

A Different Smart Lock

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The market offers a variety of smart lock solutions, all acting as replacements for your customer's current deadbolts. Haven sidesteps this design with its Smart Lock, a wedge one installs at the base of the door, inside the house.



According to the company this design is actually more secure than a deadbolt replacement, as it is anchored at the base of the door, the strongest point of the entryway. With steel, glass-reinforced nylon and aluminium construction, it promises to not only keep doors shut but also be lock pick-proof and strong enough to withstand even the force of a battering ram.

Installation appears simple enough-- measure the door for proper mounting, drill one hole in line with the included template and install via two mounting brackets.

Control comes through a smartphone app handling digital keys, local and remote door locking/unlocking and alerts in case of attempts at forced entry. Should users forget their mobile devices Haven also offers a key fob accessory.

Connectivity comes through Bluetooth, wifi, ZigBee and Z-Wave, allowing integration with smart home devices and home automation systems. A built-in battery promises half a year of use, with app alerts letting home owners know when power is low.

The Haven Smart Lock is currently available on preorder basis on Kickstarter, with shipments to take place sometime on August 2015.

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