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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO/IEC 14443-3:2016), which has been technically revised.

The following are the main changes since the last edition:

— RFU handling rules and clarifications have been added;

— Annexes D and E have been removed.

A list of all the parts in the ISO/IEC 14443 series can be found on the ISO website.

Introduction

The ISO/IEC 14443 series of standards describes the parameters for identification cards or objects for international interchange.

This document describes polling for proximity cards entering the field of a proximity coupling device, the byte format and framing, the initial Request and Answer to Request command content, methods to detect and communicate with one proximity card among several proximity cards (anticollision) and other parameters required to initialize communications between a proximity card and a proximity coupling device. Protocols and commands used by higher layers and by applications and which are used after the initial phase are described in ISO/IEC 14443-4.

The ISO/IEC 14443 series of standards is intended to allow operation of proximity cards in the presence of other contactless cards or objects conforming to the ISO/IEC 10536 series of standards and the ISO/IEC 15693 series of standards and near field communication (NFC) devices conforming to ISO/IEC 18092 and ISO/IEC 21481.

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1 Scope

This document describes the following:

— polling for proximity cards or objects (PICCs) entering the field of a proximity coupling device (PCD);

— the byte format, the frames and timing used during the initial phase of communication between PCDs and PICCs;

— the initial Request and Answer to Request command content;

— methods to detect and communicate with one PICC among several PICCs (anticollision);

— other parameters required to initialize communications between a PICC and PCD;

— optional means to ease and speed up the selection of one PICC among several PICCs based on application criteria;

— optional capability to allow a device to alternate between the functions of a PICC and a PCD to communicate with a PCD or a PICC, respectively. A device which implements this capability is called a PXD.

Protocol and commands used by higher layers and by applications and which are used after the initial phase are described in ISO/IEC 14443-4.

This document is applicable to PICCs of Type A and of Type B (as described in ISO/IEC 14443-2), to PCDs (as described in ISO/IEC 14443-2) and to PXDs.

NOTE 1   Part of the timing of data communication is defined in ISO/IEC 14443-2.

NOTE 2   Test methods for this document are defined in ISO/IEC 10373-6.

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

ISO/IEC 7816-6, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 6: Interindustry data elements for interchange*

ISO/IEC 13239, *Information technology — Telecommunications and information exchange between systems — High-level data link control (HDLC) procedures*

ISO/IEC 14443-2, *Cards and security devices for personal identification — Contactless proximity objects —Part 2: Radio frequency power and signal interface*

ISO/IEC 14443-4, *Cards and security devices for personal identification — Contactless proximity objects —Part 4: Transmission protocol*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 14443-2 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

3.1
anticollision loop
algorithm used to prepare for dialogue between PCD and one or more PICCs out of the total number of PICCs responding to a request command

3.2
byte
8 bits of data designated b8 to b1, from the most significant bit (MSB, b8) to the least significant bit (LSB, b1)

3.3
collision
transmission by two PICCs in the same PCD energizing field and during the same time period, such that the PCD is unable to distinguish from which PICC the data originated

3.4
frame
sequence of data bits and optional error detection bits, with frame delimiters at start and end

3.5
frame error
error on SOF, start and stop bits, parity bits, EOF

3.6
higher layer protocol
protocol layer (not described in this document) that makes use of the protocol layer defined in this document to transfer information belonging to the application or higher layers of protocol that is not described in this document

3.7
PCD Mode
mode in which a PXD operates as a PCD

3.8
PICC Mode
mode in which a PXD operates as a PICC

3.9
request command
command requesting PICCs of the appropriate type to respond if they are available for initialization

