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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/IEC 24789-1:2012), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- Test parameters for most methods to be included in the test plan are determined from card functional elements, the number of uses per day and the expected lifetime in years.
- Test sequences in the test plan have been shortened, a maximum of three methods occur in a sequence now.
- Test parameter calculations are only based on the number of uses per day and the expected lifetime in years; the complex calculations of environmental, storage and reader factors have been removed.

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This document defines a methodology for determining a test plan to simulate a card's service life.

Such a test plan consists of a set of stress exposure methods, each simulating specific types of environmental or mechanical stresses. Most of the stress exposure methods are followed by one or more evaluation methods to determine to which extent the card has survived exposure to the stress exposure method, while a few have the evaluation embedded in the stress test method.

Although the equipment and parts of the procedures of certain ISO/IEC 10373-1 test methods are referenced for employment in the simulation of aging or usage in the ISO/IEC 24789 series, such references are clearly distinguished from the normal use of ISO/IEC 10373-1. In normal use, these ISO/IEC 10373-1 test methods are applied to determine conformity to ISO/IEC 7810 and do not explicitly address application-specific requirements for card service life.

Test methodologies employed by various card industry experts are included in this document. They are based upon field experience for specific applications and card functional elements. While it is believed that the field experiences can be generally applied, there is limited field/laboratory correlation data to confirm this.

Prior to publication of this document, industry experts were given the opportunity to test cards used successfully in various applications for conformity to this document. There were no instances of participating card industry experts reporting successfully implemented functional elements failing the criteria in this document.

While this document attempts to accurately predict card service life, it is possible that some card constructions can be in conformity with this document while having field issues. It is also possible that some card constructions will not be in conformity with this document while having adequate field performance. In either of these cases, the reader of this document is advised to contact their country's national standards body (see the Foreword) and share this information so that future editions of this document can be revised accordingly.

NOTE For the convenience of certain users, non-SI equivalents are given for some quantity values where these are in common use in the ID card industry. These equivalents appear in parentheses and are for information only.