

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PASSPORT CARD
(Description - July 2008)**

The United States Passport Card is similar to a U.S. passport in that both documents convey proof of a recipient's identity and U.S. nationality or citizenship. The purpose of the Passport Card is to facilitate frequent travel for those persons living in border communities, and it is available to applicants at a fraction of the cost of a passport book.

The Passport Card can be used for land and sea travel only into the United States from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and most Caribbean locations*. ***Air travel will continue to require possession of a valid passport.*** Under no circumstances can the Passport Card be used as a substitute for a regular booklet-style passport to undertake air travel.

The Passport Card will contain a radio frequency identification chip (or RFID chip) and integrated contactless circuit (ICC) which, as read by DHS's PASS System, will point to a record stored in secure government databases. No card recipient's personal information is written to the RFID chip itself. The chip also comes in a radio frequency protective sleeve to further mitigate privacy concerns.

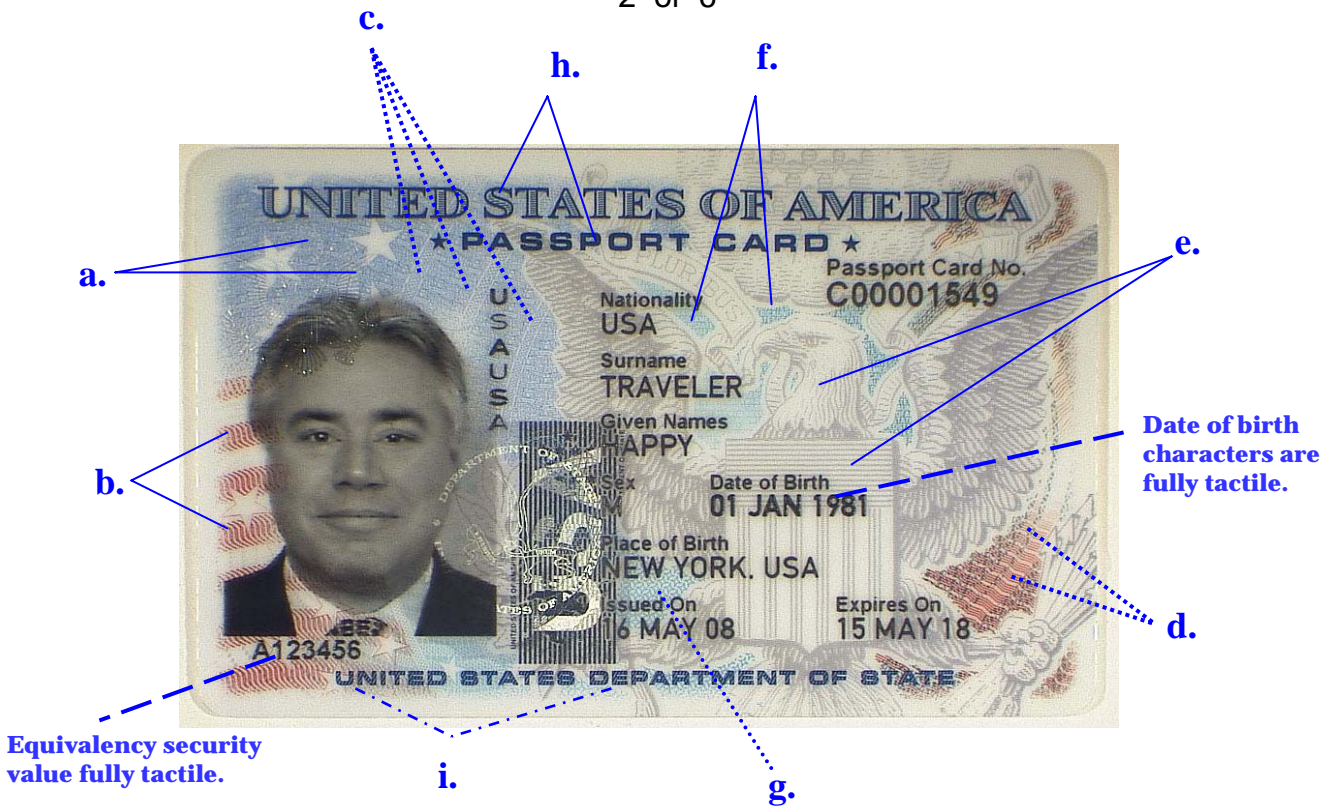
GRAPHIC DESIGN ELEMENTS

[REFER to illustration enumerating PPT Card's graphic features at top of page two.]

BACKGROUND: A partial, highly stylized depiction of the Stars and Stripes using rich medium blue (a.) and vivid red patterns (b.), crossed by three circumferential bands (c.). The blue field is executed using an intricate repeating interwoven pattern exhibiting exceptional fine-line detail.

