
**Identification cards — Recording
technique —**

Part 6:
Magnetic stripe — High coercivity

*Cartes d'identification — Technique d'enregistrement —
Partie 6: Bandeau magnétique — Haute coercitivité*

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- Wherever possible, the same definitions, criteria, and test methods are used in ISO/IEC 7811-2 and ISO/IEC 7811-6.
- The primary standard cards held by Q-Card are used to calibrate the manufacture of secondary reference cards. Other primary standard cards held by PTB and Card testing International (CTI) are used as backup to replace cards held by Q-Card as they wear out.
- The supplier of secondary reference cards has changed from PTB to Q-Card
- During revision, some figure and table numbers might have changed and might not be the same between the two International Standards.
- Changed the title of [Figure 10](#) to Noise in signal waveform
- Changed 0,08 UR to 0,07 UR in [Figure 10](#) to match text

ISO/IEC 7811 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Identification cards — Recording technique*:

- *Part 1: Embossing*
- *Part 2: Magnetic stripe — Low coercivity*
- *Part 6: Magnetic stripe — High coercivity*
- *Part 7: Magnetic stripe — High coercivity, high density*

- Part 8: Magnetic stripe — Coercivity of 51,7 kA/m (650 Oe)
- Part 9: Tactile identifier mark

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Identification cards — Recording technique —

Part 6: Magnetic stripe — High coercivity

1 Scope

This International Standard defines the characteristics for identification cards as defined in [Clause 4](#) of this part of ISO/IEC 7811 and the use of such cards for international interchange.

This part of ISO/IEC 7811 specifies requirements for a high coercivity magnetic stripe (including any protective overlay) on an identification card, the encoding technique, and coded character sets. It takes into consideration both human and machine aspects and states minimum requirements.

Coercivity influences many of the quantities specified in this part of ISO/IEC 7811 but is not itself specified. The main characteristic of the high coercivity magnetic stripe is its improved resistance to erasure. This is achieved with minimal probability of damage to other magnetic stripes by contact while retaining read compatibility with magnetic stripes as defined in ISO/IEC 7811-2.

This International Standard provides criteria to which cards are to perform. No consideration is given within this International Standard to the amount of use, if any, experienced by the card prior to test. Failure to conform to specified criteria is negotiated between the involved parties.

ISO/IEC 10373-2 specifies the test procedures used to check cards against the parameters specified in this part of ISO/IEC 7811.

NOTE Numeric values in the SI and/or Imperial measurement system in this part of ISO/IEC 7811 might have been rounded off and are therefore consistent with, but not exactly equal to, each other. Either system can be used, but the two are not to be intermixed or reconverted. The original design was made using the Imperial measurement system.

2 Conformance

A prerequisite for conformance with this part of ISO/IEC 7811 is conformance with ISO/IEC 7810. An identification card is in conformance with this part of ISO/IEC 7811 if it meets all mandatory requirements specified herein. Default values apply if no others are specified.

3 Normative references

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

ISO 4287, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method — Terms, definitions, and surface texture parameters*

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

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

ISO/IEC 10373-2, *Identification cards — Test methods — Part 2: Cards with magnetic stripes*

4 Terms and definitions

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

4.1 primary standard

set of reference cards established by the Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB) and maintained by PTB, Q-Card, and WG1 secretariat that represent the values of U_R and I_R designated RM7811-x26

4.2 secondary standard

reference card designated RM7811-6 that is related to the primary standard as stated in the calibration certificate supplied with each card

Note 1 to entry: Secondary standards can be ordered from Q-Card, 301 Reagan Street, Sunbury, PA 17801, USA. The source of secondary standards will be maintained at least until 2018.

4.3 unused un-encoded card

card possessing all the components required for its intended purpose, which has not been subjected to any personalization or testing operation, and which has been stored in a clean environment with no more than 48 h exposure to daylight and at temperatures between 5 °C and 30 °C and humidity between 10 % and 90 % without experiencing thermal shock

4.4 unused encoded card

card according to 4.3 that has only been encoded with all the data required for its intended purpose (e.g. magnetic encoding, embossing, electronic encoding)

4.5 returned card

card according to 4.4 after it has been issued to the card holder and returned for the purpose of testing

4.6 flux transition

location of the greatest rate of change with distance of the magnetisation

4.7 reference current

I_R
minimum recorded current amplitude under the given test conditions that causes, on the reference card, a readback signal amplitude equal to 80 % of the reference signal amplitude, U_R , at a density of 8 flux transitions/mm (200 flux transitions/in) as shown in [Figure 6](#)

4.8 reference flux level

F_R
flux level in the test head that corresponds to the reference current, I_R

4.9 test recording currents

two recording currents defined by

- I_{\min} = recording current corresponding to 2,8 F_R
- I_{\max} = recording current corresponding to 3,5 F_R

4.10**individual signal amplitude** U_i

base-to-peak amplitude of a single readback voltage signal

4.11**average signal amplitude** U_A sum of the absolute value of the amplitude of each signal peak (U_i) divided by the number of signal peaks (n) for a given track over the length of the magnetic stripe area**4.12****reference signal amplitude** U_R

maximum value of the average signal amplitude of a reference card corrected to the primary standard

4.13**physical recording density**

number of flux transitions per unit length recorded on a track

4.14**bit density**

number of data bits stored per unit of length (bits/mm or bpi)

4.15**bit cell**

distance between two clocking flux transitions

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 11](#).**4.16****subinterval**

distance that is nominally half of the distance between two clocking flux transitions

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 11](#).**4.17****demagnetisation current** I_d D.C. current value that reduces the average signal amplitude to 80 % of the reference signal amplitude (U_R) on a secondary reference card that has been encoded at a density of 20 ft/mm (500 ftpi) at a current of I_{min} **5 Physical characteristics of the identification card**

The identification card shall conform to the specification given in ISO/IEC 7810.

WARNING — The attention of card issuers is drawn to the fact that information held on the magnetic stripe may be rendered ineffective through contamination by contact with dirt and certain commonly used chemicals including plasticizers. It should also be noted that any printing or screening placed on top of the magnetic stripe must not impair the function of the magnetic stripe.

5.1 Magnetic stripe area warpage

Application of a 2,2 N (0,5 lbf) load evenly distributed on the front face opposite the magnetic stripe shall bring the entire stripe within 0,08 mm (0,003 in) of the rigid plate.

5.2 Surface distortions

There shall be no surface distortions, irregularities, or raised areas on both the front and the back of the card in the area shown in [Figure 1](#) that might interfere with the contact between the magnetic head and magnetic stripe.

