bill, just so we don't keep missing each other, would you be ok with 3:30 today for a call or ZOOM? Looking forward to speaking with you....

Thanks, Clyde

zoom

Hi there,

Clyde Roberson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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# Good Response!

- Calls
- Discussion of Technique
- Medeco's team tried it
  - without success
- My turn to try it
- But first...

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On 2021-03-17 16:23, [REDACTED] wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Graydon,

Please find attached the mutual NDA with the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph deleted. If you need anything further, please let me know.

Thank you!

[REDACTED]

Legal Administrator

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Salem, VA 24153

All Signed

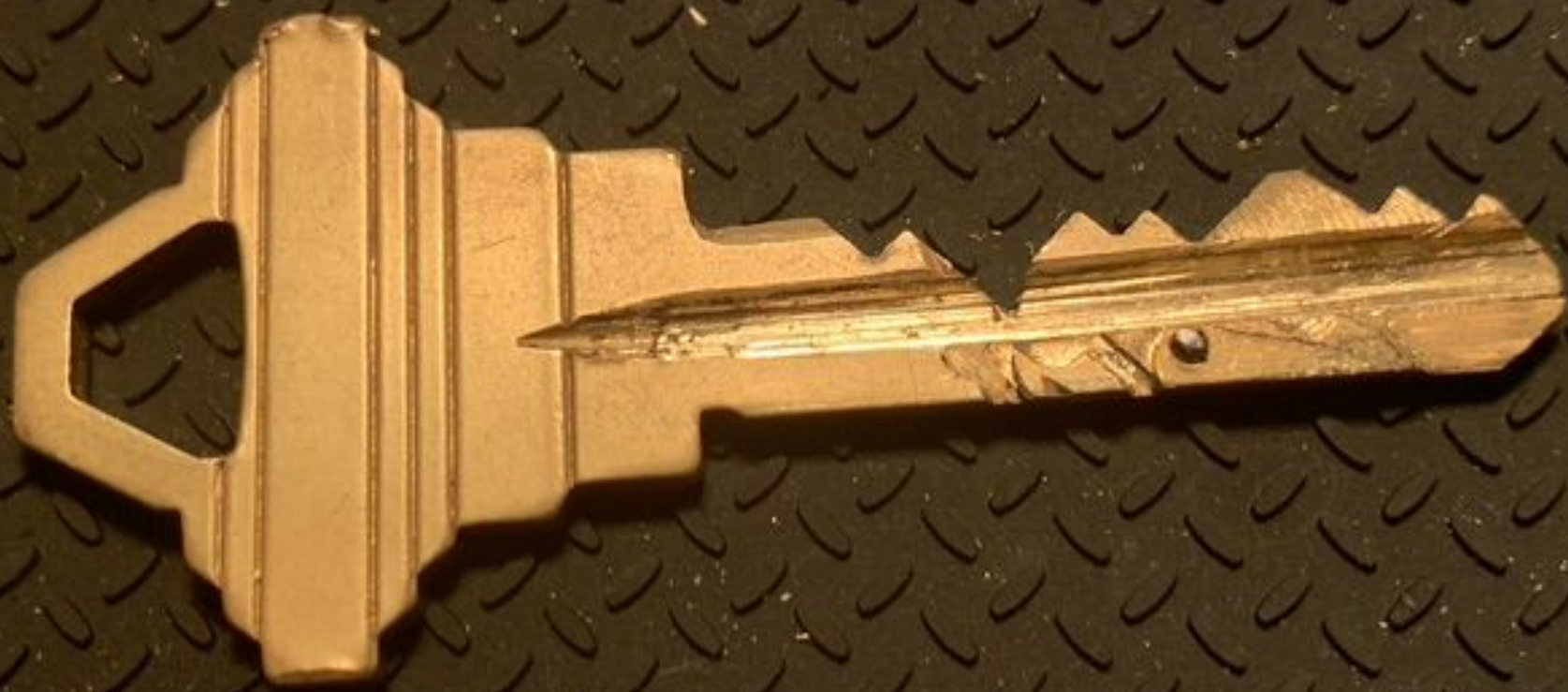




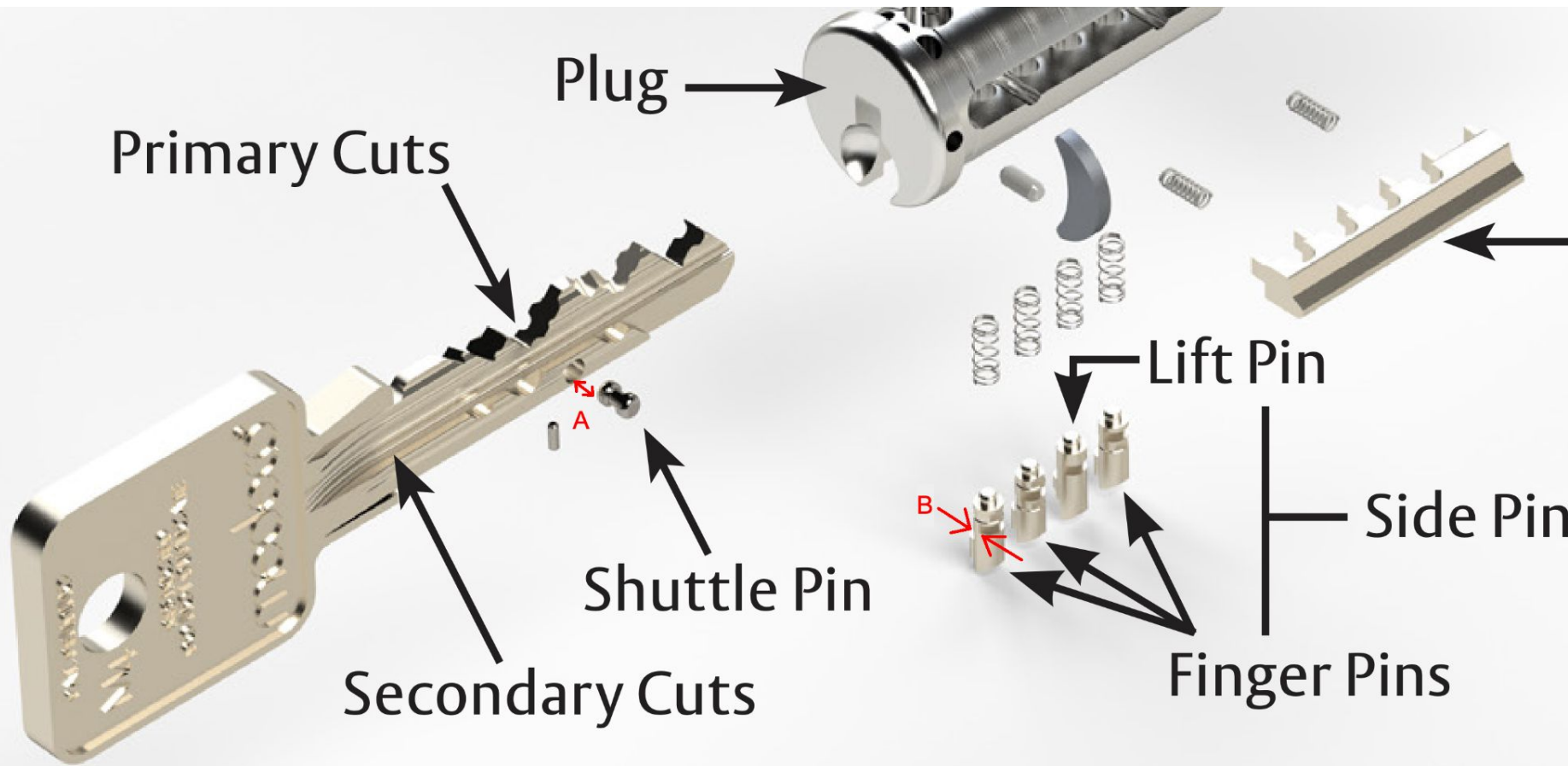


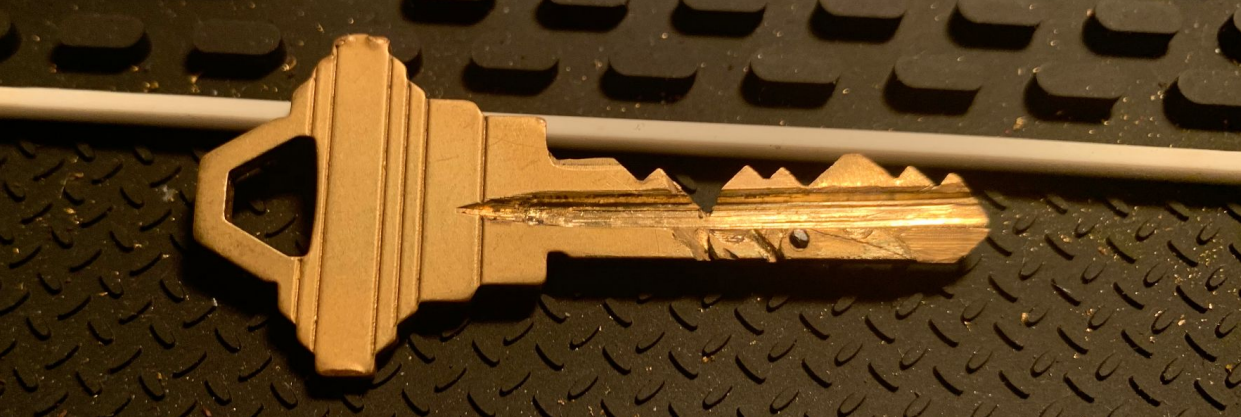
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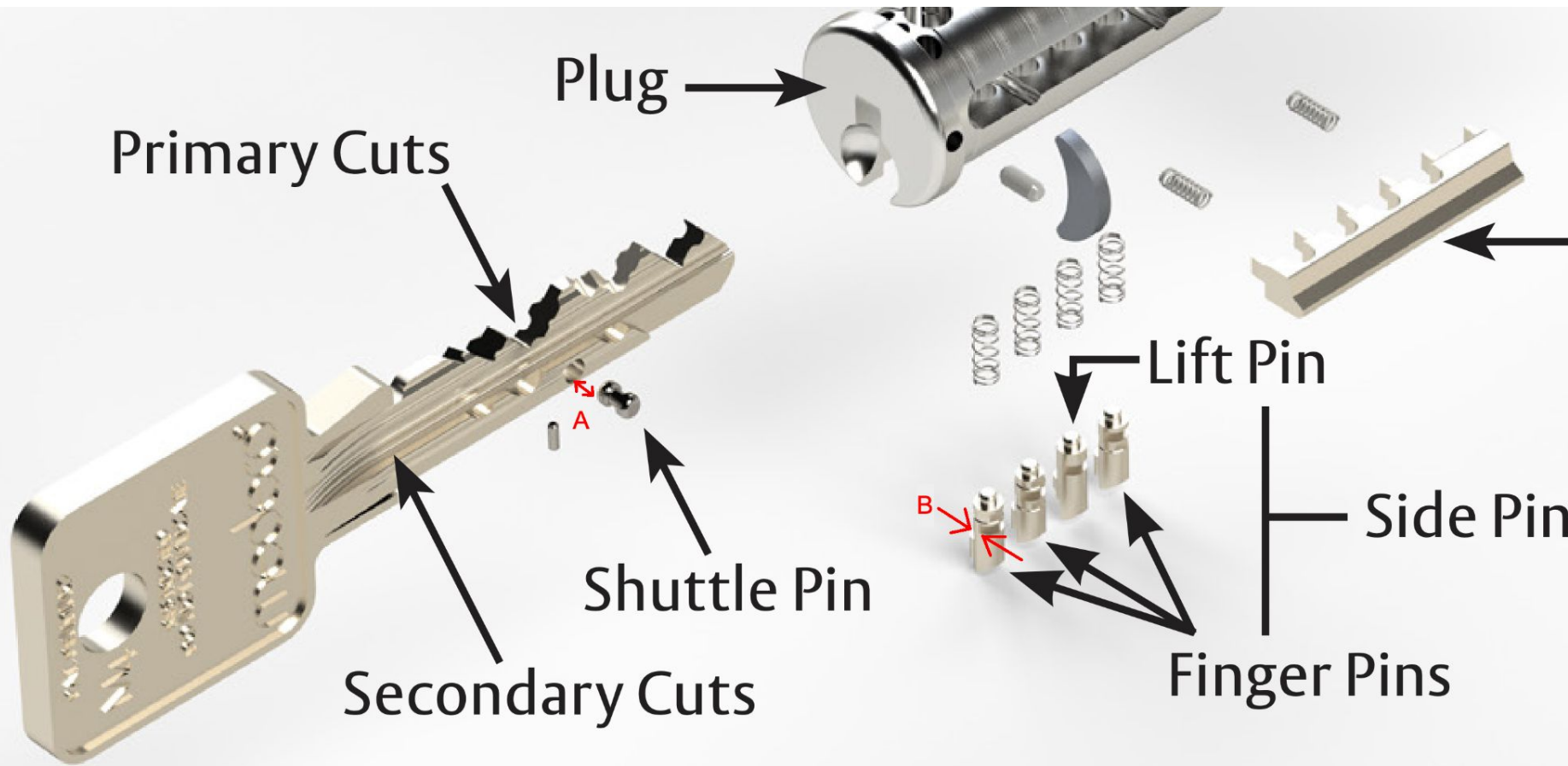
















