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**Information technology — Radio  
frequency identification device  
performance test methods — Crypto  
suite**

*Technologies de l'information — Méthodes de test de performance  
des systèmes d'identification par radiofréquence (RFID) — Suites  
cryptographiques*





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## Foreword

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## Introduction

ISO/IEC 18000 defines the air interfaces for radio frequency identification (RFID) devices used in item management applications. ISO/IEC 18000-63 defines the air interface for these devices operating at frequencies from 860 MHz to 960 MHz Type C.

ISO/IEC 29167 defines crypto suite air interfaces for ISO/IEC 18000-63 utilising on tag cryptography functions.

This document provides test methods for performance measurement of the ISO/IEC 29167 devices.

NOTE This specification is a system measurement of tag and interrogator performance.



# Information technology — Radio frequency identification device performance test methods — Crypto suite

## 1 Scope

This document defines test methods to measure the performance of crypto suites of radio frequency identification (RFID) devices (tags and interrogators) for item management as specified in ISO/IEC 18000-63 and ISO/IEC 29167 (all parts).

These test methods measure the crypto suite system performance (tags and interrogators) against the crypto suite outcomes as required by the desired set of use case requirements for a specific application/service. These test methods are used as an extension of ISO/IEC 18046-1 but can be used in a standalone manner.

Crypto suite performance can vary substantially between crypto suites, implementations of a crypto suite for tags and interrogators and crypto suite outcomes in specific interrogation scenarios. Tag crypto functions require time and energy to complete successfully. The desired crypto strength and method influence the time and energy required. “Crypto suite performance” is therefore defined in this document as “the shortest time to complete a crypto outcome at a given read distance in relation to the RF power available”. This document provides guidelines in the evaluation of the measurement results.

The test methods do not measure crypto capabilities which include crypto strength, suitability and robustness. They neither measure random generator performance nor deal with key management.

## 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 18000-63, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification for item management — Part 63: Parameters for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz Type C*

ISO/IEC 18046-1, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification device performance test methods — Part 1: Test methods for system performance*

ISO/IEC 19762, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture (AIDC) techniques — Harmonized vocabulary*