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Identification cards — Integrated circuit(s) cards with contacts —

Part 1:
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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) and IEC (the International Electrotechnical Commission) form the specialized system for worldwide standardization. National bodies that are members of ISO or IEC participate in the development of International Standards through technical committees established by the respective organization to deal with particular fields of technical activity. ISO and IEC technical committees collaborate in fields of mutual interest. Other international organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO and IEC, also take part in the work.

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This first edition of ISO/IEC 7816-1 cancels and replaces the first edition of ISO 7816-1:1987, which has been technically revised.

ISO/IEC 7816 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Identification cards — Integrated circuit(s) cards with contacts*:

— *Part 1: Physical characteristics*

— *Part 2: Dimensions and location of the contacts*

— *Part 3: Electronic signals and transmission protocols*

— *Part 4: Interindustry commands for interchange*

— *Part 5: Numbering system and registration procedure for application identifiers*

— *Part 6: Interindustry data elements*

— *Part 7: Interindustry commands for structured card query language*

— *Part 8: Security related interindustry commands*

— *Part 10: Electronic signals and answer to reset for synchronous cards*

Introduction

ISO/IEC 7816 is one of a series of standards describing the parameters for identification cards as defined in ISO/IEC 7810 and the use of such cards for international interchange.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 7816 specifies the physical characteristics of integrated circuit(s) cards with contacts. It applies to identification cards of the ID-1 card type which may include embossing and/or a magnetic stripe as specified in ISO/IEC 7811-1 to ISO/IEC 7811-6.

This part of ISO/IEC 7816 applies to cards which have a physical interface with electrical contacts. It does not, however, define the nature, number and position of the integrated circuits in the cards.

NOTE   Other types of IC cards, formats or interfaces may be developed in the future which will call for additions to be made to this part of ISO/IEC 7816 or will result in the need for other International Standards to be prepared.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO/IEC 7816. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO/IEC 7816 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO/IEC 7810:1995, *Identification cards - Physical characteristics*.

ISO/IEC 7811-1:1995, *Identification cards - Recording technique - Part 1: Embossing*.

ISO/IEC 7811-2:1995, *Identification cards - Recording technique - Part 2: Magnetic stripe*.

ISO/IEC 7811-3:1995, *Identification cards - Recording technique - Part 3: Location of embossed characters on ID-1 cards*.

ISO/IEC 7811-4:1995, *Identification cards - Recording technique - Part 4: Location of read-only magnetic tracks - Tracks 1 and 2*.

ISO/IEC 7811-5:1995, *Identification cards - Recording technique - Part 5: Location of read-write magnetic track - Track 3*.

ISO/IEC 7811-6:1996, *Identification cards - Recording technique - Part 6: Magnetic stripe - High coercivity*.

ISO/IEC 7813:1995, *Identification cards - Financial transaction cards*.

ISO/IEC 10373:1993, *Identification cards - Test methods*.