



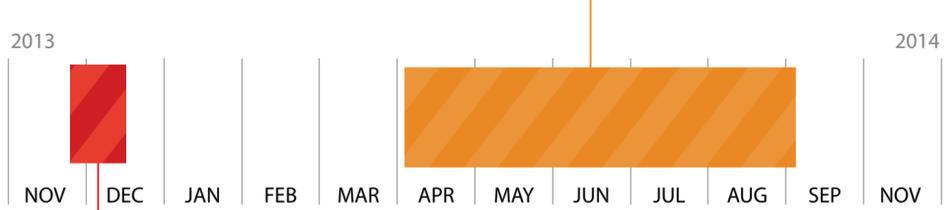
HOME DEPOT BREACH

HOW LARGE IS IT?

The home improvement retailer has confirmed a breach that potentially impacts customers in the U.S. and Canada. Just how many payment cards were compromised remains unclear. Here's an overview on what we know so far, and how widespread this incident might be.

WINDOW OF COMPROMISE

Home Depot says payment card purchases dating back to April may be at risk, meaning payment cards may have been vulnerable for a period of about **five months**.



Compare that with the **Target** compromise, where 40 million payment cards were exposed between Nov. 27 and Dec. 15, approximately **three weeks**.

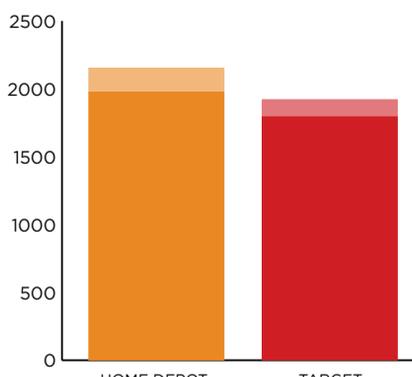
COMPANY SIZE

HOME DEPOT

- 1,977 retail stores in the U.S.
- 180 in Canada

TARGET

- 1,797 stores in the U.S.
- 124 in Canada



MALWARE

Home Depot acknowledged that its payment system was attacked by malware. While the high-profile Target breach is believed to have involved BlackPOS malware, security experts disagree about whether Home Depot was compromised by a **BlackPOS** variant. But even if the malware differs, the same attackers could potentially be involved in both breaches.

"We cannot discount the possibility that the same group was responsible for both. Cybercrime outfits recruit various coders and are not tied down to a single methodology."

-Al Pascual, Javelin Strategy & Research

LAWSUIT

The home improvement retailer already faces a class action lawsuit. Plaintiffs allege Home Depot failed to meet its legal obligation to protect payment information and notify customers.

QUICK FACTS

- Online customers not affected
- No clear evidence debit PIN numbers were compromised
- Free ID protection and credit monitoring offered to customers

Sources: Home Depot, Target Corp.

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