

# Super Micro Computer Inc

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## Super Micro Computer rejects reports Chinese spy chips in servers used by Apple and Amazon.com

Super Micro Computer Inc (SMCI) strenuously rejected on Thursday reports China planted spy chips into its servers which made their way into data centers of US technology giants Apple Inc (NASDAQ:AAPL) and Amazon.com Inc (NASDAQ:AMZN).

SMCI joined the two tech giants by issuing a statement late on Thursday that it "strongly refutes reports that servers it sold to customers contained malicious microchips in the motherboards of those systems."

"Supermicro takes all security claims very seriously and makes continuous investments in the security capabilities of their products. The manufacture of motherboards in China is not unique to Supermicro and is a standard industry practice."

"Nearly all systems providers use the same contract manufacturers. Supermicro qualifies and certifies every contract manufacturer and routinely inspects their facilities and processes closely," the company said.

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In a report by Bloomberg Businessweek, it said the attack by Chinese espionage reached almost 30 US companies, including Amazon and Apple, compromising the US technology supply chain.

On CNBC, Apple said: "We are deeply disappointed that in their dealings with us, Bloomberg's reporters have not been open to the possibility that they or their sources might be wrong or misinformed. Our best guess is that they are confusing their story with a previously reported 2016 incident in which we discovered an infected driver on a single Supermicro server in one of our labs. That one-time event was determined to be accidental and not a targeted attack against Apple."

"As we shared with Bloomberg BusinessWeek multiple times over the last couple months, at no time, past or present, have we ever found any issues relating to modified hardware or malicious chips in Supermicro motherboards in any Elemental or Amazon systems,?" Steve Schmidt, the chief information security officer at Amazon Web Services, said.

Supermicro added that it has "never been contacted by any government agencies either domestic or foreign regarding the alleged claims."

Supermicro is a leading innovator in high-performance, high-efficiency server technology. The company is based in San Jose, California.

### Share Information

**Code:** SMCI

**Listing:** NASDAQ

**Sector:** Software & services

**Website:**

#### Company Synopsis:

*Super Micro Computer is a leader in high-performance, high-efficiency server technology.*

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