

UK Press Release – for immediate publication

## SECVEL introduces unique 5-fold protection card holders for the UK Market

8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015 – The SECVEL protective card holder opens like a book and provides essential protection for up to 4 bank/smart cards or 3 cards and multiple tickets. It features special patented SECVEL® technology to protect your cards and tickets.

SECVEL card protection card holders and sleeves provide effective protection against magnetic fields, a barrier to unauthorised reading of personal data (RFID/NFC) and are sufficiently sturdy to protect against bending, abrasion and heat. **SECVEL card holders allow you to decide which bank card you would like to use when making a contactless payment.**



SECVEL card holders are the perfect solution to look after your:

- Bank debit/cash point cards
- Credit cards
- Protection against reading contactless cards
- Rail tickets, hotel keycards and car park tickets with magnetic stripes
- Access cards with magnetic stripe for employees and visitors
- ID cards or driving licences with RFID chip
- Customer loyalty cards with magnetic stripe
- and many more...

The SECVEL card holders are available in a range of standard colours or can be customised with your own choice of logo and colours. For more details go to [www.secvel.co.uk](http://www.secvel.co.uk). Users includes customers of Oberbank, Bank Austria, VKB Bank and Volksbank.

**For UK corporate/wholesale enquiries and quotes – email [uksales@secvel.com](mailto:uksales@secvel.com)**

## Additional Product Information

SECVEL aims to provide protection for ticket, hotel key cards, bank cards and identity cards. Both inner sides of the card holder feature two overlapping, transparent compartments, providing protection for 4 cards measuring 90 x 61 mm (width x height). These are standard dimensions for credit cards, bank cards, rail tickets and the other types of cards. The standard design is available in a range of colours and patterns. If placing a bulk order, customers are able to personalise their card holders using colours from the colour chart and with their corporate design. Selected examples can be found in our customer references.

A survey by the AIT – Austrian Institute of Technology (Seibersdorf Laboratories) has scientifically researched and confirmed the protective properties of our products when subjected to static magnetic fields, as well as their shielding effect against unauthorised attempts to access data stored on a card.

### Magnetic Field Resistance

The problem of faulty cards and tickets has been around since bank (debit/credit) cards and magnetic stripe tickets were first introduced and primarily occurs because the magnetic stripe is being erased. The stray static field of some magnets can demagnetise sensitive magnetic stripes, rendering the card/ticket unusable. It is very difficult to shield static magnetic fields when the weight and dimensions of the protective material are restricted.

Holiday and business travellers face a significantly higher chance of magnetic fields damaging cards because they are more frequently into contact with magnets when travelling. Travel bags, laptop cases, tablets and briefcases are increasingly fitted with handy magnetic fasteners. Magnetic clasps in mobile phone cases, camera cases, badges and spectacle cases have become increasingly common. Even the magnetic field of loudspeaker magnets in headphones or mobile phones can erase a card/ticket's magnetic stripe.

SECVEL covers protect the magnetic stripe on your card and tickets up to a magnetic field strength of approx. 125-135 mT. In most circumstances, this prevents damage to the card, which would otherwise render the card unusable. Note that full protection against very strong magnetic fields cannot be guaranteed.

### RFID/NFC Protection

SECVEL covers are made using materials that provide outstanding protection from radio waves. They block unauthorised access to your cards and documents that are equipped with RFID/NFC technology, thereby preventing the chance of fraudulent use of data. Even RFID readers with an extremely strong antenna are not able to penetrate the protective materials used in SECVEL covers. The German company, iDTRONIC GmbH, has confirmed this with test results.

### Caring for your Cards

The materials used within SECVEL covers provide a protective 'armour' for your cards. The outstanding sturdiness of the cover protects cards from being bent or warped due to heat.

Magnetic stripes are very sensitive to scratches and deformation as a result of temperatures exceeding 60°C. SECVEL covers provide protection against these factors, thereby increasing the life of your cards and season tickets.