* Locations within the **Caribbean region** from which American citizens may use the Passport Card to enter the United States by sea include:

1 - Anguilla, 2 - Antigua and Barbuda, 3 - Aruba, 4 - Bahamas, 5 - British Virgin Islands, 6 - Cayman Islands, 7- Dominica, 8 - Dominican Republic, 9 - Grenada, 10 - Jamaica (except for business travel), 11 - Montserrat, 12 – Netherlands Antilles, 13 - St. Kitts and Nevis, 14 - St. Lucia, 15 - St. Vincent and the Grenadines, 16 - Turks and Caicos.



GRAPHIC DESIGN ELEMENTS (continued)

MIDDLE GROUND: Two circumferential bands in the background, these being red and white, (d.) partially encircle the card's principal image -- the Eagle of the Great Seal (e.), rendered in light-gray shifting to light slate-blue, depicted against an aquamarine background composed primarily of microtext elements (f.) *changing* to chevrons (g.).

FOREGROUND: A two-line heading --

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
*** PASSPORT CARD *** (h.)

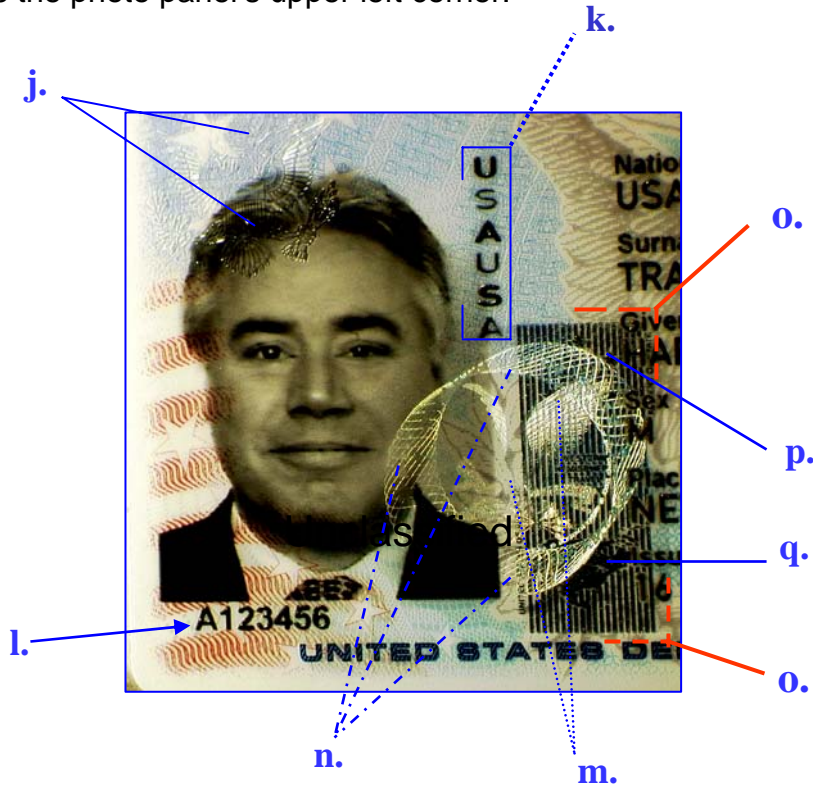
emblazoned across the card's top margin, is accompanied by a discreet label denoting the issuing authority --

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (i.)

situated along the card's lower margin, and these labels are imprinted in dark blue, using three different stylistic fonts.

OVERT SECURITY ELEMENTS

PHOTO PANEL: A small but noticeable (14 x 14 mm), clear **tactile** image of the Eagle portion of the Great Seal (j.) is debossed into the card's surface, and overlaps the photo panel's upper left corner.



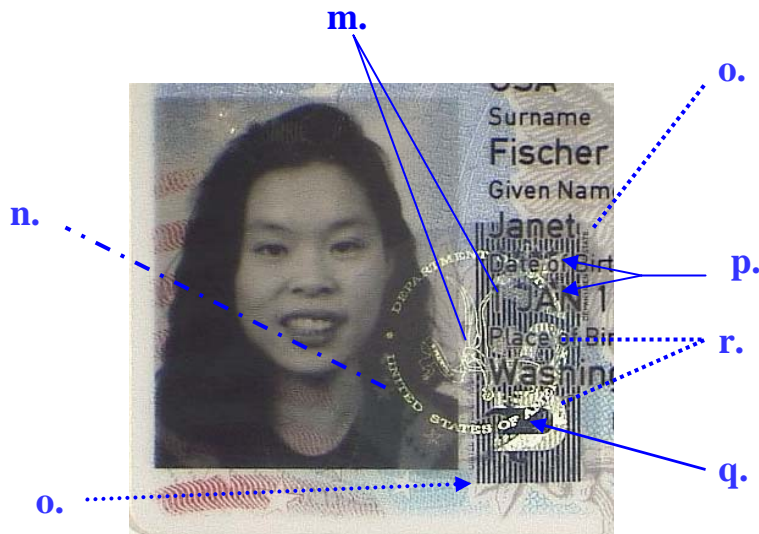
VERTICAL STRING: A string of “USA” abbreviations (k.), (six characters, also referred to as a ‘*mirror*’), is laser printed into the card’s surface in the photo panel’s upper right corner, arranged in a vertical orientation.

