



GROUPEMENT DES CARTES BANCAIRES "CB"

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Groupement des Cartes bancaires CB celebrates:
- 50 million CB bankcards
- a new record number of transactions

Since the creation of CB Interbanking in 1984, CB bankcards appeal the cardholders, who are looking for a practical, secure and universal means of payment.

On October, 1st 2005, the first Saturday of the month, CB cardholders have made more than 34.5 million transactions with their CB bankcards. The previous record had been broken on Friday, December 24th 2004, just before Christmas (more than 34 million transactions).

CB banking community broke another record this year: the number of CB bankcards in circulation has recently overtaken **50 millions**.

CB highlight

In 2004

- Almost 90% of the French adults have a CB bankcard (*source: Sofres Survey 2004*)
- CB Card Payments represented 1/4 of household expenditure.
- 25% of card payments in EU 25 were made with CB bankcards (*source ECB*)