

How to Spot ATM and Pin Skimming Devices

Don't know about any of you out there, but I have been the victim of ATM skimming twice now in the past several months. At first, I could not understand how in the world it was possible for someone to not only get my pin number, but use it to withdrawal cash from my checking account without having my physical ATM card.

Well ladies and gentlemen, it is VERY possible and the pictures below reveal how this is done. There is a particular art and skill to how these thieves steal your money.



The above pic shows an unadulterated ATM fascia. The flashing light is easily observed. Note: Most skim devices when fitted will obscure the flashing entry indicator.



A skim device has been placed on top of the card reader slot. Notice the additional fitted piece that was not in the above photo.



Another example of a skimming device being placed onto the card reader.



This ATM fascia piece (located above the screen) has a PIN capturing device installed within. Hard to tell isn't it?



Here is the ATM fascia piece removed for a closer look.



Here you can clearly see the PIN capturing device installed on the inner side of the fascia piece.



This is another example of a fascia piece fitted to the speaker area directly above the screen.



Removal of the fitted device from the fascia.



Here we have a piece of merchandising placed on the side ATM fascia wall.



Upon closer inspection of the brochure rack unit, you can clearly see the pin hole camera installed on the bottom side, capturing an image of the keypad and subsequently, our PIN numbers.