- **Differing character elements within each string** are laser-etched and **fully tactile**, in obedience to logic governing formulaic pseudo-codes.

EQUIVALENCE SECURITY VALUE: An ‘Equivalence value’ (l.) or pseudo-code is imprinted as an alpha-numeric string of seven (7) characters just below the photo image’s horizontal lower left margin. (PLEASE NOTE: the ‘Equivalence value’ printed on the accompanying illustration is entirely artificial. **Equivalence**

values imprinted on sample exhibits are totally contrived, and do not adhere to or follow their specific formulaic logic.)

COMPLEX OVD: A diffractive optically-variable device, embedded below the card's surface, is composed of a "Galactic Eagle" image (m.) featuring upswept wings, encircled by an elaborate oval wreath (n.) featuring 2D high-resolution vector-graphic elements that impart "optical movement" effects. [See illustration below, and on preceding page.]



NOTE: In the final version of the PPT Card, the personalized data elements are not imprinted through the metallized tab -- but only overlap the right margin.

OVD's METALLIZED PORTION: The right half of the OVD element incorporates an ultra-fine metallized tab (o.), featuring a miniature Constellation of Stars (p.), and Western Hemisphere silhouette (q.), over a much larger metallized 'USA' abbreviation (r.) -- turned on its side, and oriented to the right vertical margin -- that changes visual emphasis when viewed at a 90 or 180 degree angle.

PERSONALIZATION of the Passport Card's face includes nine common data fields, plus two security elements -- specifically the Vertical 'USA' string (k.) and the 'Equivalence value' (l.); [see preceding illustration on page three.]

- (i) The 'Equivalence value' is **entirely tactile**;
- (ii) the 'Vertical USA String' exhibits **some tactile characters** (these depend on different criteria from recipient to recipient);
- (iii) the recipient's 'Date of Birth' information is **tactile** (although the label 'Date of Birth' itself is **not** tactile).

BACK OF THE PASSPORT CARD

COLOR SCHEME: The back of the card presents a different color scheme, with medium blue merging into light green waves. The central feature is a clear, detailed depiction of the Great Seal. The Eagle is depicted against a complex pattern of fluctuating waves that exhibit interference lines (s.) where the wave lengths reinforce or overlap each other.



The **TEXTUAL** elements (t.1 and t.2), positioned on either side of the Eagle, are self-explanatory.

PASSPORT CARD NUMBER: The PPT Card's number (u.1 and u.2.) is repeated twice on the back -- i.e, to the right of the Eagle, where all nine characters of the number are imprinted in fully **tactile** form, and (u.2) which is embedded in the first line of the MRZ, beginning at position 6.

PASSSYSTEM LOGO: The PASSSYSTEM Logo (v.), expressed in transparent hollow letters, is applied in color-shifting ink -- that changes from metallic copper, to a lighter greenish-copper, and when viewed at its *most extreme*, changes further to a metallic dark green.

MACHINE-READABLE ZONE: The MRZ is composed of three lines of data, and these include numerous authentication elements and variable codes, etc., in addition to the prescribed ICAO elements.

ONE DIMENSIONAL BAR CODE: The card number is marked at manufacturing in a 1 - D barcode (w.).

TERM OF VALIDITY

PPT Card Validity: Similar to a regular passport, the term of validity for a Passport Card is ten (10) years for adults, and five (5) years for children who are 15 years and younger.

CANCELLATION OF PASSPORT CARDS

Passport Cards should be cancelled by diagonally clipping off a large, obvious segment from the Card's upper left corner, using a pair of scissors, while trying not to remove any useful data that would assist in identifying the card.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the U.S. Passport Card, and about the regulations coming into force to facilitate and govern travel under the terms of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), please visit the Department of State's web site located at -- www.travel.state.gov -- which also has links to items of interest concerning passports, visas, and an extensive range of various consular fraud-related subjects.