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**Identification cards — Integrated circuit  
cards —**

Part 12:  
**Cards with contacts — USB electrical  
interface and operating procedures**

*Cartes d'identification — Cartes à circuit intégré —*

*Partie 12: Cartes à contacts — Interface électrique USB et procédures  
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## Foreword

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ISO/IEC 7816 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards*:

- *Part 1: Cards with contacts — Physical characteristics*
- *Part 2: Cards with contacts — Dimensions and location of the contacts*
- *Part 3: Cards with contacts — Electrical interface and transmission protocols*
- *Part 4: Organization, security and commands for interchange*
- *Part 5: Registration of application providers*
- *Part 6: Interindustry data elements for interchange*
- *Part 7: Interindustry commands for Structured Card Query Language (SCQL)*
- *Part 8: Commands for security operations*
- *Part 9: Commands for card management*
- *Part 10: Cards with contacts — Electronic signals and answer to reset for synchronous cards*
- *Part 11: Personal verification through biometric methods*
- *Part 12: Cards with contacts — USB electrical interface and operating procedures*
- *Part 15: Cryptographic information application*

ISO/IEC 10536<sup>[2]</sup> specifies access by close coupling. ISO/IEC 14443<sup>[3]</sup> and 15693<sup>[4]</sup> specify access by radio frequency. Such cards are also known as contactless cards.

## Introduction

ISO/IEC 7816 is a series of documents specifying integrated circuit cards and the use of such cards for interchange. These cards are identification cards intended for information exchange negotiated between the outside world and the integrated circuit in the card. As a result of an information exchange, the card delivers information (computation result, stored data), and / or modifies its content (data storage, event memorization).

- Five parts are specific to cards with galvanic contacts and three of them specify electrical interfaces.
  - ISO/IEC 7816-1 specifies physical characteristics for cards with contacts.
  - ISO/IEC 7816-2 specifies dimensions and location of the contacts.
  - ISO/IEC 7816-3 specifies electrical interface and transmission protocols for asynchronous cards.
  - ISO/IEC 7816-10 specifies electrical interface and answer to reset for synchronous cards.
  - ISO/IEC 7816-12 specifies electrical interface and operating procedures for USB cards.
- All the other parts are independent from the physical interface technology. They apply to cards accessed by contacts and / or by radio frequency.
  - ISO/IEC 7816-4 specifies organization, security and commands for interchange.
  - ISO/IEC 7816-5 specifies registration of application providers.
  - ISO/IEC 7816-6 specifies interindustry data elements for interchange.
  - ISO/IEC 7816-7 specifies commands for structured card query language.
  - ISO/IEC 7816-8 specifies commands for security operations.
  - ISO/IEC 7816-9 specifies commands for card management.
  - ISO/IEC 7816-11 specifies personal verification through biometric methods.
  - ISO/IEC 7816-15 specifies cryptographic information application.

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0001399 / France, *Transport d'unités de protocole d'objet électronique portable par protocole pour périphériques de micro-ordinateur*

09/775668 / USA, *Conveying protocol units for portable electronic objects via a protocol for microcomputer peripherals*

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1904043 / Europe, *Transport d'unités de protocole d'objet électronique portable par protocole pour périphériques de micro-ordinateur*

1804474 / China, *Conveying protocol units for portable electronic objects via a protocol for microcomputer peripherals*

PCT / FR01 / 00326, *Transport d'unités de protocole d'objet électronique portable par protocole pour périphériques de micro-ordinateur*

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## Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards —

Part 12:

### Cards with contacts — USB electrical interface and operating procedures

#### 1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 7816 specifies the operating conditions of an integrated circuit card that provides a USB interface. Figure 1 shows the assignment of the contact fields for a USB interface and – to illustrate interoperability – the assignment as used in ISO/IEC 7816-3.

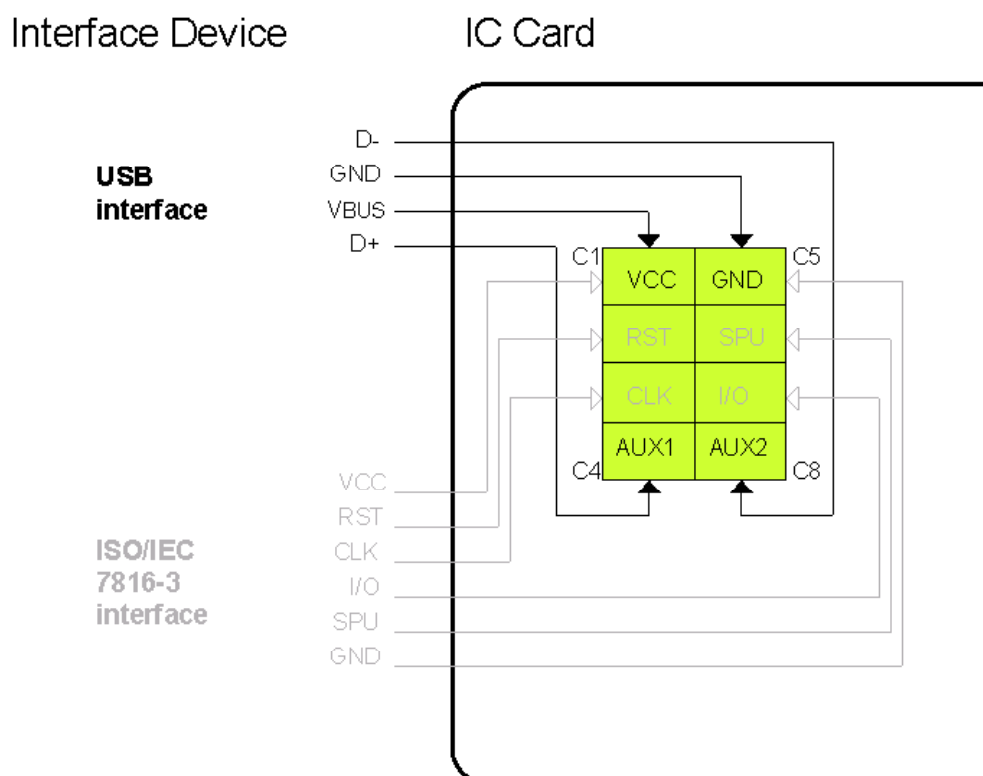


Figure 1 — Assignment of contacts for a USB integrated circuit card

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 7816-2:1999/Amd.1:2004, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 2: Cards with contacts — Dimensions and location of the contacts — Amendment 1: Assignment of contacts C4 and C8*

ISO/IEC 7816-3, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 3: Cards with contacts — Electrical interface and transmission protocols*

Universal Serial Bus Specification Revision 2.0, April 27, 2000

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USB Chip/Smart Card Interface Devices, Revision 1.00, March 20, 2001

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