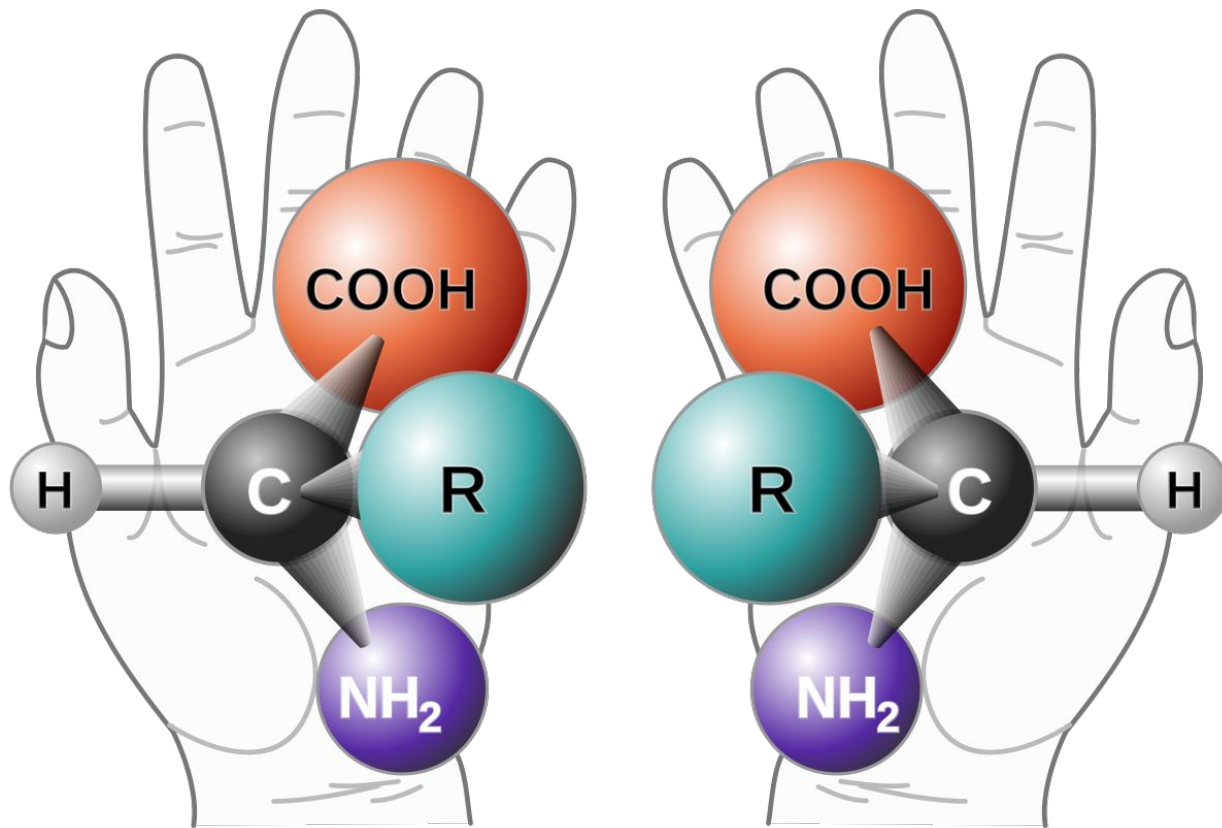
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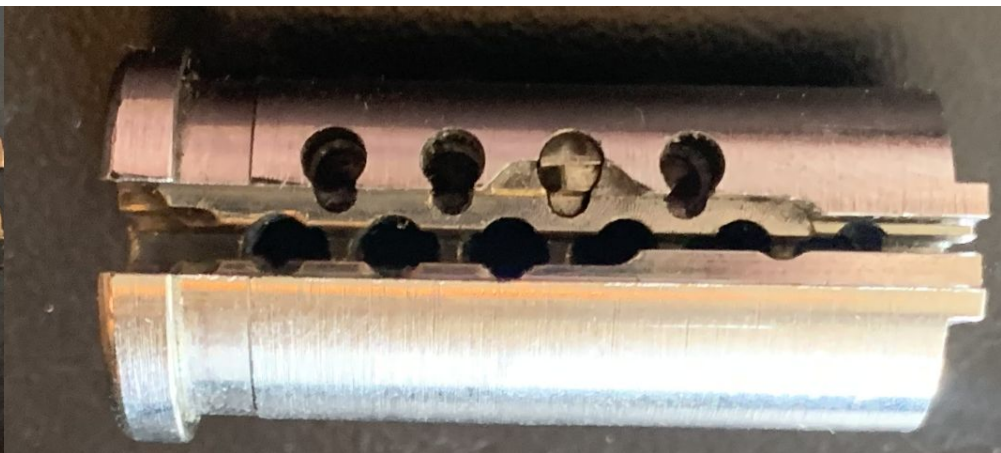
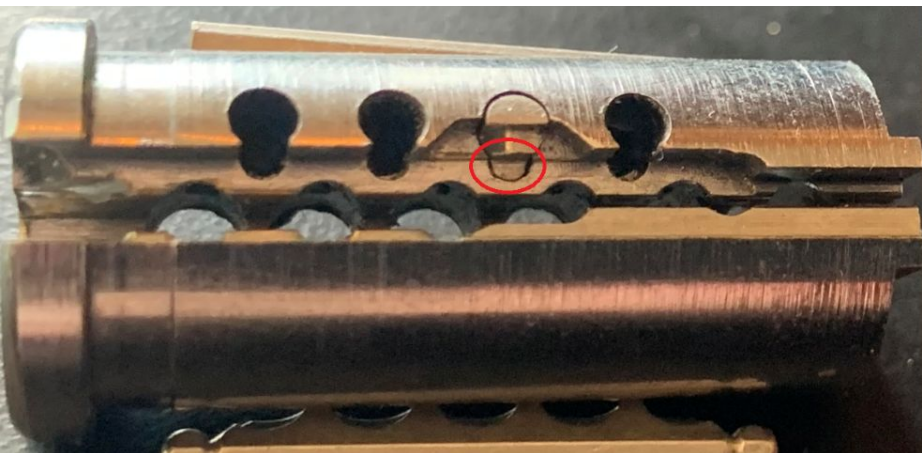