3.10
transmission error
frame error or CRC_A or CRC_B error

4 Symbols, abbreviated terms and notations

4.1 Symbols and abbreviated terms

ADC	Application Data Coding, Type B
AFI	Application Family Identifier, card preselection criteria by application, Type B
APf	anticollision prefix f, used in REQB/WUPB, Type B
APn	anticollision prefix n, used in Slot-MARKER command, Type B
ATQA	Answer to Request, Type A
ATQB	Answer to Request, Type B
ATTRIB	PICC selection command, Type B
BCC	Block Check Character (UID CLn check byte), Type A
CID	Card Identifier
CLn	cascade level n, Type A
CT	cascade tag, Type A
CRC_A	Cyclic Redundancy Check error detection code, Type A
CRC_B	Cyclic Redundancy Check error detection code, Type B
D	Divisor
E	end of communication, Type A
EGT	extra guard time, Type B
EOF	end of frame, Type B
etu	elementary time unit
FDT	frame delay time PCD to PICC, Type A
fc	carrier frequency
FO	Frame Option, Type B
fs	subcarrier frequency
FWI	Frame Waiting time Integer
FWT	Frame Waiting Time
HLTA	halt command, Type A
HLTB	halt command, Type B
ID	identification number, Type A
INF	information field belonging to higher layer, Type B
LSB	least significant bit

MBL	Maximum Buffer Length, Type B
MBLI	Maximum Buffer Length Index, Type B
MSB	most significant bit
N	number of anticollision slots, Type B
n	variable integer value as defined in the specific clause
NAD	node address
NVB	number of valid bits, Type A
P	odd parity bit, Type A
PCD	proximity coupling device
PICC	proximity card or object
PUPI	Pseudo-Unique PICC Identifier, Type B
PXD	proximity extended device
R	slot number chosen by the PICC during the anticollision sequence, Type B
REQA	REQuest command, Type A
REQB	REQuest command, Type B
RFU	reserved for future use
S	start of communication, Type A
SAK	Select acknowledge, Type A
SEL	select code, Type A
SELECT	SELECT command, Type A
SFGI	Start-up Frame Guard time Integer
SFGT	Start-up Frame Guard Time
SOF	Start Of Frame, Type B
t_{cyc}	maximum automatic mode alternation cycle time
t_{diff}	minimum time difference of PICC Mode durations
$t_{E,\ PICC}$	low EMD time, PICC
$t_{E,\ PCD}$	low EMD time, PCD
TR0	guard time as defined in ISO/IEC 14443-2, Type B
TR1	synchronization time as defined in ISO/IEC 14443-2, Type B
TR2	frame delay time PICC to PCD, Type B
UID	unique identifier, Type A

UID CL*n*	unique identifier of CL*n*, Type A
uid*n*	byte number *n* of unique identifier, *n* ≥ 0
WUPA	Wake-UP command, Type A
WUPB	Wake-UP command, Type B

4.2   Notations

— (xxxxx)b   data bit representation

— 'XY'   hexadecimal notation, equal to XY to the base 16

5   General requirements

5.1   Alternating PICC and PCD support (PXD)

A proximity extended device (PXD) shall alternately support PICC requirements (PICC Mode) and PCD requirements (PCD Mode).

The alternation between the PICC Mode and the PCD Mode may be either automatic or a Mode (PICC Mode or PCD Mode) may be explicitly selected by the user.

The PICC Mode and the PCD Mode are defined as PICC and PCD in the ISO/IEC 14443 series of standards.

The automatic alternation is defined as follows:

— the PXD shall alternate between the PICC Mode and the PCD Mode with maximum cycle time t_{cyc} = 1 s and shall stay in PICC Mode (ready for receiving REQA/WUPA or REQB/WUPB commands, except for the first 5 ms) longer than in PCD Mode (generating operating field), until a communication to either a PICC, a PCD or another PXD is established;

— the PXD shall randomly set the PICC Mode duration for each cycle to a value chosen from a set of at least two different values differing by at least t_{diff} = 5 ms between each of them;

— in PICC Mode, after reception of a valid REQA/WUPA or REQB/WUPB command, the PXD shall not go in PCD Mode before a POWER-OFF state;

— when leaving the PCD Mode after processing of a PICC (or a PXD in PICC mode), the PXD shall resume its automatic mode alternation with the PICC Mode first.

