

TRANSPORTATION WORKER IDENTIFICATION CREDENTIAL (TWIC™) INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

On July 13, 2011, TSA began using a new version of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC). The new TWIC is identified on the back of the card with the identifier “TWIC v2.0 06.11”.

Except for the change in the version number and date on the back of the card, there are no visible differences between the v2.0 card and the previous version, which was identified on the back of the card as “TWIC v1.0 09.09”. While the physical appearance of the card has not changed, a new integrated circuit chip is embedded in the TWIC v2.0 06.11 cards. The new chip is programmed to operate the same as the chip that was used in previous versions of the TWIC. Both the TWIC v1.0 09.09 and the TWIC v2.0 06.11 use gold contact plates, visible on the front of the TWIC, that are identical in appearance.

On the back of the TWIC, there is a barcode and an 8-digit number in the small space above the magnetic stripe. The 8-digit number is an inventory control number, and TWICs are used in sequential order. The first number in the sequence of the TWIC v2.0 06.11 cards is 02086001. Any TWIC v2.0 06.11 card will have an inventory control number of 02086001 or higher.

Facility and vessel security personnel should be made aware of this change in order to assist in the recognition of authentic TWICs and in the detection of fraudulent TWICs.