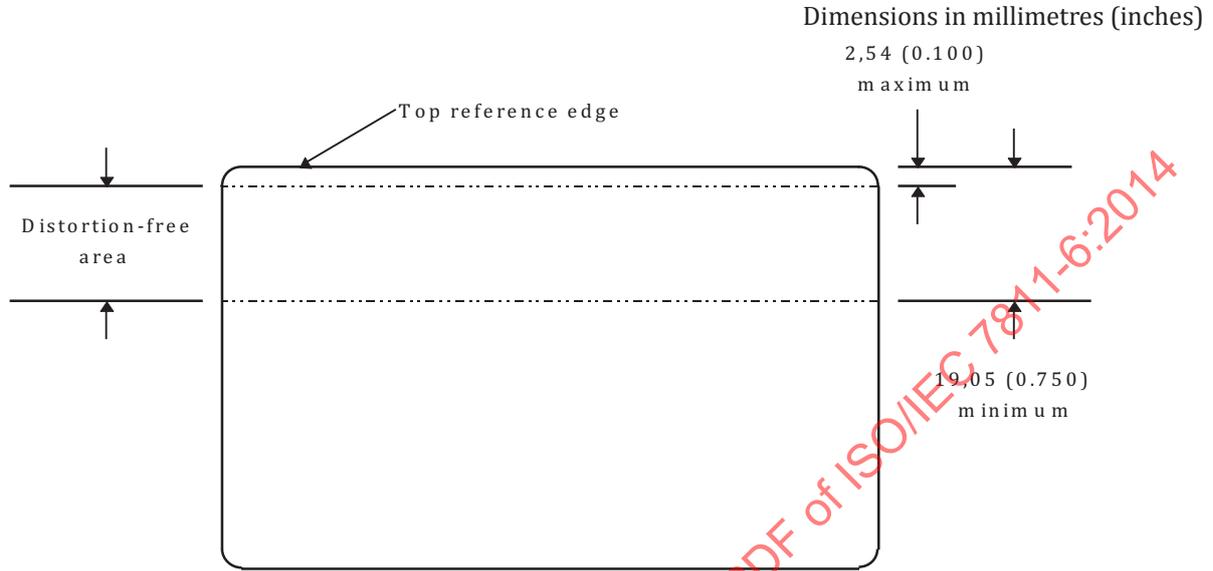


Figure 1 — Distortion-free area on card with magnetic stripe

If a raised signature panel area is located on the front or back of the card, then it shall be no closer to the top edge of the card than 19,05 mm (0,750 in).

NOTE Raised areas and distortions on other areas of the card can cause card transport problems with magnetic stripe processing equipment resulting in reading or writing errors.

6 Physical characteristics of the magnetic stripe

6.1 Height and surface profile of the magnetic stripe area

The magnetic stripe area is located on the back of the card as shown in [Figure 2](#).

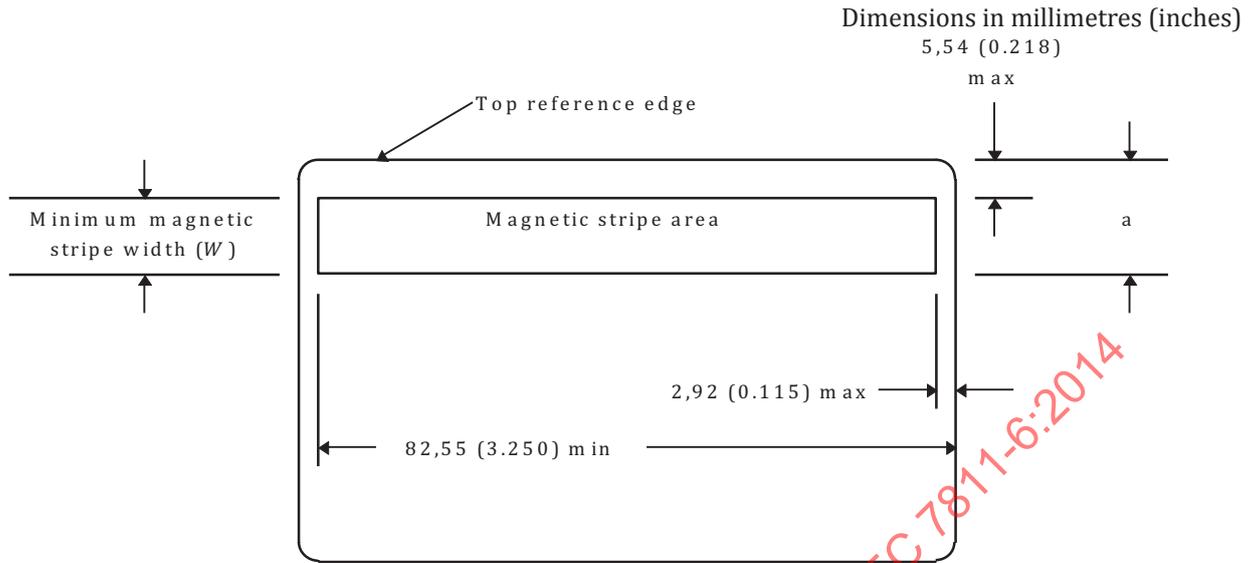


Figure 2 — Location of magnetic material for ID-1 type card

NOTE In the case of the magnetic stripe area used for track 1 and 2, the dimension a as shown in Figure 2 of the magnetic media could be less than the maximum dimension b as shown in Figure 12 for the location of track 2 data on the card. It is desirable that the magnetic stripe area extend beyond the limits of the encoded track.

6.1.1 Surface profile of the magnetic stripe area

The maximum vertical deviation (a) of the transverse surface profile of the magnetic stripe area is shown below. See Figure 3, Figure 4, and Figure 5. The slope of the surface profile curve shall be limited to: $-4a/W < \text{slope} < 4a/W$.

When the bending stiffness value (see ISO/IEC 7810) for the card is 20 mm or more then the surface profile limits are:

| Minimum stripe width | As shown in Figure 3 A | As shown in Figure 3 B |
|------------------------|---|--|
| W = 6,35 mm (0,25 in) | $a \leq 9,5 \mu\text{m}$ (375 μin) | $a \leq 5,8 \mu\text{m}$ (225 μin) |
| W = 10,41 mm (0,41 in) | $a \leq 15,4 \mu\text{m}$ (607 μin) | $a \leq 9,3 \mu\text{m}$ (365 μin) |

When the bending stiffness value (see ISO/IEC 7810) for the card is less than 20 mm then the surface profile limits are:

| Minimum stripe width | As shown in Figure 3 A | As shown in Figure 3 B |
|------------------------|---|--|
| W = 6,35 mm (0,25 in) | $a \leq 7,3 \mu\text{m}$ (288 μin) | $a \leq 4,5 \mu\text{m}$ (175 μin) |
| W = 10,41 mm (0,41 in) | $a \leq 11,7 \mu\text{m}$ (466 μin) | $a \leq 7,3 \mu\text{m}$ (284 μin) |