# Chirality Matters (kind of)



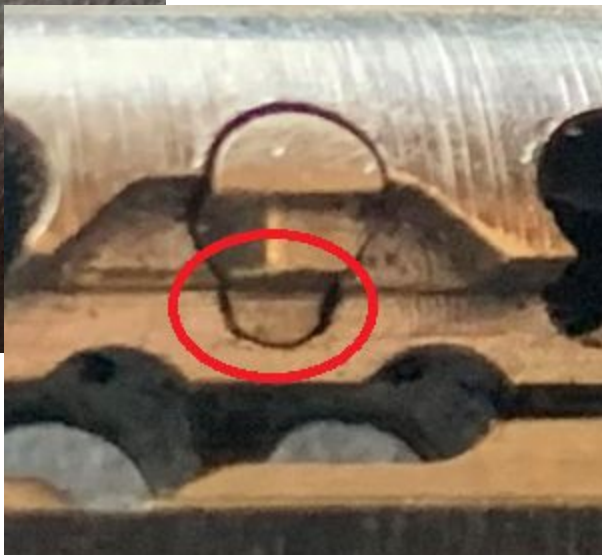


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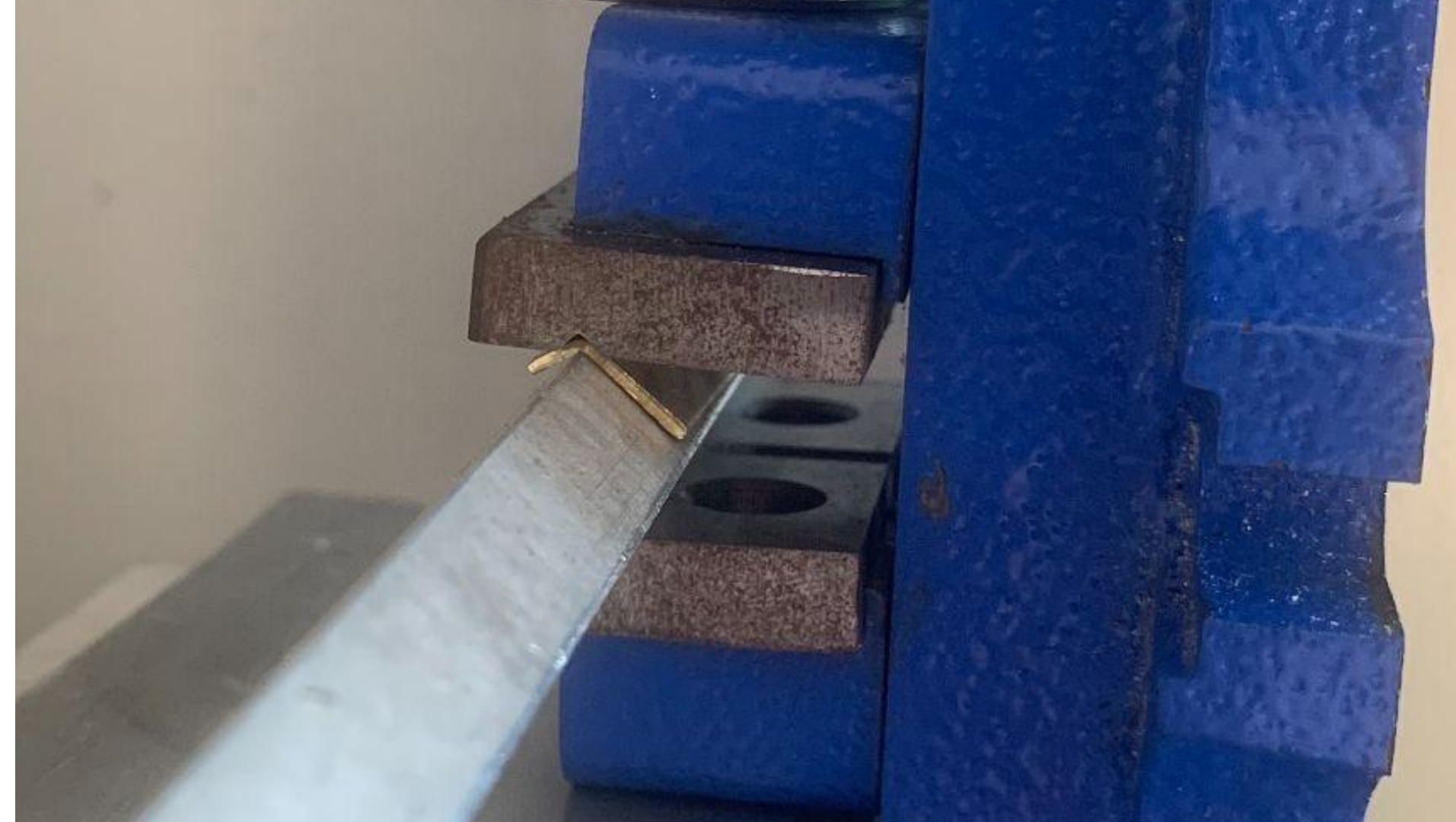




