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The Mysterious Case of the 'iPad 2' Cases

Protective cases purportedly made for a new version of the iPad, posted for sale on Chinese e-commerce site Alibaba.com, have fueled some of the latest speculation about the rumored sequel to Apple's red-hot tablet computer. In fact, they drew enough attention that someone with pull appears to have objected to the listings.

Apple has yet to publicly disclose any plans for an iPad 2. But gadget bloggers in the last week seized on pictures from [Alibaba.com](#), a trading platform for smaller businesses in and outside China, as evidence of the new features that a second-generation iPad might have. In particular, they said the cases proved that the iPad 2 will include a camera on its back surface, since circular holes were depicted on the backs of the mostly silicon cases in the Alibaba listings. The cases were priced at a few dollars or lower and available in colors including bright pink and green.

But someone—it's unclear who—doesn't seem to appreciate all the attention: Alibaba.com was asked to remove the listings. "We do not know whether these products are what they say they are, but we have received a legitimate takedown request and are removing the listings," Alibaba Group spokesman John Spelich said Wednesday.

Mr. Spelich declined to comment on the source of the request, and Apple did not reply to a request for comment.

Several listings for iPad 2 cases had been removed by Friday, but [at least two](#) were still accessible as of Friday afternoon in Beijing. Mr. Spelich said the company is in the process of removing all the listings.

It's unclear what the specific objection was to the listings on Alibaba, and who the overzealous merchants that posted them are. The companies listed southern China phone numbers in their Alibaba.com profiles, suggesting they're based there. A man who answered the phone at one of the companies, called Fullchance Industrial Co., claimed that it works with Hon Hai Precision Industry and said Fullchance possesses firsthand material regarding the features of a new iPad, making the design of their case "extremely accurate."

The man declined to give his name or to elaborate, saying the matter was "very serious."

Hon Hai, which assembles Apple's iPhone and iPad, among other gadgets, is the world's largest electronics contract manufacturer by revenue. The Taiwan-based company, whose main factories are in southern China, is known for carefully guarding its customers' trade secrets.

A spokesman for Hon Hai said he saw no connection between Hon Hai and the listings on Alibaba.com. A second Hon Hai spokesman called remarks such as those made by the man from Fullchance "hostile."

Asked how they knew the design details of the iPad 2, other merchants selling the cases on Alibaba declined to comment, or simply hung up immediately.



Screenshot of a listing on Alibaba.com offering protective cases purportedly for an Apple iPad 2.

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