

"In the Future Auto Cybersecurity Onus Could Be on Owners"



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While automotive cybersecurity still is in its infancy, experts in the field say in the future owners may be responsible for securing their vehicle from hacks, not manufacturers.

"When the capability exists for the manufacturer to control (security software updates), and do those updates over the air like Tesla is doing, (responsibility and liability) may shift over time," Bruce Coventry, chairman of automotive security software firm TowerSec tells *WardsAuto* here during a Society of Automotive Analysts meeting on the issue of cybersecurity.

Lawyer James Giszczak, chair-Data Privacy and Cybersecurity for McDonald Hopkins, says if in-car data protection is available in the future, and vehicle owners don't take advantage of it, they may be personally liable.

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