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cards — Financial transaction cards**

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transactions financières*

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## Foreword

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This sixth edition cancels and replaces the fifth edition (ISO/IEC 7813:2001), which has been technically revised.

## Introduction

This International Standard is one of a series of standards describing the parameters for identification cards and the use of such cards for international interchange.

This International Standard addresses the structure and data content of financial transaction cards.

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# Information technology — Identification cards — Financial transaction cards

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the data structure and data content of track data used to initiate financial transactions. It takes into consideration both human and physical aspects and states minimum requirements of conformity. It references layout, recording techniques, numbering systems, registration procedures, but not security requirements.

ISO/IEC 10373 specifies the test procedures used to check ID-1 cards against the parameters specified in this International Standard.

## 2 Conformance

A financial transaction card is in conformance with this International Standard if it meets all mandatory requirements specified herein.

A prerequisite for conformance with this International Standard is conformance with ISO 4909, ISO/IEC 7810, ISO/IEC 7811, ISO/IEC 7812, ISO/IEC 7816, ISO/IEC 10536, ISO/IEC 14443 and ISO/IEC 15693, where appropriate.

## 3 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 4909:2006, *Identification cards — Financial transaction cards — Magnetic stripe data content for track 3*

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

ISO/IEC 7811 (all parts), *Identification cards — Recording technique*

ISO/IEC 7812 (all parts), *Identification cards — Identification of issuers*

ISO/IEC 7816 (all parts), *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards*

ISO/IEC 10373 (all parts), *Identification cards — Test methods*

ISO/IEC 10536 (all parts), *Identification cards — Contactless integrated circuit(s) cards*

ISO/IEC 14443 (all parts), *Identification cards — Contactless integrated circuit(s) cards — Proximity cards*

ISO/IEC 15693 (all parts), *Identification cards — Contactless integrated circuit(s) cards — Vicinity cards*

## 4 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

- 4.1 automated teller machine**  
**ATM**  
unattended electronic device that requires a customer verification method such as a card and personal identification number (PIN) to perform basic bank teller functions such as accepting deposits, cash withdrawal, account transfers, loan payments and balance enquiries
- 4.2 cash disbursement**  
action of withdrawing cash with a financial transaction card, either as a cash withdrawal at an ATM, a cash advance or as a cashback transaction at the point of sale
- 4.3 financial transaction card**  
any carrier of track data which contains issuer and cardholder information used to facilitate financial transactions by providing the necessary data content for processing such transactions
- 4.4 goods and services**  
range of financial transactions excluding cash disbursements
- 4.5 personal identification number**  
**PIN**  
code or password that the cardholder possesses for verification of identity
- 4.6 PIN Entry Device**  
**PED**  
device into which the cardholder enters the PIN
- NOTE Also called a PIN pad (see ISO 9564).
- 4.7 service code**  
three-digit numeric value used to indicate the issuer's transaction acceptance parameters for the card
- 4.8 track data**  
mandatory and optional data elements defined for track 1 or track 2 (see Clause 7)
- NOTE Track data may be on the magnetic stripe of a physical card, or be contained within an integrated circuit or other media.

## 5 Abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the following abbreviations apply.

EMV	Europay, MasterCard, Visa
ICC	Integrated circuit card
ID-1	Identification Card-1 (see ISO/IEC 7810)
IIN	Issuer Identification Number
PAN	Primary Account Number
PED	PIN Entry Device
PIN	Personal Identification Number

## 6 Physical characteristics for ID-1 cards

### 6.1 Embossed characters

The requirements for embossed characters are specified in ISO/IEC 7811. The embossed characters shall be on the front of the card, which is on the opposite side of the card from that with the magnetic stripe (when present).

### 6.2 Embossing of expiration date

When this field is embossed, it shall be in the format of the two-digit representation of the month (MM) followed by the last two digits of the year (YY). Separator character(s) shall be used to segregate the fields, for example MM/YY or MM-YY.

