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**Identification cards — Integrated circuit  
cards —**

Part 1:  
**Cards with contacts — Physical  
characteristics**

*Cartes d'identification — Cartes à circuit intégré —*

*Partie 1: Cartes à contacts — Caractéristiques physiques*

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/IEC 7816-1:1998), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Amendment ISO/IEC 7816-1:1998/Amd.1:2003.

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

- *Part 1: Cards with contacts — Physical characteristics*
- *Part 2: Cards with contacts — Dimensions and location of the contacts*
- *Part 3: Cards with contacts — Electrical interface and transmission protocols*
- *Part 4: Organization, security and commands for interchange*
- *Part 5: Registration of application providers*
- *Part 6: Interindustry data elements for interchange*
- *Part 7: Interindustry commands for Structured Card Query Language (SCQL)*
- *Part 8: Commands for security operations*
- *Part 9: Commands for card management*
- *Part 10: Electronic signals and answer to reset for synchronous cards*
- *Part 11: Personal verification through biometric methods*
- *Part 12: Cards with contacts — USB electrical interface and operating procedures*
- *Part 13: Commands for application management in a multi-application environment*
- *Part 15: Cryptographic information application*

## Introduction

ISO/IEC 7816 is a series of International Standards specifying integrated circuit cards and the use of such cards for interchange. These cards are identification cards intended for information exchange negotiated between the outside world and the integrated circuit in the card. As a result of an information exchange, the card delivers information (computation result, stored data) and/or modifies its content (data storage, event memorization).

Five parts are specific to cards with galvanic contacts and three of them specify electrical interfaces.

- ISO/IEC 7816-1 specifies physical characteristics for cards with contacts.
- ISO/IEC 7816-2 specifies dimensions and location of the contacts.
- ISO/IEC 7816-3 specifies electrical interface and transmission protocols for asynchronous cards.
- ISO/IEC 7816-10 specifies electrical interface and answer to reset for synchronous cards.
- ISO/IEC 7816-12 specifies electrical interface and operating procedures for USB cards.

All the other parts are independent of the physical interface technology. They apply to cards accessed by contacts and/or by contactless technology.

- ISO/IEC 7816-4 specifies organization, security and commands for interchange.
- ISO/IEC 7816-5 specifies registration of application providers.
- ISO/IEC 7816-6 specifies interindustry data elements for interchange.
- ISO/IEC 7816-7 specifies commands for structured card query language.
- ISO/IEC 7816-8 specifies commands for security operations.
- ISO/IEC 7816-9 specifies commands for card management.
- ISO/IEC 7816-11 specifies personal verification through biometric methods.
- ISO/IEC 7816-13 specifies commands for application management in a multi-application environment.
- ISO/IEC 7816-15 specifies cryptographic information application.

# Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards —

## Part 1:

# Cards with contacts — Physical characteristics

## 1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 7816 specifies the physical characteristics of integrated circuit cards with contacts. It applies to identification cards of the ID-1 card type, which can include embossing and/or a magnetic stripe and/or tactile identifier mark as specified in ISO/IEC 7811. Test methods are specified in ISO/IEC 10373-1.

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.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 7810, *Identification cards — Physical characteristics*

ISO/IEC 10373-1, *Identification cards — Test methods — Part 1: General characteristics*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 7810, ISO/IEC 10373-1 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **integrated circuit**

#### **IC**

electronic component designed to perform processing and/or memory functions

### 3.2

#### **contact**

conducting element ensuring galvanic continuity between integrated circuit and the external interfacing equipment

### 3.3

#### **damaged**

not testably functional as defined in ISO/IEC 10373-1