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Foreword

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- *Part 2: Dimensions and location of accessible optical area*
- *Part 3: Optical properties and characteristics*

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Introduction

ISO/IEC 11695 is one of a series of International Standards defining the parameters for optical memory cards and the use of such cards for the storage and interchange of digital data.

These International Standards recognize the existence of different methods for recording and reading information on optical memory cards, the characteristics of which are specific to the recording method employed. In general, these different recording methods will not be compatible with each other. Therefore, these International Standards are structured to accommodate the inclusion of existing and future recording methods in a consistent manner.

ISO/IEC 11695 is specific to optical memory cards using the holographic recording method. Characteristics which apply to other specific recording methods are found in separate International Standards.

This part of ISO/IEC 11695 defines the physical characteristics and the extent of compliance with, addition to, and/or deviation from the relevant base document, ISO/IEC 11693.

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