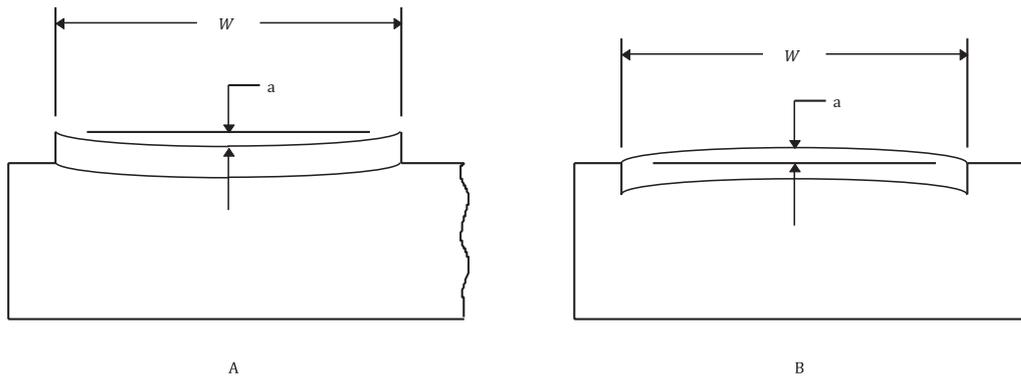


Figure 3 — Surface profile

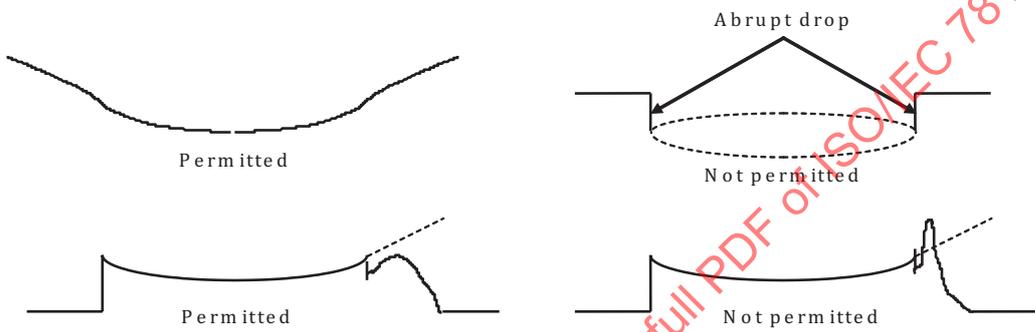


Figure 4 — Surface profile examples



Irregular profiles as shown may result in poor quality encoding.

Figure 5 — Irregular surface profile examples

6.1.2 Height of the magnetic stripe area

The vertical deviation (h) of the magnetic stripe area relative to the adjacent surface of the card shall be

$$-0,005 \text{ mm} (-200 \text{ }\mu\text{in}) \leq h \leq 0,038 \text{ mm} (1500 \text{ }\mu\text{in})$$

Spiking in the profile caused by the material “squirt out” in hot stamping is not part of the stripe. It shall not extend above the magnetic stripe area height (h) as defined above.

6.2 Surface roughness

The average surface roughness (R_a) of the magnetic stripe area shall not exceed $0,40 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ($15,9 \text{ }\mu\text{in}$) in both the longitudinal and transverse directions when measured according to ISO 4287.

6.3 Adhesion of stripe to card

The stripe shall not separate from the card under normal use.

6.4 Wear of magnetic stripe from read/write head

Average signal amplitude (U_A) and individual signal amplitude (U_i) are measured before and after 2000 wear cycles and shall result in:

$$U_{A \text{ after}} \geq 0,60 U_{A \text{ before}} \text{ and } U_{i \text{ after}} \geq 0,80 U_{A \text{ after}}$$

6.5 Resistance to chemicals

Average signal amplitude (U_A) and individual signal amplitude (U_i) are measured before and after short-term exposure as defined in ISO/IEC 10373-1 and shall result in

$$U_{A \text{ after}} \geq 0,90 U_{A \text{ before}} \text{ and } U_{i \text{ after}} \geq 0,90 U_{A \text{ after}}$$

Average signal amplitude (U_A) and individual signal amplitude (U_i) are measured before and after long-term exposure (24 h) to acid and alkaline artificial perspiration, as defined in ISO/IEC 10373-1.

$$U_{A \text{ after}} \geq 0,90 U_{A \text{ before}} \text{ and } U_{i \text{ after}} \geq 0,90 U_{A \text{ after}}$$

7 Performance characteristics for the magnetic material

7.1 General

The purpose of this section is to enable magnetic interchangeability between card and processing systems. Media coercivity is not specified. The media's performance criteria, regardless of coercivity, is specified in [7.3](#).

This method uses a reference card whose material is traceable to the primary standard (see [Clause 4](#)). All signal amplitude results from the use of the secondary reference card must be corrected by the factor supplied with the secondary reference card. Test methods given in ISO/IEC 10373-2 shall be used.

7.2 Testing and operating environment

The testing environment for signal amplitude measurements is $23 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \pm 3 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ($73 \text{ }^\circ\text{F} \pm 5 \text{ }^\circ\text{F}$) and 40 % to 60 % relative humidity. When tested under otherwise identical conditions, the average signal amplitude measured at 8 ft/mm (200 fpi) shall not deviate from its value in the above test environment by more than 15 % after 5 min exposure over the following operating environment range:

| | |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| temperature | -35 °C to 50 °C (-31 °F to 122 °F) |
| relative humidity | 5 % to 95 % |

7.3 Signal amplitude requirements for magnetic media

The requirements for recording characteristics of the card are shown in [Table 1](#) and [Figure 6](#). The media's performance requirements specified in [7.3](#) shall be met in order to achieve improved resistance to erasure, and to enable magnetic interchange between card and processing systems. The properties in [Annex C](#) are intended as guidelines for magnetic material. [Annex C](#) is informative and shall not be used as performance criteria for cards.

Table 1 — Signal amplitude requirements for unused unencoded cards

| Description | Density ft/mm (ftpi) | Test recording current | Signal amplitude result | Requirement |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Signal amplitude | 8 (200) | I_{min} | U_{A1} | $0,8 U_R \leq U_{A1} \leq 1,2 U_R$ |
| Signal amplitude | 8 (200) | I_{min} | U_{i1} | $U_{i1} \leq 1,26 U_R$ |
| Signal amplitude | 8 (200) | I_{max} | U_{A2} | $U_{A2} \geq 0,8 U_R$ |
| Signal amplitude | 20 (508) | I_{max} | U_{i2} | $U_{i2} \geq 0,65 U_R$ |
| Resolution | 20 (508) | I_{max} | U_{A3} | $U_{A3} \geq 0,7 U_{A2}$ |
| Erasure | 0 | $I_{min, DC}$ | U_{A4} | $U_{A4} \leq 0,03 U_R$ |
| Extra pulse | 0 | $I_{min, DC}$ | U_{i4} | $U_{i4} \leq 0,05 U_R$ |
| Demagnetisation | 0 | I_d, DC | U_{A5} | $U_{A5} \geq 0,64 U_R$ |
| Demagnetisation | 0 | I_d, DC | U_{i5} | $U_{i5} \geq 0,54 U_R$ |
| Waveform | 3 (75) | I_{max} | U_{i6}, U_{A6} | $U_{i6} \leq 0,07 U_{A6}$ |

U_{i6} is the absolute value of the largest signal amplitude in the U_{i6} measurement area as shown in [Figure 7](#).

