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How do I know if my passport is biometric?

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Your passport has been lost or stolen? Before applying for renewal, it is important to know whether the passport was biometric. If this is the case, you will not need to provide again the documents related to your civil status and nationality.

Your passport was issued after June 2009

Any passport issued **since 29 June 2009** is a biometric passport.



On the cover of a biometric passport, the word *passport* is underlined.

It was issued between April 2006 and June 2009

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Tableau - Evolution of passport models

Type of passport	Secure title?	Description	Period of entry into service (in mainland)
Biometric passport	YES	On the cover, the word <i>passport</i> is underlined Under the word <i>passport</i> is a secure symbol (circle inside a rectangle) Photo reproduced twice on the same page	First implementation: 31 October 2008 (by department) Generalization: 29 June 2009
Electronic passport	YES	On the cover, the word <i>passport</i> is not underlined. Under the word <i>passport</i> is a secure symbol (circle inside a rectangle) Photo reproduced twice on the same page	Last put into circulation: June 2009
Delphine Passport (optically readable)	NO	On the cover, inscription of words <i>European Union</i> Photo page: in landscape mode. 36 numbered pages	Last put into circulation: April 2006

It was issued before April 2006

There are 3 possible situations:

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Electronic passport	YES	On the cover, the word <i>passport</i> is not underlined. Under the word <i>passport</i> is a secure symbol (circle inside a rectangle) Photo reproduced twice on the same page	Last put into circulation: June 2009
Optical Delphine Passport	NO	On the cover, inscription of words <i>European Union</i> Photo page: in landscape mode. 36 numbered pages	Last put into circulation: April 2006
Old Model	NO	On the cover, inscription of words <i>European Community</i> Photo page: in portrait mode.	Last put into circulation: end of 2002

FAQ

Travel to the USA: what are the formalities (passport, Esta, visa...)?

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