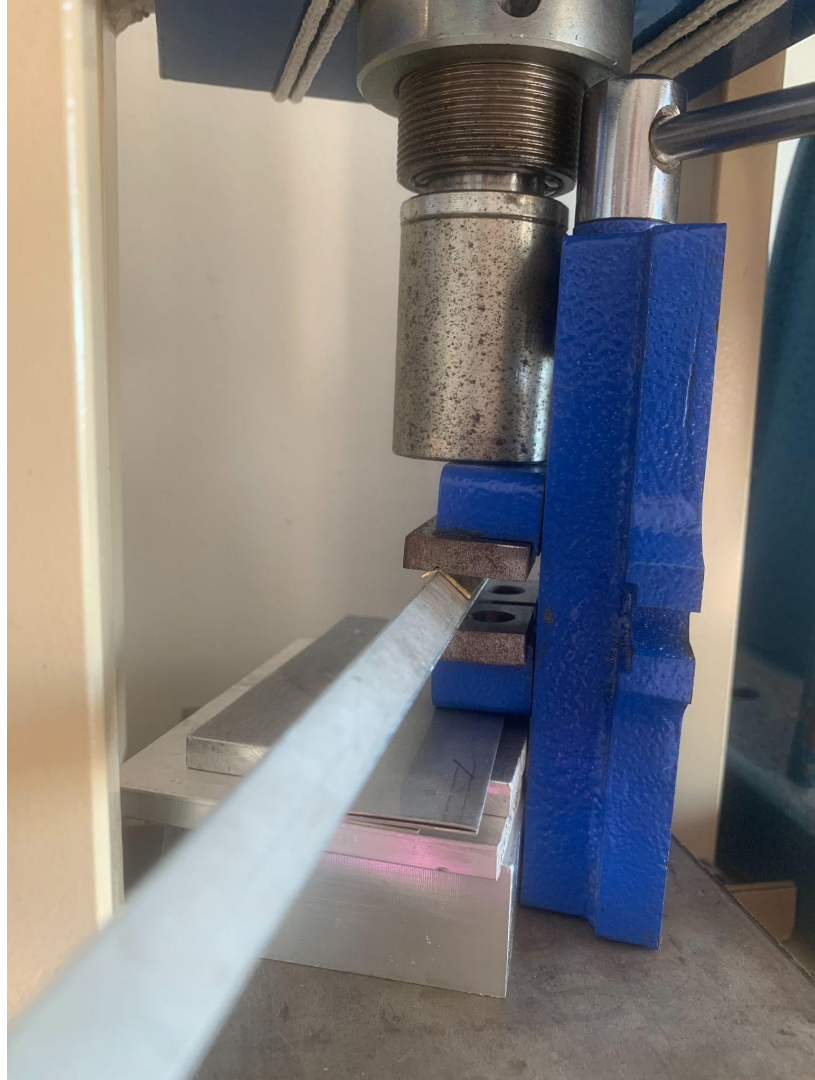
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# Fabrication