The slope of the saturation curve shall never be positive between I_{min} and I_{max} .

NOTE 1 It is not permissible to combine the above requirements mathematically. These values are for unencoded card tests and are **not** applicable for encoded cards.

NOTE 2 It has been observed that low resolution as measured per [Table 1](#) can correlate with high flux transition spacing variation as measured per [Table 2](#).

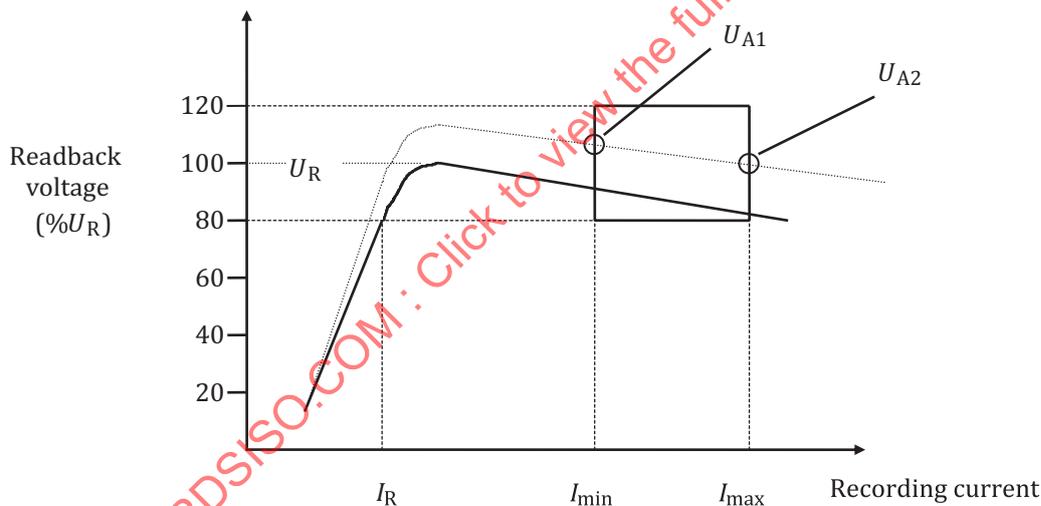
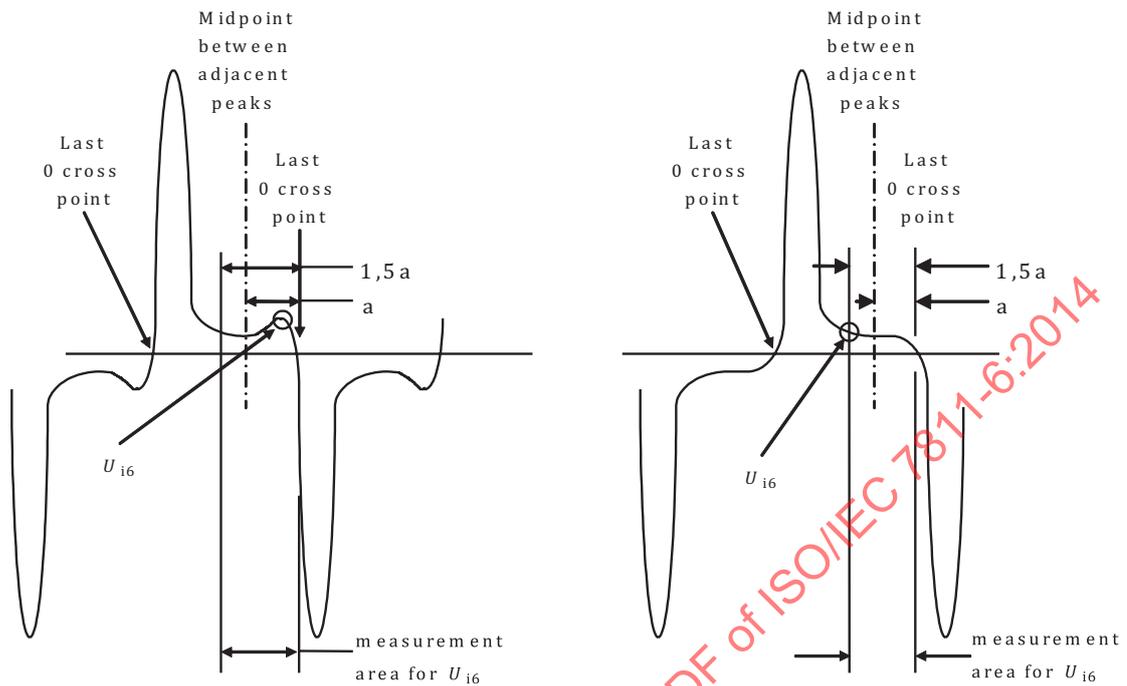


Figure 6 — Saturation curve example showing tolerance area at 8 ft/mm (200 ftpi)

NOTE The curve defines the primary standard response (on a card). The window parameters define a card that will be functional in the machine readable environment.



1. Find midpoint between 2 adjacent peaks.
2. Find 0 crossing point for waveform between midpoint and adjacent peak.
3. The measurement area is 1,5 times a (the distance between the midpoint and 0 cross point).
4. Find the largest signal amplitude level in the measurement area defined in the figure.
5. The absolute value of this level is the U_{i6} for the waveform.

Figure 7 — Waveform measurements

8 Encoding technique

The encoding technique for each track is known as two-frequency recording. This method allows for serial recording of self-clocking data. The encoding comprises data and clocking transitions together. A flux transition occurring between clocks signifies that the bit is a “one” and the absence of a flux transition between clocking transitions signifies that the bit is a “zero” (see [Figure 8](#)).

