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## **DOCUMENT ALERT: U.S. Passport Card Version 3**

This alert illustrates security features of the U.S. passport card, which is issued by the Bureau of Consular Affairs. Each number shows the location of a feature described on the following pages. Check these features to ensure that a passport card is real and unaltered.



## CHECK VISUALLY



A complex holographic security feature overlaps the lower right of the card bearer's portrait. Tilt the hologram to see animation. Be suspicious if the hologram artwork is poor or the colors don't change.



The back of the card contains a patch of color shifting ink. When tilted, it changes from gold to green. Be suspicious if the quality of the artwork is poor or the ink does not change color when tilted.

## CHECK VISUALLY AND BY TOUCH



Textured, clear artwork of the Great Seal of the United States intersects the upper left of the card bearer's portrait. Be suspicious if the artwork is missing, blurry, or does not have a texture.



The card bearer's date of birth, and some other areas of the text, is deep black and has a distinct texture. Be suspicious if the date of birth print does not feel rough when touched.

## CHECK WITH MAGNIFICATION OR ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT



The large portrait on the left is grayscale contains fine lines that can be inspected with a magnifier. Be suspicious if the portrait is in color, is of poor quality, or obscures the red and blue art behind it.



When checked with a magnifier, the small portrait contains tiny text with information specific to the owner of the card. Be suspicious if the text is blurry or the two portraits are of different people.



The colorful background artwork contains tiny text in several different locations. When checked with a magnifier, be suspicious if this microprinting is unreadable or if the background art is blurry.



Passport cards contain invisible printing that can only be inspected with an ultraviolet (UV) light. Be suspicious if the UV art is missing, shows different graphics, or is discontinuous over the portrait.