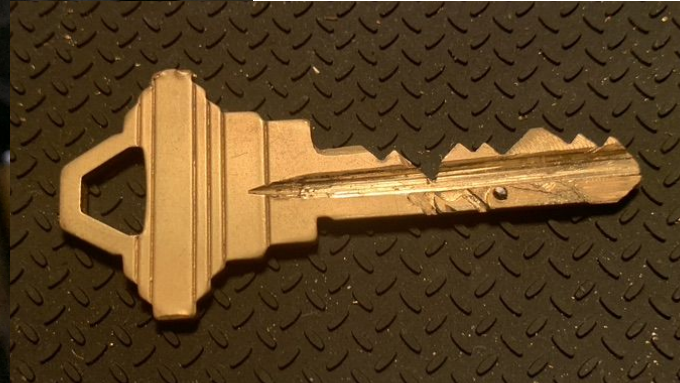
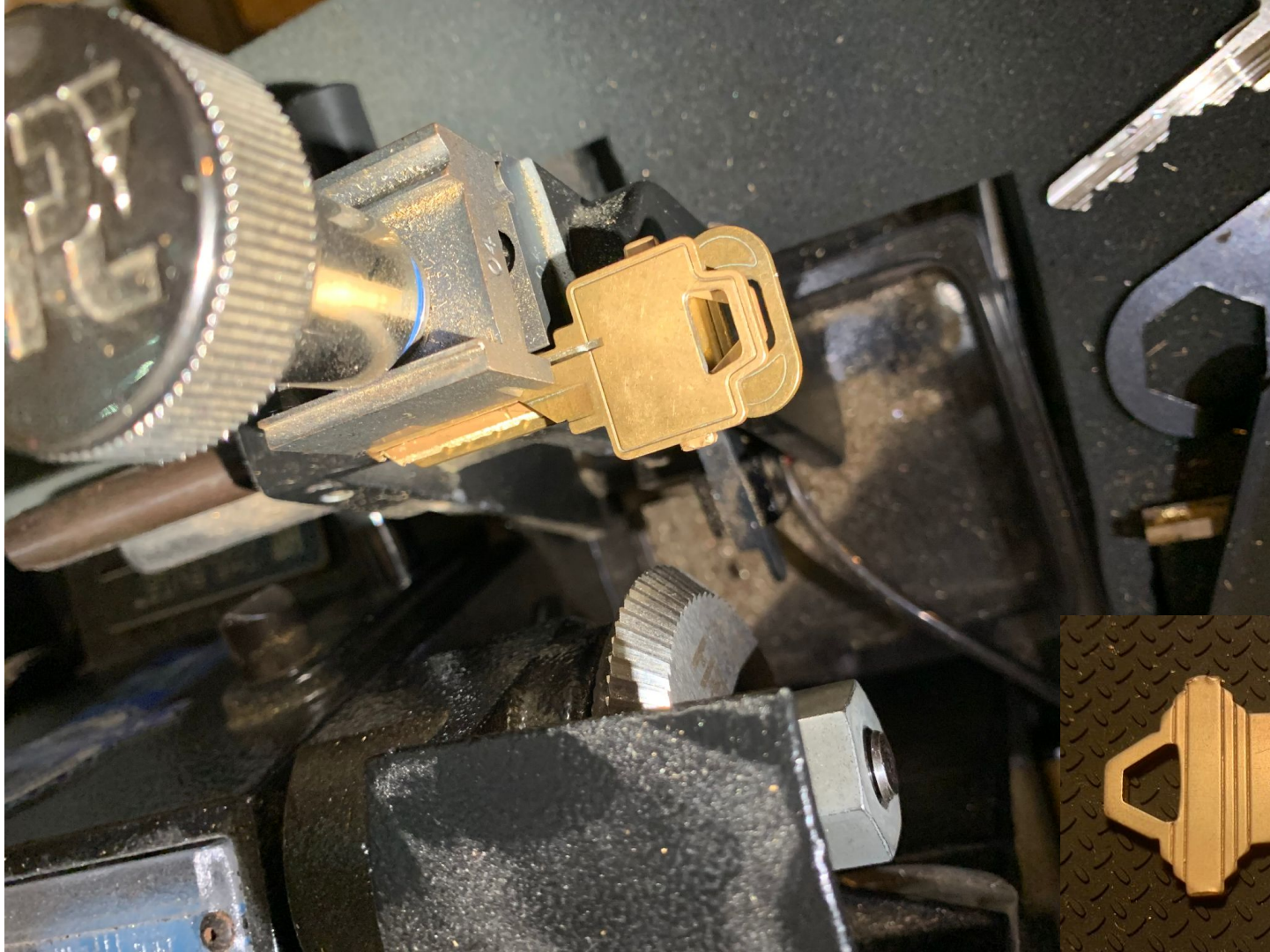
















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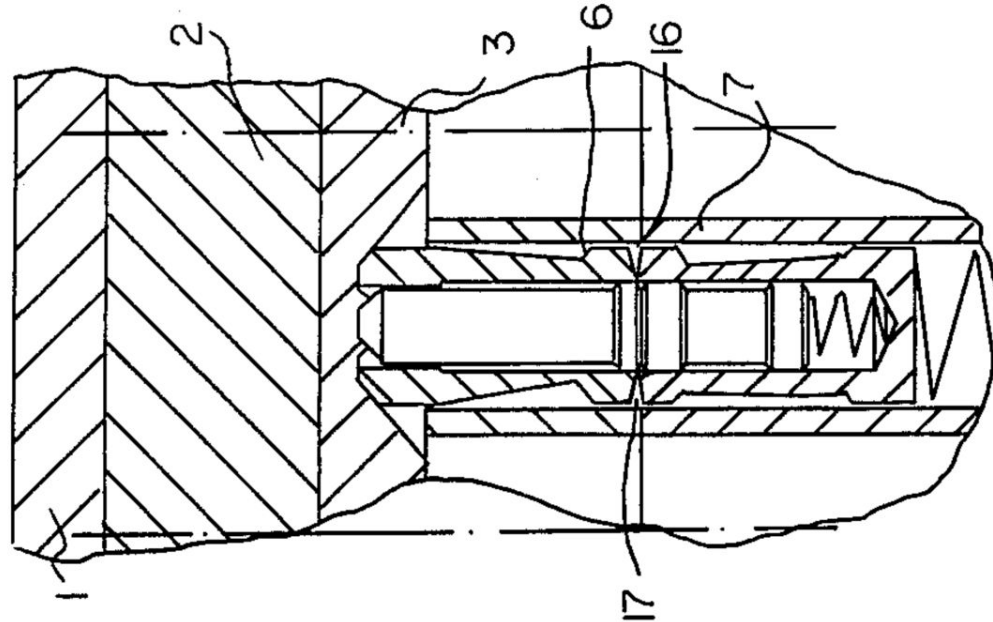
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**FIG. 2**  
PRIOR ART

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Key tool B316 Home Door Key blanks Locksmith Supplies Blank Keys 20 pieces/lot

★★★★★ 5.0 ▾ 3 Reviews 5 orders

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~~US \$12.90~~ -5%

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# Alternative Attacks



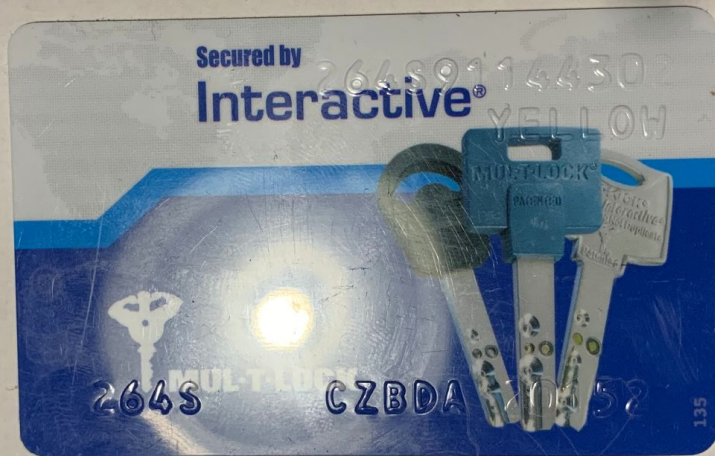
# EBay stops selling keys that could open New York City to terrorists

