

Credit Card Format

Basic Format

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%B8256014206296285^DOE JR/JOHN  
D^05161011111100821000000?;8256014206296285=051610111111821?[enter]
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- Please note that the [enter] text in the code above and lines below is actually just an new line character otherwise known as the enter key.
- %[track1]?;[track2]?[enter]
- where track1 = B[cardnumber]^name^goblygoop
- track2 = [cardnumber]=[expdate]goblygoop
- track1 start sentinel = % end sentinel=?
- track2 start sentinel= ; end sentinel=?
- track separator = nothing
- terminator =[enter]

Track Information

- track 2 is required for credit and debit processing.
- track 1 is optional
- Some debit cards do not contain track 1.
- Amex-Costco cards have 2 track2's
- Gift cards normally only have track 2.
- Driver's License - configure card swiper to read only track 1 and 2, not track 3
- Expdate = mmyy

See also [Gift Card Magnetic Stripe Format](#)

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