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## Introduction

This International Standard is one of a series of standards describing the parameters for optical memory cards and the use of such cards for the storage and interchange of digital data.

The standards recognize the existence of different methods for recording and reading information on optical memory cards, the characteristics of which are specific to the recording method employed. In general, these different recording methods will not be compatible with each other. Therefore, the standards are structured to accommodate the inclusion of existing and future recording methods in a consistent manner.

ISO/IEC 11693 is generic to all optical memory cards. Characteristics which apply to a specific recording method shall be found in separate standards documents which define the extent of compliance with, addition to, and/or deviation from, this relevant base document.