

1.0 Introduction



Due to the rising demand of e-working methods (remote office, home office...) and the increasing risk of unauthorized access to private network, it is time to properly secure access to PCs, desktops, and the Intranet and Extranet networks. ACR38 offers solutions based on smart card readers (connected to PCs) for access control.

The ACR38 smart card reader/writer is a USB full speed device, which is the interface for the communication between a computer and a smart card. It is designed for the PC environment, and is the ultimate smart card peripheral for a PC.

ACR38 is a key partner of the PC, as smart card is becoming an essential component in network security and electronic payment system. Providing secured network computing environment by its data encryption function, the SDK package allows users to easily develop their own application to best meet the specific system needs.

ACR38 is a low cost, yet reliable and effective smart card-to-PC interface with design focusing on convenient use and harmony with other PC peripherals in shape and color. It also provides the solution where the security of a smart card is required. It can be used as access control to a computer or network (intranet, extranet, etc), authentication for e-commerce (B to B, B to C), etc. It is also very simple to use and install. It is ideal for electronic commerce, home banking or e-purse facilities, secure computer access or any of a multitude of other applications.

1.1 About RoHS Compliance

The RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substance) Directive restricts the use of six hazardous materials in the manufacturing of various types of EEE (Electrical and Electronic Equipment), including:

- Lead,
- Mercury,
- Cadmium,
- Hexavalent chromium,
- Polybrominated biphenyl (PBB) and
- Polybrominated diphenyl ether (PBDE).

A blue rectangular logo with the text "RoHS Compliant" in bold black font.

So RoHS compliance means the protection to the environment and your future generations from these restricted irritants, carcinogens and toxins.

2.0 Features

- USB full speed interface to PC with simple command structure
- Read and write all microprocessor cards with T=0 or T=1 protocols
- Support SLE 4418/28/32, SLE 5542 memory cards
- Support most common memory-based smart cards, including I2C bus protocol cards (from 1k bits up to 1024k bits) and secure memory cards (Atmel AT88SC153 and AT88SC1608)
- Short Circuit Protection
- RoHS Compliant
- Conform with: EN 60950/IEC 60950, ISO-7816, PC/SC, CE, FCC, Microsoft WHQL, EMV 2000 Level 1
- Support ISO-7816 Class A, B and C (5V, 3V, 1.8V) cards
- Extra SAM slot is optional
- Support PPS (Protocol and Parameters Selection) with 1,743 – 250,000 bps in reading and writing smart cards

3.0 Supported Card Types

3.1 MCU Cards

The ACR38 can operate MCU card with T=0 and T=1 protocol. The table presented in Appendix A (Reference Manual) explains which card type selection value must be specified for the various card types supported by the reader.

3.2 Memory-based smart cards (synchronous interface)

- Cards following the I2C bus protocol (free memory cards) such as:
Atmel: AT24C01 / 02 / 04 / 08 / 16 / 32 / 64 / 128 / 256 / 512 / 1024
SGS-Thomson: ST14C02C, ST14C04C
Gemplus: GFM1K, GFM2K, GFM4K, GFM8K
- SLE4432/5542 intelligent 256 bytes EEPROM with write protect function:
SLE4432, SLE5542

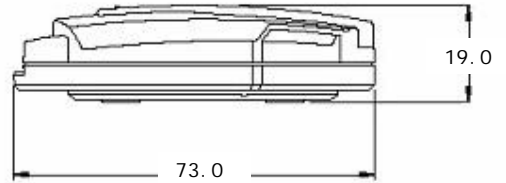
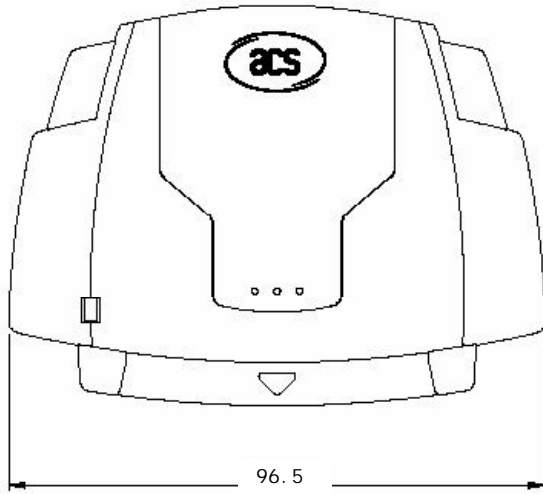
SLE4418/4428 intelligent 1K bytes EEPROM with write-protect function:
SLE4418, SLE4428
- Secure memory cards such as:
AT88SC153, AT88SC1608

