



# Basic Passport Checks



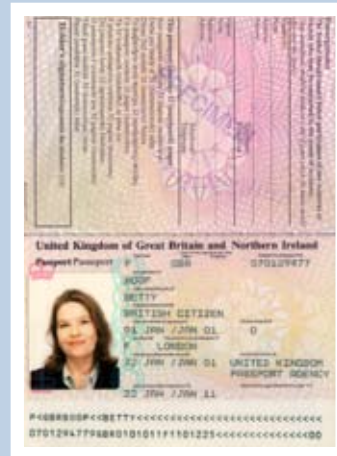
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# Passports Introduced in 1988



Passport cover



Biodata page in normal light



Front endpaper and page 1 in normal light



UV reaction of front endpaper and page 1



UV reaction of centre pages



Watermark



Printing on the laminate



UV reaction of biodata page

# Passports introduced in 1998

New UK passport designs are introduced through a phased roll-out. Older style passports were issued after the introduction of this design. These will continue to be valid until their stated expiry date.

## Key Information

- **Validity**

Adults, normally 10 years up to a maximum of 10 years 9 months.  
Children, normally 5 years up to a maximum of 5 years 9 months.

- **Size**

Approximately 125x88 mm.

- **Number of pages**

Standard issue book is 32 pages.  
Business book is 48 pages.

- **Laminate**

Page 31 (or 47), sewn in, clear laminate with hologram on a patch.

- **Photograph**

Digitally printed.

- **Numbering**

9 digits, printed on page 1. These are entered on the biodata page in the same style as the personal details.

- **Observations**

A UV visible daffodil motif can be seen on some visa pages, but not all. The destriperf (laser perforation) creates a patterned hole through the page.

## Extra Checks

- The holograms are on a photo-sized patch attached to the underside of the laminate.
- The stitching thread is white and should fluoresce yellow in UV light.
- The front and rear endpapers are printed in green and blue intaglio (raised printing).
- The rear endpaper contains a border and has 5 lines of extra small print reading UNITEDKINGDOMPASSPORT.

## Note

- Different versions of this passport exist (e.g. Jersey, Isle of Man, Gibraltar, British Virgin Islands and other UK territories).

# Passports Introduced in 1998



Passport Cover



Biodata page showing desriptperf



UV reaction of front endpaper



UV reaction of rear endpaper



Latent image



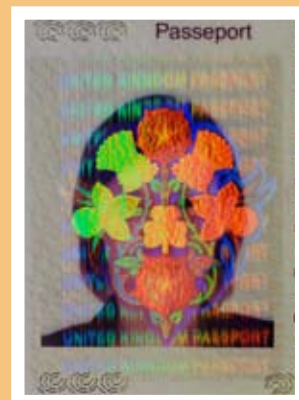
Watermark pages 1-2 and 31-32



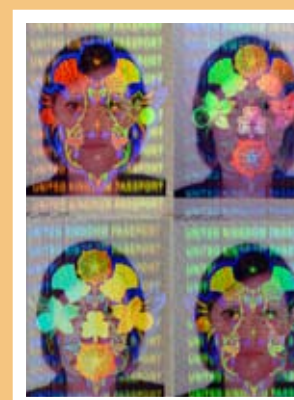
Watermark visa pages



UV reaction of some visa pages



Hologram patch



Hologram views

# Passports Introduced in 2006

New UK passport designs are introduced through a phased roll-out. Older style passports were issued after the introduction of this design. These will continue to be valid until their stated expiry date.

## Key Information

### Validity

- Adults, normally 10 years up to a maximum of 10 years 9 months.
- Children, normally 5 years up to a maximum of 5 years 9 months.

### Size

- Approximately 125x88 mm.

### Number of pages

- Standard issue book is 32 pages.
- Business book is 48 pages.

### Laminate

- Page 31 and 32, sewn in, clear laminate with UV visible printing and holograms on page 31.

### Photograph

- Digitally printed.

### Numbering

- 9 digits, printed on page 1. These are entered on the biodata page in the same style as the personal details. The serial number is perforated through pages 1-30 (1-46 in business book).

### Observations

- An electronic chip and antenna is visible on page 32 (48).

### Extra Checks

- The holograms are on three patches attached to the underside of the laminate on page 31.
- The stitching thread is red, white and blue and fluoresces yellow and red in UV light.
- The front and rear endpapers are printed in green, burgundy and blue intaglio (raised printing).
- The rear endpaper has 3 lines of extra small print.

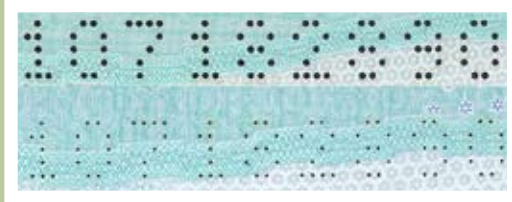
### Note

- The laminate on page 32 fluoresces strongly.
- Different versions of this passport exist (e.g. Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Gibraltar).
- The holes of the laser perforated number are larger at the front of the book and reduce in size to the back.

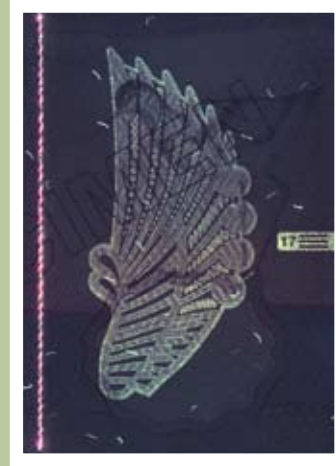




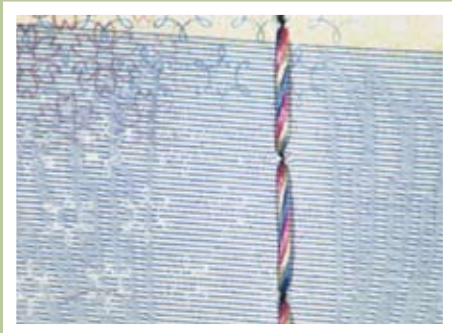
# Passports Introduced in 2006



Laser perforated number



UV reaction of visa pages



Stitching thread



Hologram patches



Destriperf (laser perforated pattern)



Biodata in UV light



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