CLAIMS

1. A transaction card comprising:

a card body;

an EMV chip within a pocket in the card body, wherein the pocket includes an aperture through the card body; and

a slot within the card body, wherein a first portion of the slot is formed at a first angle relative to a plane of the card body, and wherein a second portion of the slot is formed at a second angle relative to the plane of the card body;

wherein the slot includes a third portion having a third angle relative to the plane of the card body; and

further wherein the first portion begins at an edge of the card body and the third portion ends at a far edge of the aperture.

2. The transaction card of claim 1, wherein the second portion connects the first portion and the third portion.

3. The transaction card of claim 1, wherein the first portion, the second portion and the third portion form a step shape.

4. The transaction card of claim 1, wherein the third portion is perpendicular to the first portion and the second portion.

5. The transaction card of any of claims 1-4, wherein the first angle is in a range of between about 35 degrees to about 70 degrees with respect to the plane of the card body and/or the second angle is in a range of between about 90 degrees and about 160 degrees with respect to the plane of the card body.

6. The transaction card of any of claims 1-5, wherein the first angle is about 45 degrees with respect to the plane of the card body and/or the second angle is about 135 degrees with respect to the plane of the card body.

7. The transaction card of any of claims 1-6, wherein at least a portion of the second portion of the slot extends under the EMV chip.

8. The transaction card of claims 1-7, further comprising at least one of diamond like carbon (DLC) coating, ceramic, physical vapor deposition (PVD), Ink or PVC laminate over at least a portion of the card body.

9. The transaction card of claims 1-8, wherein the card body comprises a metallic material, and wherein the metallic material comprises at least one of titanium, aluminum, stainless steel, tungsten or brass.

10. The transaction card of claims 1-9, further comprising at least one of a marking, perforation, etching, relief or finishing features on the card body.

11. A method of fabricating a card body for a transaction card, comprising:

positioning the card body such that the plane of the card is at a first angle with respect to a cutter;

creating a first portion of a slot in the card body at the first angle by at least one of:

translating the card body across the cutter or

translating the cutter across the card body;

stopping the translating of the card body;

rotating at least one of the card body or the cutter such that the plane of the card is at a second angle with respect to a cutter to create a second portion of the slot; and

creating a second portion of the slot in the card body at the second angle by at least one of:

translating the card body across the cutter or

translating the cutter across the card body; and

rotating at least one of the card body or the cutter such that the plane of the card is at a third angle with respect to a cutter to create a third portion of the slot; and

creating a third portion of the slot in the card body at the third angle by at least one of:

translating the card body across the cutter or

translating the cutter across the card body;

wherein the card body comprises a pocket, wherein the pocket includes an aperture through the card body;

and further wherein the first portion begins at an edge of the card body and the third portion ends at a far edge of the aperture.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the second portion of the slot ends underneath a location for an EMV chip.

13. The method of claim 11 or 12, wherein the cutter is a laser beam.