

# Unlock Your Car—With Your Watch

Tapkey and Garmin Join Forces For Hot New Mobile Access at CES

**LAS VEGAS, Jan. 8, 2019—Mobile-access innovator Tapkey has teamed up with legendary mobile device-maker Garmin to showcase a wholly new application of technology: The ability to unlock a car via a smartwatch. The new tech pairing was unveiled at the CES tech expo in Las Vegas.**

Bringing together a Garmin smartwatch and Tapkey technology, the two companies provided a live demonstration which showed how Garmin's wearables could be infused with Tapkey functionality to access, and unlock, the door hardware in a Volvo XC90, all via Bluetooth.

"We are proud to partner with such a world-class leader as Garmin for this demonstration," said Tapkey CEO Gilbert Hoedl. "It's a natural combination of their hardware and our software."

Speaking about the automotive industry, Matt Munn, Managing Director at Garmin Automotive OEM, said "We are hearing from a number of OEMs interested in new mobile access solutions. OEMs see the opportunities to differentiate by offering their customers greater convenience and flexibility with these wearable devices."

"The smartwatch is an ideal device for unlocking your car, simply because you wear it all the time," said Jochen Schurich, Tapkey Co-Founder and Senior Business Development Lead. "It's easy, practical, and safe. Plus, Garmin smartwatches boast a battery life of about two weeks."

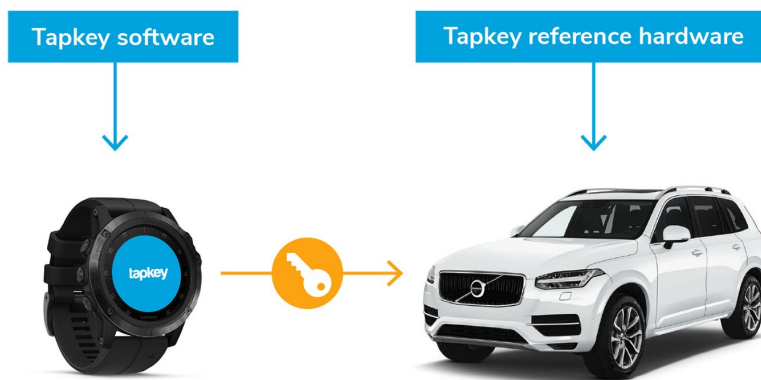
Based on an open platform that is easy to integrate, Tapkey enables app developers, service providers and lock manufacturers to add smartphone-based access to their product portfolio, quickly, easily and cost effectively. Tapkey's access software is complemented by a wide range of compatible hardware products for the automotive and logistics industry as well as property management.

"Given the rapid evolution of new concepts in private, shared and public transportation, the availability of smart-access solutions is growing in importance," said Hoedl. "This affects automotive OEMs, suppliers and end customers—as well as cross-industry providers and partners. We're proud that the Tapkey platform empowers players such as service providers, app developers and lock manufacturers to easily integrate mobile access into their products and services. It's a great way for them to unlock, both literally and figuratively, new markets."

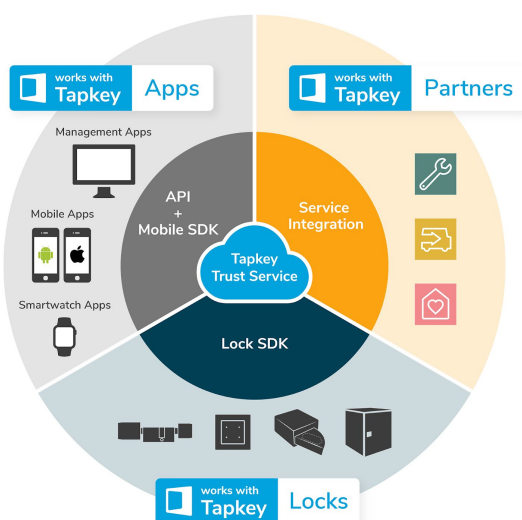
“With this showcase of Tapkey, Garmin and our wearable-unlocking Volvo, we’re entering a new age of mobile access,” said Schurich. “This showcase also demonstrates the potential of digital access solutions for sharing and delivery services across the growing mobility infrastructure which includes charging, parking, public transport and other digital services in the smart cities of the very near future.”

## How it works

The Garmin smartwatch uses Tapkey software to send an unlocking signal to the car. Inside the car, the verified signal is sent to the door-control hardware. The door is unlocked.



## The growing Tapkey ecosystem



### About Garmin

Garmin has been developing mobile products for pilots, sailors, motorists, golfers, runners, cyclists, mountaineers, swimmers and amateur athletes for more than 25 years. From automotive to fitness and outdoor to marine and aviation, Garmin has sold over 200 million products since its founding in 1989. Today, more than 12,000 employees across 50 offices around the world work to help their clients live healthier lives, feel better, or discover new things, using the #BeatYesterday motto. Garmin is characterized by a constant diversification, thanks to which fitness & health trackers, smartwatches, golf and running watches have been successfully established. The company, headquartered in Schaffhausen (CH), is represented in the DACH region with locations in Garching near Munich (D), Graz (A) and Neuhausen am Rheinfall (CH). In Würzburg (D) there is also a separate research and development location. A central principle of success is the vertical integration: The development from the draft to the product ready for sale as well as the sales remain largely in the enterprise. Garmin can thus guarantee the highest quality and design standards and motivate its customers every day. [www.garmin.com](http://www.garmin.com).

### About Tapkey

Tapkey is an innovative platform for smartphone-based access. The software enables app developers, service providers and lock manufacturers to integrate mobile access into their products and services. Compatible hardware and software can be easily integrated into the Tapkey ecosystem. The Tapkey app and locking devices communicate via Bluetooth (BLE) and NFC and can therefore be operated by both Android phones and iPhones. Internationally renowned companies rely on the Tapkey platform and benefit from ready-to-use locking devices and innovative distribution channels. These include WITTE Automotive, EMKA and DOM Security. For more information, visit [tapkey.com](http://tapkey.com).

**Images and video assets** (available for download at [tapkey.com/pr/ces2019](http://tapkey.com/pr/ces2019))

**Fig. 1:** Booth of Garmin at CES 2019 Las Vegas Convention Center: South Hall 03, Booth 30342

**Fig. 2:** [Short video](#) of unlocking process and/or Fig. 2a: Image of unlocking process

**Fig. 3:** Garmin Wearable, Volvo & Tapkey

**Fig. 4:** Tapkey integrations

**Fig. 5:** Jochen Schurich, Senior Business Developer and co-founder of Tapkey

**Fig. 6:** Gilbert Hoedl, CEO of Tapkey

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