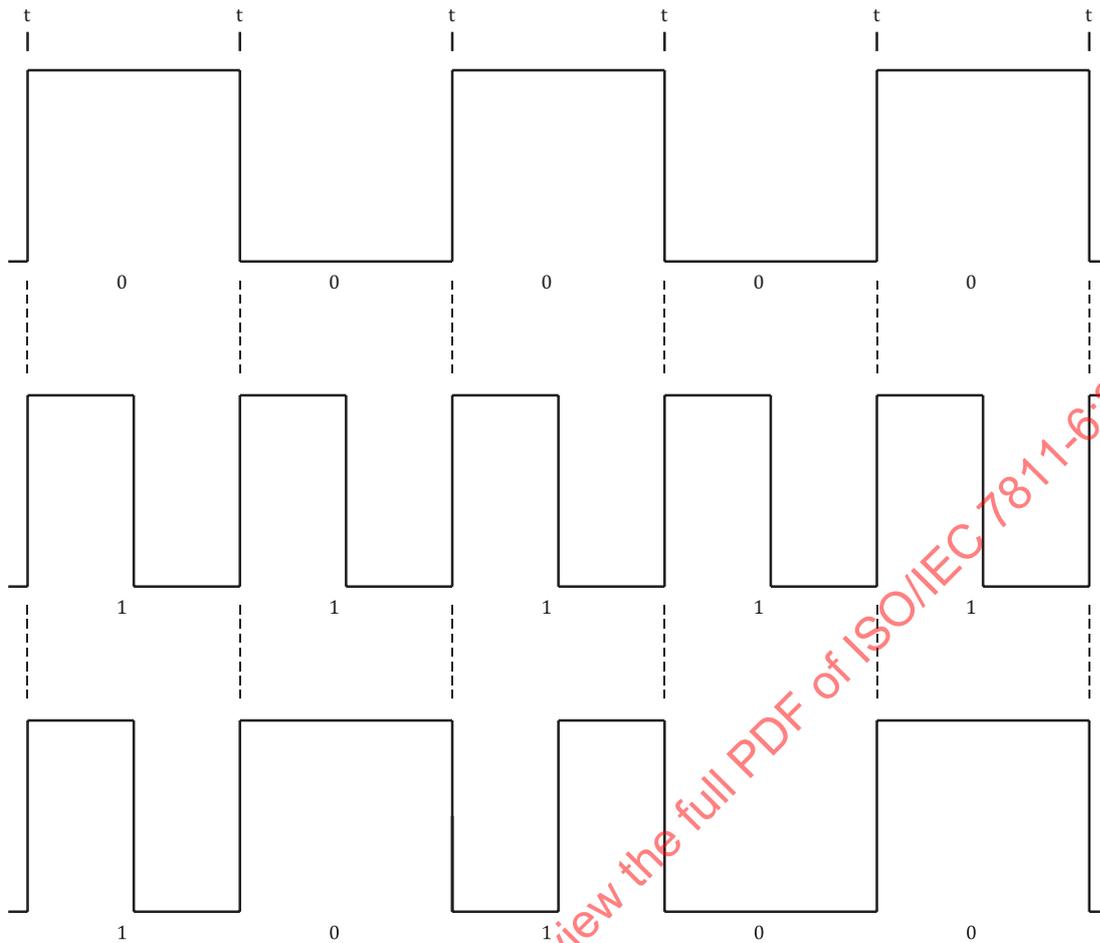


Figure 8 — Examples of two-frequency encoding

The data shall be recorded as a synchronous sequence of characters without intervening gaps.

NOTE Recording with a write current which is less than I_{min} can result in poor quality encoding.

9 Encoding specification, general

9.1 Angle of recording

The angle of recording shall be normal to the nearest edge of the card parallel to the magnetic stripe with a tolerance of ± 20 min. The angle of recording (α) is determined by measuring the angle of the head gap when the reading amplitude is maximum (see [Figure 9](#)).

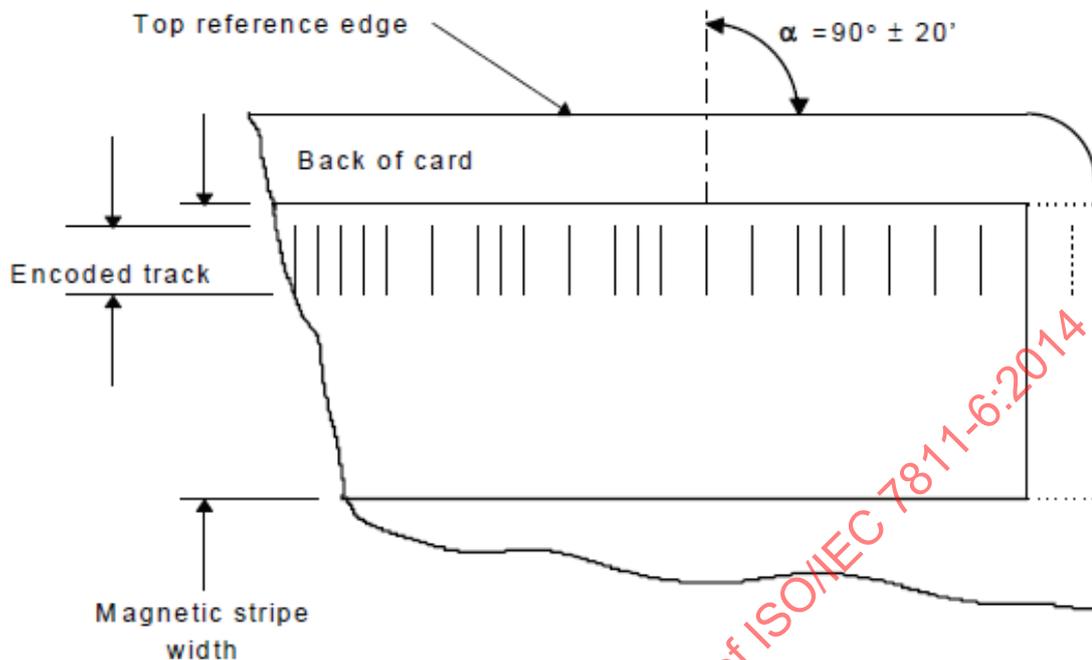


Figure 9 — Angle of recording

9.2 Nominal bit density

The nominal bit density for each of the tracks shall be

- for track 1: 8,27 bits/mm (210 bpi),
- for track 2: 2,95 bits/mm (75 bpi),
- for track 3: 8,27 bits/mm (210 bpi).

9.3 Signal amplitude requirements for tracks 1, 2 and 3

The requirements for signal amplitude on tracks 1, 2 and 3 shall be as follows

- Unused encoded cards: $0,64 U_R \leq U_i \leq 1,36 U_R$
- Returned cards: $0,52 U_R \leq U_i \leq 1,36 U_R$

There shall be no signal peaks between the minimum requirement ($0,64 U_R$ for Unused encoded cards or $0,52 U_R$ for Returned cards) and $0,07 U_R$. (see [Figure 10](#)).

