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## **Introduction**

The ISO/IEC 14443 series of standards describes the parameters for identification cards or objects for international interchange.

The protocol, as defined in this document, is capable of transferring the application protocol data units as defined in ISO/IEC 7816-4. Thus, application protocol data units and application selection may be used as defined in ISO/IEC 7816-4.

The ISO/IEC 14443 series of standards is intended to allow operation of proximity cards in the presence of other contactless cards or objects conforming to the ISO/IEC 10536 series of standards and the ISO/IEC 15693 series of standards and near field communication (NFC) devices conforming to ISO/IEC 18092 and ISO/IEC 21481.



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### 1 Scope

This document specifies a half-duplex block transmission protocol featuring the special needs of a contactless environment and defines the activation and  $\text{A}_2$  deactivation  $\text{A}_2$  of the protocol.

This document is intended to be used in conjunction with other parts of ISO/IEC 14443 and is applicable to proximity cards or objects of Type A and Type B.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 7816-3, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 3: Cards with contacts — Electrical interface and transmission protocols*

ISO/IEC 7816-4:2013, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 4: Organization, security and commands for interchange*

ISO/IEC 14443-2<sup>1)</sup>, *Cards and security devices for personal identification — Contactless proximity objects — Part 2: Radio frequency power and signal interface*

ISO/IEC 14443-3, *Cards and security devices for personal identification — Contactless proximity objects — Part 3: Initialization and anticollision*

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

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

#### 3.1

##### bit duration

one elementary time unit (etu), calculated by the following formula:

$$1 \text{ etu} = 128 / (D \times fc)$$

Note 1 to entry: The initial value of the divisor  $D$  is 1, giving the initial etu as follows:

$$1 \text{ etu} = 128 / fc$$

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