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10.4 Plastic Card Features

10.4.1 Credit Card Security Codes

Pay.gov supports **Credit Card Security Codes**. Credit card security codes, the 3-4 digits printed on the back of a credit card, are used to verify that the purchaser has the credit card in hand when making a purchase on the Internet or over the telephone in order to reduce fraud. Each brand of credit card uses a slightly different code and may call the code by a different name. The following is a list of the acronyms for the CSC (Card Security Code):

- CVV2 (Credit Card Verification 2)
- CVC (Credit Card Validation Code)
- CID (Card Identification)
- CIN (Card Identification Number)

