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### Introduction

This Technical Report is a product of the Accredited Standards Committee X9 Financial Industry Standards, and was generated by the X9F Data and Information Security Subcommittee. The retail financial transactions industry has in the past lacked an interoperable method for secure key exchange. While this has always been an issue, the move from Single DES to Triple DEA (TDEA) encryption made this issue more acute, as methods for the secure exchange of TDEA keys are non-obvious. This Technical Report is intended to give the reader an implementation that meets the requirements for secure key management as set forth in ANS X9.24 Retail Financial Services Symmetric Key Management Part 1: Using Symmetric Techniques.

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This document describes a method consistent with the requirements of ANS X9.24 Retail Financial Services Symmetric Key Management Part 1 for the secure exchange of keys and other sensitive data between two devices that share a symmetric key exchange key. This method may also be used for the storage of keys under a symmetric key.

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