By Susan Edelman

September 26, 2015 | 11:50pm







ORDER DATE  
Nov 24, 2020

ORDER NUMBER  
174245182176-22357916  
58007

SOLD BY  
[sky-baywarehouse](#)



Box of 50, MUL-T-LOCK 264B+ NS Key Blanks,  
51268800, Skbawa-b129-jb  
(174245182176)

ITEM PRICE:  
US \$235.20

ORDER DATE  
Nov 24, 2020

ORDER NUMBER  
303545443592-18111117  
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SOLD BY  
[justperfectdeals2011](#)



50 PCS 264S KEYWAY MUL-T-LOCK INTERACTIVE  
PROFILE KEY BLANKS LOCKSMITH SUPPLY  
(303545443592)

ITEM PRICE:  
US \$199.00

Name:  
E-Mail: b.graydon@ggrsecurity.com  
Company: GGR Security  
Phone: 1-800-833-0201 ext 200  
City: Toronto  
Province: Ontario  
Best time to contact:  
Comment: Hi folks,

I purchased a box of 50 Mul-T-Lock interactive 264B blanks from EBay, which arrived with coining on the head for your company and phone number.

I was surprised to see the 416 area code, given that the listing was from Niagara Falls, and further surprised when I looked you up and found that you are still in business and servicing Mul-T-Locks (presumably under an inventory control contract).

All of this didn't add up, which piqued my suspicion that the blanks I purchased might be stolen property. I thought I should reach out to you in case you've recently experienced a theft of any sort, or in case any of your employees are otherwise engaged in unauthorised activities.

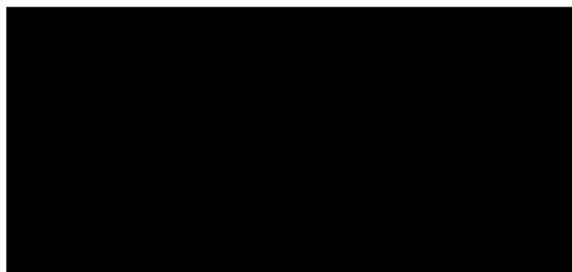
Please advise as to the situation, and let me know if I can be of assistance in any way.

All the best,  
Bill.



On 2020-12-15 15:12, [REDACTED] wrote:

Thanks for letting us know clearly they would be stolen blanks as we would never sell on ebay  
what is best number to speak with you



President

[REDACTED] Security Services, Inc.

Main Office: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Web: [REDACTED]

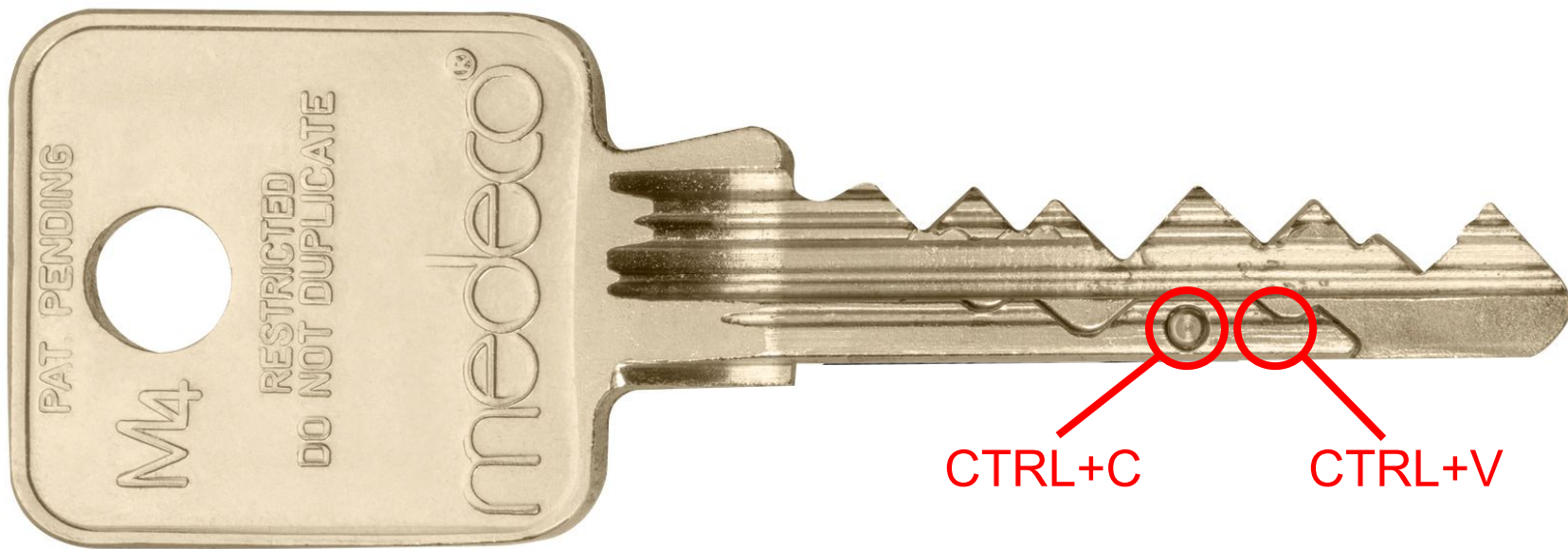
## The Outcome...