### 6.3 Magnetic stripe

If present, the magnetic stripe shall be located on the back of the card. Location and encoding techniques shall be as specified in the appropriate part of ISO/IEC 7811.

### 6.4 Integrated circuit with contacts

An ICC with contacts shall comply with the physical characteristics for ICCs as defined in ISO/IEC 7816-1.

### 6.5 Integrated circuit without contacts

An ICC without contacts shall conform to ISO/IEC 10536-1, ISO/IEC 14443-1 or ISO/IEC 15693-1, as applicable.

## 7 Track data structure and information content

### 7.1 Track 1 structure and information content

#### 7.1.1 Structure A

Reserved for proprietary use of card issuer.

7.1.2 Structure B

Table 1 — Track 1 structure

Symbol	Description	Character code / Number of characters
STX	Start sentinel	%
FC	Format code	B
PAN	Primary Account Number (see 7.4.1)	up to 19 digits
FS	Separator	^
NM	Name (see 7.4.2) surname surname separator first name or initial space when required middle name or initial period (when followed by title) title (when used)	2 to 26 characters  / space .
FS	Separator	^
ED	Expiration date (see 7.4.3)	four digits or ^
SC	Service code (see 7.4.4)	three digits or ^
DD	Discretionary data	balance of characters
ETX	End sentinel	?
LRC	Longitudinal redundancy check (see ISO/IEC 7811-2)	1 character
	<b>Maximum record length</b>	<b>79 alphanumeric characters</b>

7.1.2.1 Character codes

Character codes are based on a 7 bit modified ASCII format and are described in the appropriate section of the magnetic stripe parts of ISO/IEC 7811. Identical codes are used in each part of ISO/IEC 7811.

7.2 Track 2 structure and information content

Table 2 — Track 2 structure

Symbol	Description	Character code / Number of characters
STX	Start sentinel	;
PAN	Primary Account Number (see 7.4.1)	up to 19 digits
FS	Separator	=
ED	Expiration date (see 7.4.3)	four digits or =
SC	Service code (see 7.4.4)	three digits or =
DD	Discretionary data	balance of available digits
ETX	End sentinel	?
LRC	Longitudinal redundancy check (see ISO/IEC 7811-2)	1 digit
	<b>Maximum record length</b>	<b>40 numeric digits</b>

### 7.2.1 Character codes

Character codes are based on a 5 bit modified ASCII format and are described in the appropriate section of the magnetic stripe parts of ISO/IEC 7811. Identical codes are used in each part of ISO/IEC 7811.

### 7.3 Track 3 structure and information content

Where present, the structure and information content of track 3 shall be as defined in ISO 4909.

### 7.4 Data elements

#### 7.4.1 Primary Account Number

The Primary Account Number (PAN) comprises a six-digit Issuer Identification Number (IIN), a variable length (maximum 12 digits) individual account number and a check digit, and is as defined in ISO/IEC 7812-1. ISO/IEC 7812-2 describes the application and registration procedures for IINs.

#### 7.4.2 Name

Minimum encoded data shall be a single alpha character (as surname) and the surname separator.

The space character is required to separate the logical elements of the name field other than the surname. The separator terminating the name field should be encoded following the last logical element of the name field. If only the surname is encoded, the Field Separator (FS) will follow the surname separator.

#### 7.4.3 Expiration date

Format YYMM, where YY represents the last two digits of the year and MM is the numeric representation of the month.

#### 7.4.4 Service code

The service code is a numeric field with three sub-fields represented by individual digits.

It is used to indicate the issuer's acceptance criteria for magnetic stripe transactions and whether a related integrated circuit supporting the equivalent application as identified by the magnetic stripe or embossing is present on the card.

Each sub-field is identified by its position (position 1, 2 and 3) and operates independently, allowing judgements on its separate functions. Terminals and other card-accepting devices act on each sub-field individually (see Table 3).