

Abagnale Fraud Tips

CARD IDENTIFICATION FEATURES

Only the person whose name is embossed on an American Express Card is entitled to use it. Cards are not transferable.

All American Express account numbers start with 37. The embossing should be clear and uniform in size and spacing.

The card may not be accepted for use after the expiration date.

The portrait of the Centurion is printed with great detail similar to the portraits on US currency.

The account number embossed on the front of the card must be exactly the same as the number printed on the back of the card, and on the sales receipt.

The letters "AMEX" and a phosphorescence in the Centurion portrait are visible when the card is examined under an ultraviolet light.

The pre-printed (non-embossed) Card Identification Number (CID) should always appear **above** the account number, on either right or the left edge of the card.

With statement on the card, American Express reserves the right to "pick up" the card at any time.

Merchant Code 10:
If you are suspicious of a Card Transaction, call 1-800-528-2121



Several American Express Card designs will change with the removal of the embossed "AC" or "OC" from the front, lower right-hand corner of the plastic. Please take note of this minor design change, and remember that the presence or absence of the embossed "AC" or "OC" is not an indicator of a card's authenticity.

Check to be sure that the signature panel has not been taped over, mutilated, erased or painted over.

All American Express cards, including Network, Optima and Corporate, will bear the same security features outlined here.

*Note: Backgrounds of credit cards may vary in design and color.

AMEX REORDER # FP:POS499

DISCOVER® NETWORK

When the Card is held under an ultraviolet light, the word "DISCOVER" will appear on the front of all Cards.

All Discover Network account numbers begin with 6011.

The embossing should be clear, be uniform in size and spacing, and extend into the hologram.

The special embossed Security Character appears on the same line as "Member Since" and "Valid Thru" information. It appears as a stylized "D."

The "Valid Thru" date indicates the last month in which the card is valid.

The three-dimensional hologram should reflect light and appear to move as you rotate the Card. Its design shows a celestial sphere made up of interlocking rings and an arrow pointer. The word "Discover" appears in very small letters on the shaft of this arrow. The background of the image consists of a repetitive wave pattern with stars scattered throughout.

The last four digits of the account number appear on the signature panel in reverse indent printing. On all cards, this is followed by the three-digit Card Identification Data (CID). Older cards may include the full 16-digit account number.

An overprint pattern will be present on the signature panel. If the signature panel is tampered with, the word "VOID" will appear.

The Discover Network acceptance mark appears in the lower right corner on both sides of the card. On older cards, the Discover/Novus acceptance mark appears only on the back.



Merchant Code 10:
1-800-347-1111
for Code 10 Authorization
or a suspicious transaction

Discover Financial Services Law Enforcement Phone Line:
1-800-347-3102
This number is to be used
ONLY by law enforcement officers.

**FOR DISCOVER NETWORK CARDS,
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