The PXD may check the presence of external operating field to decide not to enter PCD Mode, i.e. to stay in PICC Mode for a further random PICC Mode duration.

The detection of the removal of a PICC (or PXD in PICC Mode) should be done by a PICC presence check method without switching off the operating field to keep the same UID/PUPI and to avoid PXD entering the PCD Mode.

5.2   Alternating between Type A and Type B commands

5.2.1   Polling

In order to detect PICCs which are in the operating field, the PCD shall send repeated request commands. The PCD shall send REQA (or WUPA) and REQB (or WUPB) in any sequence using an equal or configurable duty cycle when polling Type A and Type B. In addition, the PCD may send other commands as described in Annex C.

When a PICC is exposed to an unmodulated RF field (see ISO/IEC 14443-2), it shall be able to accept a request within 5 ms.

EXAMPLE 1

When a PICC Type A receives any Type B command, it shall be able to accept a REQA (or WUPA) within 5 ms of unmodulated RF field.

EXAMPLE 2

When a PICC Type B receives any Type A command, it shall be able to accept a REQB (or WUPB) within 5 ms of unmodulated RF field.

EXAMPLE 3

When a PICC Type A is exposed to field activation, it shall be able to accept a REQA (or WUPA) within 5 ms of unmodulated RF field.

EXAMPLE 4

When a PICC Type B is exposed to field activation, it shall be able to accept a REQB (or WUPB) within 5 ms of unmodulated RF field.

EXAMPLE 5

When a PICC supporting Type A and Type B is exposed to field activation, it shall be able to accept a REQA (or WUPA) within 5 ms of unmodulated RF field.

EXAMPLE 6

When a PICC supporting Type A and Type B is exposed to field activation, it shall be able to accept a REQB (or WUPB) within 5 ms of unmodulated RF field.

In order to detect PICCs requiring 5 ms, the PCD should periodically present an unmodulated RF field of at least 5,1 ms duration (prior to both Type A and Type B request commands), but may poll more rapidly because PICCs may react faster.

If the PICC supports Type A and Type B, then it shall be locked in the type of the first processed request command (after Answer to Request of one type, the other type is disabled until the PICC enters POWER-OFF state).

The PCD may need to adapt its polling cycle if it wants to detect such a PICC in the disabled type.

5.2.2 Influence of Type A commands on PICC Type B operation

A PICC Type B shall either go to IDLE state (be able to accept a REQB) or be able to continue a transaction in progress after receiving any Type A frame.

A PICC Type B should have the same behavior after receiving any frame of any other standard using the same carrier frequency.

5.2.3 Influence of Type B commands on PICC Type A operation

A PICC Type A shall either go to IDLE state (be able to accept a REQA) or be able to continue a transaction in progress after receiving any Type B frame. If the PICC Type A is in READY* or ACTIVE* state when receiving any Type B frame, it may also go to HALT state as described in Figure 7.

A PICC Type A should have the same behavior after receiving any frame of any other standard using the same carrier frequency.

5.2.4 Transition to POWER-OFF state

The PICC shall be in POWER-OFF state no later than 5 ms after the operating field is switched off.

5.3 RFU handling

For the purposes of this document, the following general rules apply.

— A PICC or PCD sending RFU bits shall set these bits to the value indicated herein or to (0)b if no value is given.

— A PICC or PCD receiving RFU bits shall ignore the value of these bits and shall maintain and not change its function, unless explicitly stated otherwise.

6 Type A — Initialization and anticollision

6.1 etu

The value of the etu for each bit rate is defined in Table 1.

