

A Smart Card debit or credit card contains a small EMV (Europay, Mastercard and Visa) chip embedded on the front. It contains a complex algorithm that adds a new layer of security to in-person or card-present transactions.



HOW DOES EMV WORK?

With chip technology, each transaction is approved using a unique encrypted authentication code, making it more difficult for criminals to hack and steal your data.

These safety measures work only for in-person or card-present transactions at properly equipped point-of-sale terminals or ATMs. Online transactions using a Smart Card do not offer the same security measures.

Aside from the chip technology at card–present transactions, Smart Cards operate no differently than non–chip debit or credit cards. In the event of a breach, losses are still covered by the issuing institution. It remains important to practice personal security measures to prevent fraud and/or theft.

