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**Identification cards — Integrated  
circuit card authentication protocols —**

Part 1:  
**Protocol for Lightweight  
Authentication of Identity**

*Cartes d'identification — Integrated circuit protocoles  
d'authentification par carte —*

*Partie 1: Protocole pour l'authentification de l'identité léger*



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— *Part 1: Protocol for Lightweight Authentication of Identity*

## Introduction

PLAID (Protocol for Lightweight Authentication of IDentity) is an ICC (smartcard) authentication protocol, which is designed to expressly support contactless applications. The protocol is designed to fill the gap in standardized protocols between tag and RFID based technologies which do not utilize cryptography but are fast, and PKI based authentication, which can be very strong cryptographically, but slower, and unsuitable for many contactless use-cases.

It is based on a cryptographic method, which uses both symmetric and asymmetric cryptography in a hybrid protocol to protect the communications between ICCs and terminal devices. This is done in such a way that strong authentication of the ICC and credentials is possible in a fast, highly secure and private fashion without the exposure of card or cardholder identifying information or any other information which is useful to an attacker.

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# Identification cards — Integrated circuit card authentication protocols —

## Part 1: Protocol for Lightweight Authentication of Identity

### 1 Scope

This International Standard provides an authentication protocol suitable for use in physical and logical access control systems based on ICCs and related systems which support standards based AES-128 and RSA-2048 ciphers and the SHA-256 hashing algorithm.

The standard specifies PLAID and its implementation in sufficient detail to allow any two or more implementations to be interoperable.

This International Standard does not address how implementations share cryptographic keys, access control system credential records (including revocation) or manage payload entities such as PIN, PINHash, or biometric templates or other payload objects.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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

ISO/IEC 7816-5, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 5: Registration of application providers*

ISO/IEC 8824-1, *Information technology — Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1) — Part 1: Specification of basic notation*

ISO/IEC 9797-1, *Information technology — Security techniques — Message Authentication Codes (MACs) — Part 1: Mechanisms using a block cipher*

ISO/IEC 10116, *Information technology — Security techniques — Modes of operation for an n-bit block cipher*

ISO/IEC 10118-3, *Information technology — Security techniques — Hash-functions — Part 3: Dedicated hash-functions*

ISO/IEC 18033-2, *Information technology — Security techniques — Encryption algorithms — Part 2: Asymmetric ciphers*

ISO/IEC 18033-3, *Information technology — Security techniques — Encryption algorithms — Part 3: Block ciphers*

IETF RFC 3447, *Public-Key Cryptography Standards (PKCS) #1: RSA Cryptography Specifications Version 2.1*