Table 1 — etu

Bit rate		etu	
$fc/128$	(~ 106 kbit/s)	$128/fc$	(~ 9,4 µs)
$fc/64$	(~ 212 kbit/s)	$64/fc$	(~ 4,7 µs)
$fc/32$	(~ 424 kbit/s)	$32/fc$	(~ 2,4 µs)
$fc/16$	(~ 848 kbit/s)	$16/fc$	(~ 1,2 µs)
$fc/8$	(~ 1,70 Mbit/s)	$8/fc$	(~ 0,59 µs)
$fc/4$	(~ 3,39 Mbit/s)	$4/fc$	(~ 0,29 µs)
$fc/2$	(~ 6,78 Mbit/s)	$2/fc$	(~ 0,15 µs)
$3fc/4$	(~ 10,17 Mbit/s)	$4/fc$	(~ 0,29 µs)
fc	(~ 13,56 Mbit/s)	$4/fc$	(~ 0,29 µs)
$3fc/2$	(~ 20,34 Mbit/s)	$2/fc$	(~ 0,15 µs)
$2fc$	(~ 27,12 Mbit/s)	$2/fc$	(~ 0,15 µs)

6.2 Frame format and timing

This subclause defines the frame format and timing used during communication initialization and anticollision. For bit representation and coding, refer to ISO/IEC 14443-2.

Frames shall be transferred in pairs, PCD to PICC followed by PICC to PCD, using the following sequence:

— PCD frame:

— PCD start of communication;

— information and, where required, error detection bits sent by the PCD;

— PCD end of communication;

— Frame delay time PCD to PICC;

— PICC frame:

— PICC start of communication;

— information and, where required, error detection bits sent by the PICC;

— PICC end of communication;

— Frame delay time PICC to PCD.

NOTE   The frame delay time (FDT) from PCD to PICC overlaps the PCD end of communication.

6.2.1   Frame delay time

The frame delay time is defined as the time between two frames transmitted in opposite directions.

6.2.1.1   Frame delay time PCD to PICC

This is the time between the end of the last pause transmitted by the PCD and the first modulation edge within the start bit transmitted by the PICC and shall respect the timing defined in Figure 1 and Table 2 where *n* is an integer value.

For bit rates of *fc*/8, *fc*/4 and *fc*/2, the FDT starts at the end of the last modulation transmitted by the PCD.

For bit rates of 3*fc*/4, *fc*, 3*fc*/2, and 2*fc*, the FDT starts at the end of the last phase modulation transmitted by the PCD.

Table 2 defines values for *n* and FDT depending on the command type and the logic state of the last transmitted data bit in this command.
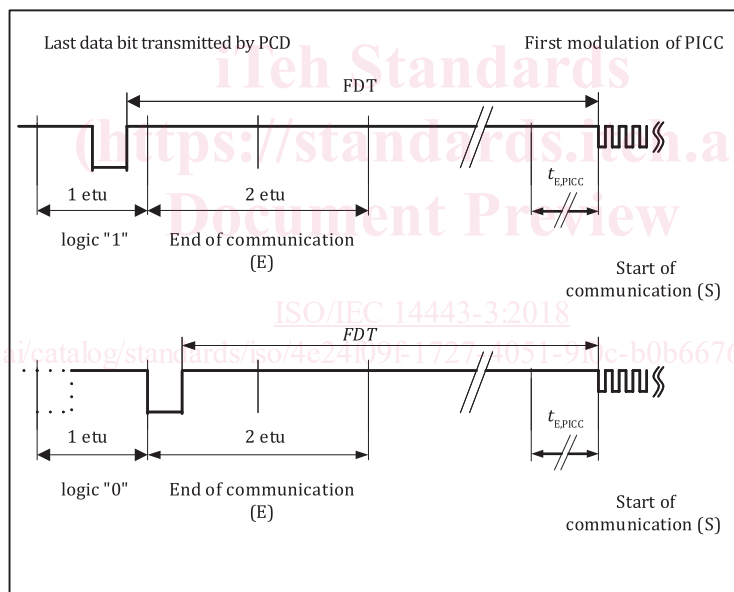

Figure 1 — Frame delay time PCD to PICC for bit rates up to *fc*/16

NOTE $t_{\text{E, PICC}}$ is specified in Clause 8.