
Identification cards — Test methods —
Part 1:
General characteristics

Cartes d'identification — Méthodes d'essai —
Partie 1: Caractéristiques générales

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- *Part 1: General characteristics*
- *Part 2: Cards with magnetic stripes*
- *Part 3: Integrated circuit(s) cards with contacts and related interface devices*
- *Part 5: Optical memory cards*
- *Part 6: Proximity cards*
- *Part 7: Vicinity cards*

Identification cards — Test methods —

Part 1: General characteristics

1 Scope

ISO 10373 defines test methods for characteristics of identification cards according to the definition given in ISO/IEC 7810. Each test method is cross-referenced to one or more base standards, which may be ISO/IEC 7810 or one or more of the supplementary standards that define the information storage technologies employed in identification cards applications.

This part of ISO/IEC 10373 defines test methods which are common to one or more card technologies. Other parts of ISO/IEC 10373 define technology-specific test methods.

NOTE 1 Criteria for acceptability do not form part of this part of ISO 10373, but will be found in the International Standards mentioned above.

NOTE 2 Test methods described in this part of ISO 10373 are intended to be performed separately. A given card is not required to pass through all the tests sequentially.

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 105-E04:1994, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part E04: Colour fastness to perspiration*

ISO 1302:2002, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Indication of surface texture in technical product documentation*

ISO 1817, *Rubber, vulcanized — Determination of the effect of liquids*

ISO 9227:1990, *Corrosion tests in artificial atmospheres — Salt spray tests*

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

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

test method

method for testing characteristics of identification cards for the purpose of confirming their compliance with International Standards