

A security device, preferably a security thread (1) for being incorporated into a document such as a banknote comprises a substrate (2), preferably of a transparent polyester layer; a first layer arranged over the substrate (2) and having negative characters or scripts (3a) incorporated therein; and a magnetic code layer (5) arranged over the first layer and adjacent to the negative characters or scripts (3a), wherein the first layer is a printed ink layer (3).