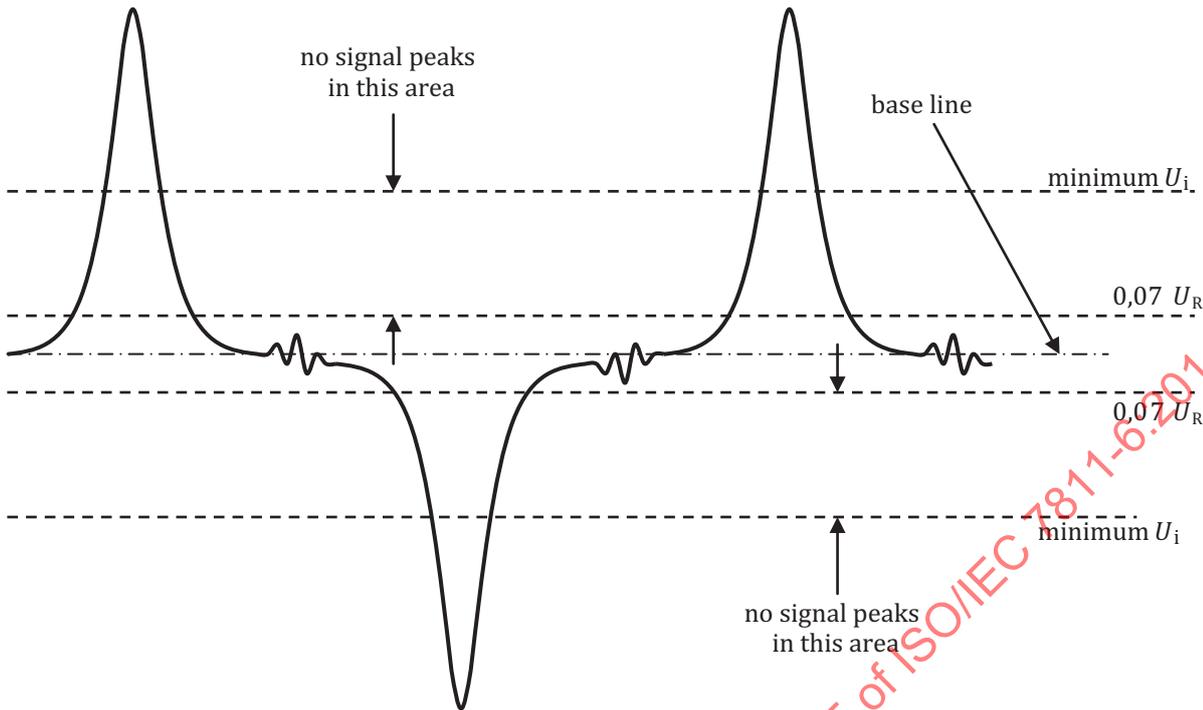


Figure 10 — Noise in signal waveform

NOTE The requirements above specify the interchange signal amplitude limits for each of the encoded track locations at the specified bit densities. This is not to be confused with the extra pulse requirement specified in Table 1 which reflects the characteristics of the unencoded magnetic media.

9.4 Bit configuration

In the bit configuration for each character on the magnetic area, the least significant bit (2^0) shall be encoded first and the parity bit last.

9.5 Direction of recording

The encoding shall begin from the right-hand side viewed from the side with the magnetic stripe and with the stripe at the top.

9.6 Leading and trailing zeroes

The lead-in up to the first data bit shall be recorded with zeroes and the space after the last bit shall also be recorded with zeroes. Zeroes prior to 3,30 mm (0,130 in) or after 82,17 mm (3,235 in) from the right edge of the card when viewed from the back are not required to meet the specifications given herein.

10 Encoding specifications

10.1 Alphanumeric track, track 1

10.1.1 Average bit density

The average bit density (B_a) shall be 8,27 bits/mm (210 bpi) \pm 8 % measured in a longitudinal direction parallel to the top reference edge.

10.1.2 Flux transition spacing variation

Flux transition spacing variations are shown in [Table 2](#) for unused encoded cards and in [Table 3](#) for returned cards. See also [Figure 11](#).

Table 2 — Flux transition spacing variation for unused encoded cards-Tracks 1 and 3

| Term | Description | Requirement | Variation |
|------------|---|--|-------------|
| B_a | Average length between clocking flux transitions | $111 \mu\text{m} (438 \text{ 1 } \mu\text{in}) \leq B_a \leq 131 \mu\text{m} (514 \text{ 3 } \mu\text{in})$ | $\pm 8 \%$ |
| B_{in} | Individual length between clocking flux transitions | $109 \mu\text{m} (428 \text{ 6 } \mu\text{in}) \leq B_{in} \leq 133 \mu\text{m} (523 \text{ 8 } \mu\text{in})$ | $\pm 10 \%$ |
| B_{in+1} | Adjacent bit-to-bit variation | $0,90 B_{in} \leq B_{in+1} \leq 1,10 B_{in}$ | $\pm 10 \%$ |
| S_{in} | Subinterval length | $53 \mu\text{m} (209 \text{ 5 } \mu\text{in}) \leq S_{in} \leq 68 \mu\text{m} (266 \text{ 7 } \mu\text{in})$ | $\pm 12 \%$ |
| S_{in+1} | Adjacent subinterval length | $0,88 B_{in}/2 \leq S_{in+1} \leq 1,12 B_{in}/2$ | $\pm 12 \%$ |

B_{in+1} or S_{in+1} is the length between flux transitions immediately following and adjacent to B_{in} .

NOTE 1 This table shows only the limits within which cards will function normally and does not imply any guarantee of flux transition spacing during valid term for issued card.

NOTE 2 It has been observed that low resolution as measured per [Table 1](#) can correlate with high flux transition spacing variation as measured per [Table 2](#).

Table 3 — Flux transition spacing variation for returned cards-Track 1 and 3

| Term | Description | Requirement | Variation |
|------------|---|--|-------------|
| B_a | Average length between clocking flux transitions | $111 \mu\text{m} (438 \text{ 1 } \mu\text{in}) \leq B_a \leq 131 \mu\text{m} (514 \text{ 3 } \mu\text{in})$ | $\pm 8 \%$ |
| B_{in} | Individual length between clocking flux transitions | $103 \mu\text{m} (404 \text{ 8 } \mu\text{in}) \leq B_{in} \leq 139 \mu\text{m} (547 \text{ 6 } \mu\text{in})$ | $\pm 15 \%$ |
| B_{in+1} | Adjacent bit-to-bit variation | $0,85 B_{in} \leq B_{in+1} \leq 1,15 B_{in}$ | $\pm 15 \%$ |
| S_{in} | Subinterval length | $48,4 \mu\text{m} (190 \text{ 5 } \mu\text{in}) \leq S_{in} \leq 72,6 \mu\text{m} (285 \text{ 7 } \mu\text{in})$ | $\pm 20 \%$ |
| S_{in+1} | Adjacent subinterval length | $0,70 B_{in}/2 \leq S_{in+1} \leq 1,30 B_{in}/2$ | $\pm 30 \%$ |

B_{in+1} or S_{in+1} is the length between flux transitions immediately following and adjacent to B_{in} .

