Here's a detailed table of **Application Interchange Profile (AIP)** bits and their meaning in the EMV transaction flow, along with **in-depth explanations** of each bit's function:

■ AIP: Application Interchange Profile

- Sent by the card in response to the GPO (Get Processing Options) command.
- Tells the terminal what the card supports in terms of capabilities/features.
- It is **2 bytes** (16 bits) though some implementations may use more.
- Helps terminal to decide:
 - o Which data authentication method to use.
 - o Whether the card can perform offline processing.
 - o Whether CVM (Cardholder Verification Method) is supported.

AIP Format (16 bits total)

| Byte Bit | | Value Feature Name | | Detailed Explanation |
|----------|------------|--------------------|---|--|
| 1 | 8 (MSB) | 80 | Offline Static Data Authentication (SDA) supported | Card supports SDA – a basic offline method to verify card authenticity using digital signature of static data. |
| 1 | 7 | 40 | Offline Dynamic Data Authentication (DDA) supported | Card supports DDA – uses a challenge-response mechanism and dynamic signature; more secure than SDA. |
| 1 | 6 | 20 | Cardholder Verification Method (CVM) supported | Card can handle PIN, signature, or other CVM methods. Required for most attended terminals. |
| 1 | 5 | 10 | Terminal risk management is to be performed | Instructs terminal to check for risk rules like floor limits, exception files, random selection. |
| 1 | 4 | 08 | Issuer Authentication is supported | Card can perform online issuer authentication (ARQC and ARPC exchange). |

| Byte Bit | | Value Feature Name | | Detailed Explanation |
|----------|------------|--------------------|--|--|
| 1 | 3 | 04 | Offline Enciphered PIN supported | Card supports secure offline PIN entry using encryption with card's public key. |
| 1 | 2 | 02 | Offline Plaintext PIN supported | Card supports plaintext PIN sent directly to card (insecure; deprecated). |
| 1 | 1 (LSB) | 01 | Signature (paper-based) CVM supported | Indicates fallback support for paper- based signature if PIN isn't available. |
| 2 | 8 | 80 | Combined DDA / Application Cryptogram Generation (CDA) supported | Advanced method combining DDA and AC generation, offering highest security for offline auth. |
| 2 | 7–1 | - | Reserved for future use | Bits 7 to 1 are RFU (Reserved for Future Use). Must be zero unless specified by spec. |

Key AIP Use Cases and Implications

| Feature | Why It Matters | | |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| SDA/DDA/CDA | Helps the terminal determine which offline data authentication method it can perform. If card supports only SDA, terminal can't use dynamic auth. | | |
| CVM Supported | If card doesn't support CVM, terminal may skip PIN/signature verification. | | |
| Issuer Authentication | Indicates if card supports online ARQC/ARPC process. | | |
| PIN Support (Offline) | Determines if the terminal can request PIN validation offline instead of online. | | |
| Terminal Risk Management | Helps terminal decide whether to apply floor limits, velocity checks, etc. | | |

Breakdown:

• First Byte = 0x50 = 0101 0000

Bit 7: DDA supported

o Bit 5: Terminal risk management 🗸

• Second Byte = 0x80 = 1000 0000

○ Bit 8: CDA supported

This means:

- Card supports DDA and CDA (secure authentication methods).
- Card wants terminal to perform risk management.
- It does not support CVM or issuer authentication in this case.

Used In:

- GPO command response TLV: 77 or 80 template contains AIP as 82 tag.
- Terminal parses 82 tag to know what steps it should execute.

Summary of Critical Bits

| Feature | Byte.Bit | Value | Required For |
|--------------------|----------|-------|------------------------------|
| SDA | 1.8 | 80 | Basic offline authentication |
| DDA | 1.7 | 40 | Secure offline dynamic check |
| CDA | 2.8 | 80 | Highest offline security |
| CVM | 1.6 | 20 | Verifying cardholder |
| Issuer Auth | 1.4 | 80 | Online auth (ARPC) |
| Terminal Risk Mgmt | 1.5 | 10 | Offline transaction control |