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Field Communication Interface and  
Protocol -2 (NFCIP-2)**

*Technologies de l'information — Télécommunications et échange  
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communication de champ proche (NFCIP-2)*



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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/IEC 21481:2005), which has been technically revised.

## Introduction

In 2002, Ecma International formed Task Group 19 of Technical Committee 32 to specify Near Field Communication (NFC) signal interfaces and protocols. The NFC devices are wireless closely coupled devices communicating at 13,56 MHz.

Although ISO/IEC 18092 (NFCIP-1), ISO/IEC 14443 and ISO/IEC 15693 all specify 13,56 MHz as their working frequency, they specify distinct communication modes. These are defined as NFC, PCD, and VCD communication modes, respectively.

This International Standard (NFCIP-2) specifies the mechanism to detect and select one communication mode out of those three possible communication modes. Furthermore, NFCIP-2 requires that subsequent behaviour be as specified in the standard specifying the selected communication mode.

In 2009, JTC 1/SC 6 and JTC 1/SC 17 studied together for improving interoperability between ISO/IEC 21481 and ISO/IEC 14443. This second edition of ISO/IEC 21481 is revised based on the study, and the PICC mode is added to the existing three modes.

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## 1 Scope

ISO/IEC 18092, ISO/IEC 14443 and ISO/IEC 15693 specify the radio frequency signal interface, initialization, anti-collision and protocols for wireless interconnection of closely coupled devices and access to contactless integrated circuit cards operating at 13,56 MHz.

This International Standard specifies the communication mode selection mechanism, designed not to disturb any ongoing communication at 13,56 MHz, for devices implementing ISO/IEC 18092, ISO/IEC 14443 or ISO/IEC 15693. This International Standard requires implementations to enter the selected communication mode as specified in the respective International Standard. The communication mode specifications, however, are outside the scope of this International Standard.

## 2 Conformance

Conforming devices implement mode selection specified in Clause 7 and implement the NFC MODE, PCD MODE, VCD MODE, and PICC MODE.

## 3 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 18092:2004, *Information technology — Telecommunications and information exchange between systems — Near Field Communication — Interface and Protocol (NFCIP-1)*

ISO/IEC 14443-2:2010, *Identification cards — Contactless integrated circuit cards — Proximity cards — Part 2: Radio frequency power and signal interface*

ISO/IEC 14443-3:2011, *Identification cards — Contactless integrated circuit cards — Proximity cards — Part 3: Initialization and anticollision*

ISO/IEC 14443-4:2008, *Identification cards — Contactless integrated circuit cards — Proximity cards — Part 4: Transmission protocol*

ISO/IEC 15693-2:2006, *Identification cards — Contactless integrated circuit cards — Vicinity cards — Part 2: Air interface and initialization*

ISO/IEC 15693-3:2009, *Identification cards — Contactless integrated circuit cards — Vicinity cards — Part 3: Anticollision and transmission protocol*