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## Foreword

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ISO/IEC 7810 was prepared by Joint Technical Committee ISO/IEC JTC 1, *Information technology*, Subcommittee SC 17, *Cards and personal identification*.

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## Introduction

This edition is a 5 year technical revision of the previous edition and was prepared by JTC 1/SC 17/WG 1 *Physical characteristics and test methods for ID-cards*. It cancels and replaces ISO/IEC 7810:1995. The user is encouraged to review the entire standard for revisions and updates. The major changes made during this revision are listed below.

1. The addition of criteria and test method for heat resistance. This criteria should be met by existing PVC or PVCA materials, however, it allows the user to designate materials that can withstand higher temperatures.
2. Any special requirements for various recording technologies have been moved to the base standard for that particular recording technology.
3. The peel strength and opacity requirements were changed to conform with revised test methods in ISO/IEC 10373-1:1998.
4. Tolerances for ID-2 and ID-3 size cards have been added.
5. Size and tolerances for an ID-000 size card have been added along with an informative annex showing the relationship to an ID-1 size card.
6. The specified areas for opacity, previously shown in the test methods ISO/IEC 10373-1, have changed and are shown in this International Standard.

Notes in this International Standard are only used for giving additional information intended to assist in the understanding or use of the standard and do not contain provisions or requirements to which it is necessary to conform in order to be able to claim compliance with this International Standard.

This International Standard defines the minimum physical requirements for the basic plastic identification card and is used by the following identification card standards for recording technologies. Other standards not listed here may also refer to ISO/IEC 7810.

ISO/IEC 7501 series, *Identification cards — Machine readable travel documents*

ISO/IEC 7811 series, *Identification cards — Recording technique*

ISO/IEC 7812 series, *Identification cards — Identification of issuers*

ISO/IEC 7813, *Identification cards — Financial transaction cards*

ISO/IEC 7816 series, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit(s) cards with contacts*

ISO/IEC 10536 series, *Identification cards — Contactless integrated circuit(s) cards — Close-coupled cards*

ISO/IEC 14443 series, *Identification cards — Contactless integrated circuit(s) cards — Proximity cards*

ISO/IEC 15693 series, *Identification cards — Contactless integrated circuit(s) cards — Vicinity cards*

ISO/IEC 11693, *Identification cards — Optical memory cards — General characteristics*

ISO/IEC 11694 series, *Identification cards — Optical memory cards — Linear recording method*