



Oops! Google Failed To Disclose ‘Secret’ Microphone In ‘Nest’ Security System

Shocking revelations about Big Tech deception is turning into a trend that seems endemic. The term “pathological liars” is gaining strength as an accurate descriptor. Google, Facebook, Twitter, Amazon, etc., are openly revealing their love for Technocracy. □ TN Editor

- In early February, [Google announced](#) that Assistant would work with its home security and alarm system, Nest Secure.
- The problem: Users didn’t know a microphone existed on their **Nest security devices** to begin with.
- On Tuesday, a Google representative told Business Insider the company had made an “error.”
- “The on-device microphone was never intended to be a secret and should have been listed in the tech specs,” the person said. “That was an error on our part.”

In early February, [Google announced](#) that its home security and alarm system Nest Secure would be getting an update. Users, the company

said, could now enable its virtual-assistant technology, Google Assistant.

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The existence of a microphone on the Nest Guard, which is the alarm, keypad, and motion-sensor component in the Nest Secure offering, was never disclosed in any of the product material for the device.

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Google says "the microphone has never been on and is only activated when users specifically enable the option."

It also said the microphone was originally included in the Nest Guard for the possibility of adding new security features down the line, like the ability to detect broken glass.

Still, even if Google included the microphone in its Nest Guard device for future updates — like its Assistant integration — the news comes as consumers have grown increasingly wary of major tech companies and their commitment to consumer privacy.

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