NOTE This table shows only the limits within which cards will function normally and does not imply any guarantee of flux transition spacing during valid term for issued card.

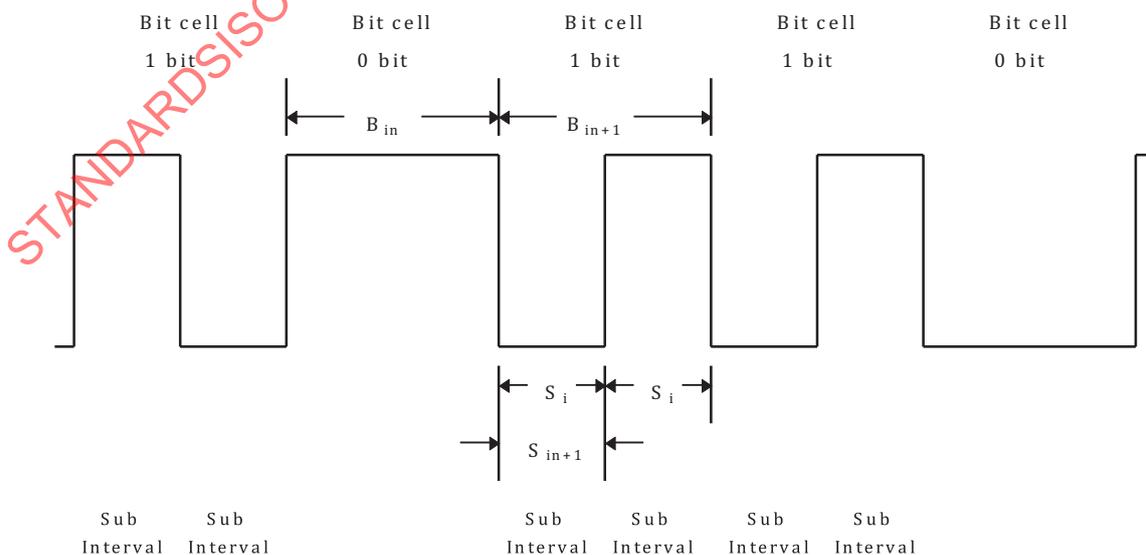


Figure 11 — Flux transition spacing variation

10.1.3 Coded character set

The coded character set for track 1 shall be 7 bit alphanumeric as shown in Table 4. The following characters have special meanings and their use is restricted as described.

| Characters | Meaning or use |
|---------------------------|---|
| ! " & ' * + , ; < = > @ _ | used for hardware control purposes; shall not be used for data content |
| [\] | reserved for additional national characters when required. Do not use internationally |
| # | reserved for optional additional graphic symbols |
| % | start sentinel |
| ^ | field separator |
| ? | end sentinel |

Table 4 — Coded character set for 5 bit numeric

| Char. | Binary | | | | | | | Char. | Binary | | | | | | |
|-------|--------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------|--------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | P | 2 ⁵ | 2 ⁴ | 2 ³ | 2 ² | 2 ¹ | 2 ⁰ | | P | 2 ⁵ | 2 ⁴ | 2 ³ | 2 ² | 2 ¹ | 2 ⁰ |
| space | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | @ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ! | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | A | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| " | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | B | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| # | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | C | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| \$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | D | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| % | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | E | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| & | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | F | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| ' | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | G | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| (| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | H | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | I | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| * | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | J | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | K | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| , | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | L | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | M | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | N | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| / | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | O | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | P | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Q | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | R | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | S | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | T | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | U | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | V | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | W | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 8 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

NOTE This coded character set is identical to the coded character set in ISO/IEC 7811-x26 (derived from ASCII.)

Table 4 (continued)

| | Char. | Binary | | | | | | | Char. | Binary | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | Y | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | : | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | Z | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | ; | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | [| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | < | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | \ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | = | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |] | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | > | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | ^ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | ? | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | _ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

NOTE This coded character set is identical to the coded character set in ISO/IEC 7811-x26 (derived from ASCII.)

10.1.4 Maximum number of characters for ID-1 type card

The data characters, control characters, start and end sentinels, and longitudinal redundancy check character shall together not exceed 79 characters.

10.2 Numeric track, Track 2

10.2.1 Average bit density

The average bit density (B_a) shall be 2,95 bits/mm (75 bpi) \pm 5 % measured in a longitudinal direction parallel to the top reference edge.

10.2.2 Flux transition spacing variation

Flux transition spacing variations are shown in Table 5 for unused encoded cards and in Table 6 for returned cards. See also Figure 11.

Table 5 — Flux transition spacing variation for unused encoded cards-Tracks 2

| Term | Description | Requirement | Variation |
|------------|---|--|-------------|
| B_a | Average length between clocking flux transitions | $322 \mu\text{m} (126.67 \mu\text{in}) \leq B_a \leq 356 \mu\text{m} (140.00 \mu\text{in})$ | $\pm 5 \%$ |
| B_{in} | Individual length between clocking flux transitions | $315 \mu\text{m} (124.00 \mu\text{in}) \leq B_{in} \leq 363 \mu\text{m} (142.67 \mu\text{in})$ | $\pm 7 \%$ |
| B_{in+1} | Adjacent bit-to-bit variation | $0,90 B_{in} \leq B_{in+1} \leq 1,10 B_{in}$ | $\pm 10 \%$ |
| S_{in} | Subinterval length | $153 \mu\text{m} (600.0 \mu\text{in}) \leq S_{in} \leq 186 \mu\text{m} (733.3 \mu\text{in})$ | $\pm 10 \%$ |
| S_{in+1} | Adjacent subinterval length | $0,88 B_{in}/2 \leq S_{in+1} \leq 1,12 B_{in}/2$ | $\pm 12 \%$ |

B_{in+1} or S_{in+1} is the length between flux transitions immediately following and adjacent to B_{in} .

Table 6 — Flux transition spacing variation for unused returned cards-Track 2

| Term | Description | Requirement | Variation |
|----------|---|--|-------------|
| B_a | Average length between clocking flux transitions | $322 \mu\text{m} (126.67 \mu\text{in}) \leq B_a \leq 356 \mu\text{m} (140.00 \mu\text{in})$ | $\pm 5 \%$ |
| B_{in} | Individual length between clocking flux transitions | $288 \mu\text{m} (113.33 \mu\text{in}) \leq B_{in} \leq 390 \mu\text{m} (153.33 \mu\text{in})$ | $\pm 15 \%$ |

B_{in+1} or S_{in+1} is the length between flux transitions immediately following and adjacent to B_{in} .

NOTE This table shows only the limits within which cards will function normally and does not imply any guarantee of flux transition spacing during valid term for issued card.