- They traced it to a theft from courier package 3 years ago
- Ordered more blanks by courier
- Driver delivered - “this doesn’t feel like 25lbs”!
- Reported to Mul-T-Lock
- I reached out
- Recovered 9/10 stolen boxes (including mine)
- No compensation owed for stolen property
- They insisted on it anyway



# Defences





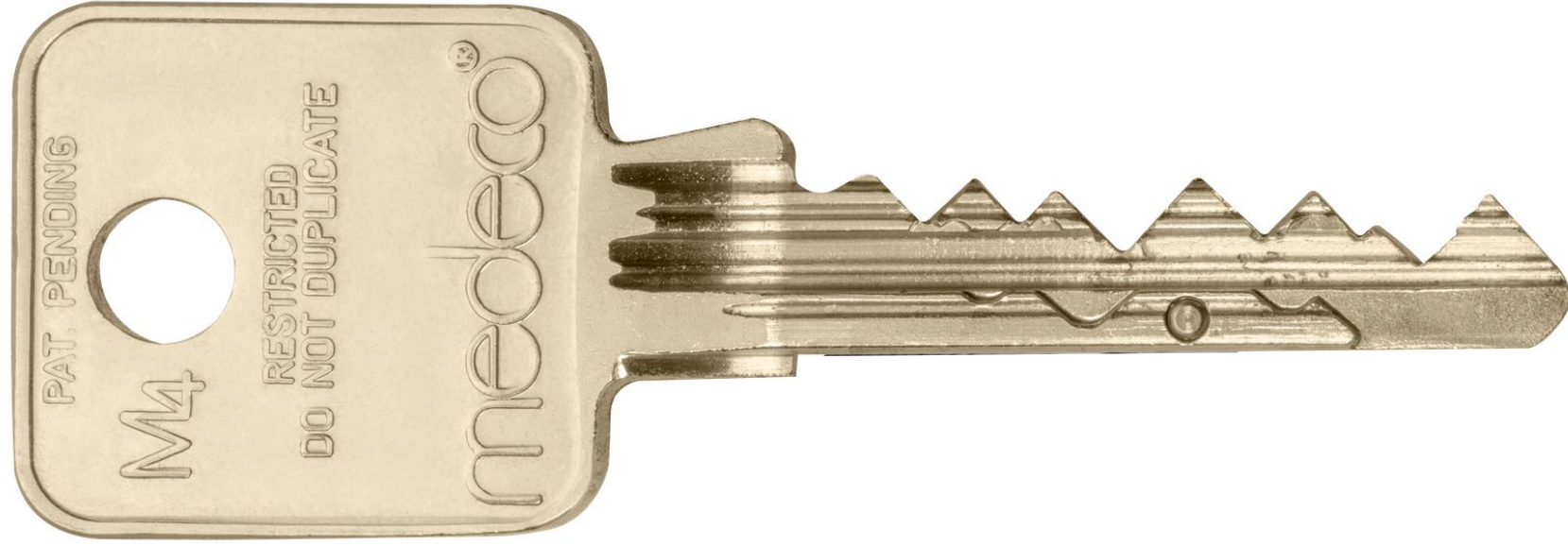


Multiple Moving Elements (?)









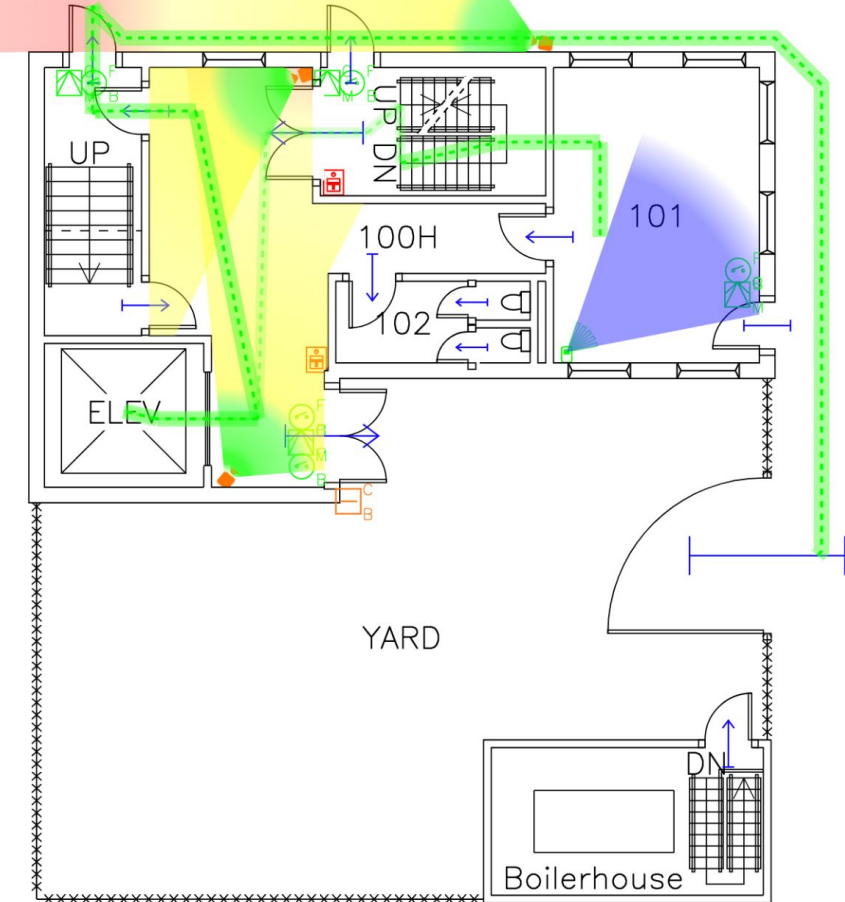






# Intercept the Attacker

1. Detect the Intrusion
2. Delay the Intruder after detection
3. Respond to the Intrusion in time
4. Intercept the intruder with greater force



00:05:58:  
Intercept 79' - Outside    Single Left 10' - Stair 2    Single Right 20' - Elevat    18' - Double Doo    Stairw 6    Wall Bread 6  
7°

00:02:38:  
00:00:36 63' - Outside    Single Left 10'    Wall Bread 6  
131°

# Questions?

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Or come find me in the  
Physical Security Village!