SLE4406/4436/5536 '104' type EEPROM non-reloadable token counter cards:
SLE4406, SLE4436, SLE5536

4.0 Typical Applications

- Home Banking and Home Shopping
 - Electronic Commerce
Checking the balance of account of re-loading an electronic purses
- Network access control
S/W locking
- Digital signature
- Loyalty and promotions
Stored value
- Identification
Ticketing
- Parking and toll collection
Online gaming

5.0 Technical Specification



Universal Serial Bus Interface

Type..... USB full speed, four lines: +5V, GND, D+ and D-
 Power source..... From USB
 Speed..... 12 Mbps

Smart Card Interface

Standard..... ISO-7816 Class A, B and C (5V, 3V, 1.8V), T=0 and T=1
 Supply current max. 50mA
 Smart card read / write speed 1,743 – 250,000 bps
 Short circuit protection +5V / GND on all pins

The presence of the smart card power supply voltage is indicated through a green LED on the reader

CLK frequency..... 4 MHz
 Card connector..... Contact
 Card insertion cycles..... min. 100,000

(Optional) SAM Card Interface

Card connector..... Sliding
 Location..... Under the removable dark lid

Physical Specifications

Dimensions..... 73.0mm (L) x 96.5mm (W) x 19.0mm (H)
 Color..... Silver
 Weight..... 95g (± 5g allowance for cable) - Spaceship casing
 Cable length, cord, connector..... 1.5 meters, Fixed (non-detachable), USB A

Operating Conditions

Temperature..... 0 - 50 C
 Humidity..... 40% - 80%

Standard/Certifications

EN 60950/IEC 60950, RoHS Compliant, EMV 2000 Level 1, ISO-7816, PC/SC, CE, FCC, USB Full Speed, Microsoft WHQL 2K, XP, Vista

OS

Windows 98, ME, 2K, XP, Vista, NT 4.0, 2K3 Server, Linux, MAC OS X

OEM

OEM-Logo possible, customer-specific colors, casing and card connector



6.0 Software Development Kit Specifications

ACR38 SDK is a complete package containing all the vital components required for smart card application development. It provides developers with a convenient and effective way to incorporate smart cards into their solutions.

Package Contents

ACR38 Smart Card Reader, ACR38T SIMTracker SIM-sized plug-in Smart Card Reader, ABR08LS Balance Reader
5 ACOS3 8Kbyte microprocessor-based smart cards, 5 ACOS3 SIM-sized plug-in 8Kbyte microprocessor-based smart cards, 5 SLE 4428 memory-based smart cards, 5 SLE 5542 memory-based smart cards
Installation and operation CD-ROM (including drivers, source codes, utility tools and demo software)

The SDK CD-ROM includes:

Sample Applications – Casino Application and School Application (For Windows 2000, XP, 2003 and Vista). These demo programs can showcase the wide range of applications ACR38 can be employed in, e.g. e-purse, physical and logical access control, etc.

Sample Codes – C#, Delphi, VB.NET, Visual Basic, Visual C++

Tools & Utilities – Card Tool, PC/SC Learning Tool, Quick View and Scripting Tool

User Manuals and Reference Materials – ACR38 SDK User Manual, ACR38 Reference Manual, ACR38 Technical Specifications, ACR38T-IBS Technical Specifications, ACR38 PCSC Memory Card Access, ACOS3 Reference Manual, ACOS6 SAM Reference Manual, ABR Series - Balance Reader Technical Specifications, OCF Info, PC/SC Specification, Training Materials