Table 6 (continued)

| Term | Description | Requirement | Variation |
|------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------|
| B_{in+1} | Adjacent bit-to-bit variation | $0,85 B_{in} \leq B_{in+1} \leq 1,15 B_{in}$ | $\pm 15 \%$ |
| S_{in} | Subinterval length | $136 \mu\text{m} (533 \text{ } 3 \mu\text{in}) \leq S_{in} \leq 203 \mu\text{m} (800 \text{ } 0 \mu\text{in})$ | $\pm 20 \%$ |
| S_{in+1} | Adjacent subinterval length | $0,70 B_{in}/2 \leq S_{in+1} \leq 1,30 B_{in}/2$ | $\pm 30 \%$ |

B_{in+1} or S_{in+1} is the length between flux transitions immediately following and adjacent to B_{in} .

NOTE This table shows only the limits within which cards will function normally and does not imply any guarantee of flux transition spacing during valid term for issued card.

10.2.3 Coded character set

The coded character set for track 2 shall be 5 bit numeric as shown in [Table 7](#). The following characters have special meanings and their use is restricted as described.

| Characters | Meaning or use |
|------------|--|
| : < > | used for hardware control purposes; shall not be used for data content |
| ; | start sentinel |
| = | field separator |
| ? | end sentinel |

Table 7 — Coded character set for 5 bit numeric

| Char. | Binary | | | | | Char. | Binary | | | | |
|-------|--------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------|--------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | P | 2 ³ | 2 ² | 2 ¹ | 2 ⁰ | | P | 2 ³ | 2 ² | 2 ¹ | 2 ⁰ |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | : | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ; | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | < | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | = | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | > | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ? | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

NOTE This coded character set is identical to the coded character set in ISO/IEC 7811-x26 (derived from ASCII.)

10.2.4 Maximum number of characters for ID-1 type card

The data characters, control characters, start and end sentinels, and longitudinal redundancy check character shall together not exceed 40 characters.

10.3 Numeric track, Track 3

10.3.1 Average bit density

The average bit density (B_a) shall be 8,27 bits/mm (210 bpi) $\pm 8 \%$ measured in a longitudinal direction parallel to the top reference edge.

10.3.2 Flux transition spacing variation

Flux transition spacing variations are shown in [Table 2](#) for unused encoded cards and in [Table 3](#) for returned cards. See also [Figure 11](#).

10.3.3 Coded character set

The coded character set for track 3 shall be 5 bit numeric as shown in [Table 7](#). The following characters have special meanings and their use is restricted as described.

| Characters | Meaning or use |
|------------|--|
| : < > | used for hardware control purposes; shall not be used for data content |
| ; | start sentinel |
| = | field separator |
| ? | end sentinel |

10.3.4 Maximum number of characters for ID-1 type card

The data characters, control characters, start and end sentinels, and longitudinal redundancy check character shall together not exceed 107 characters.

11 Error detection

Two techniques of error detection, as described below, shall be encoded. In both techniques, the leading and trailing zeroes shall not be regarded as data characters.

11.1 Parity

A parity bit for each encoded character shall be used. The value of the parity bit is defined such that the total quantity of one bits recorded, for each character, including the parity bit, shall be odd.

11.2 Longitudinal redundancy check (LRC)

The longitudinal redundancy check (LRC) character shall appear for each data track. The LRC character shall be encoded so that it immediately follows the end sentinel when the card is read in a direction giving the start sentinel first, followed by data and the end sentinel. The bit configuration of the LRC character shall be identical to the bit configuration of the data characters.

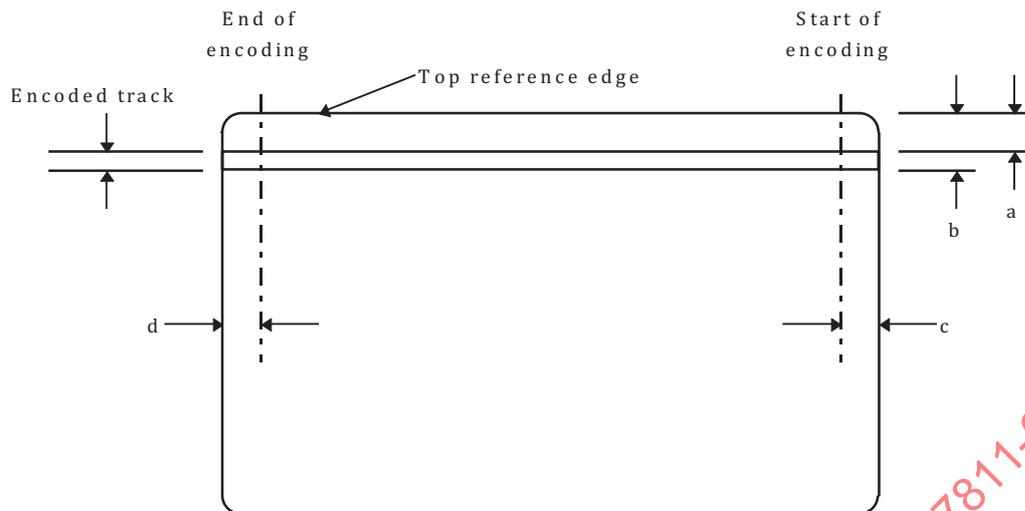
The LRC character shall be calculated using the following procedure:

The value of each bit in the LRC character, excluding the parity bit, is defined such that the total count of one bits encoded in the corresponding bit location of all characters of the data track, including the start sentinel, data, end sentinel, and LRC characters, shall be even.

The LRC characters parity bit is not a parity bit for the individual parity bits of the data track, but is only the parity bit for the LRC character encoded as described in [11.1](#).

12 Location of encoded tracks

Each encoded track shall be located between the two lines as shown in [Figure 12](#). The start of encoding is located at the centreline of the first "one" bit in the start sentinel. The end of encoding is located at the centreline of the last bit in the longitudinal redundancy check character (the last bit is the parity bit).



| Term | Track 1 | Track 2 | Track 3 |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a | | 8,33 (0,328) minimum | 11,63 (0,458) minimum |
| | 5,79 (0,228) maximum | 9,09 (0,358) maximum | 12,65 (0,498) maximum |
| b | 8,33 (0,328) minimum | 11,63 (0,458) minimum | 15,19 (0,598) minimum |
| | 9,09 (0,358) maximum | 12,65 (0,498) maximum | 15,82 (0,623) maximum |
| c | $7,44 \pm 1,00$ (0,293 \pm 0,039) | $7,44 \pm 0,50$ (0,293 \pm 0,020) | $7,44 \pm 1,00$ (0,293 \pm 0,039) |
| d | 6,93 (0,252) minimum | 6,93 (0,252) minimum | no requirement |
| NOTE All tracks have a minimum width of 2,54 (0,100). | | | |

Figure 12 — Location of encoded tracks