

Bharat (BH) series vehicle

New Bharat series — portable across states. Format: YY BH NNNN LL.

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^\d{2}[\s\ -]?BH[\s\ -]?\d{4}[\s\ -]?[A-Z]{2}$
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Token-by-token breakdown

Token	Meaning
^	start of string (or line in multiline mode)
\d{2}	exactly 2 times: digit (0–9)
[\s\ -]?	optional (zero or one): any of: whitespace, “-”
BH	literal text “BH”
[\s\ -]?	optional (zero or one): any of: whitespace, “-”
\d{4}	exactly 4 times: digit (0–9)
[\s\ -]?	optional (zero or one): any of: whitespace, “-”
[A-Z]{2}	exactly 2 times: any of: uppercase letters
\$	end of string (or line in multiline mode)

Quick usage in 7 languages

JavaScript	<pre>const re = /^\\d{2}[\\s\\ -]?BH[\\s\\ -]?\\d{4}[\\s\\ -]?[A-Z]{2}\$/; re.test(value);</pre>
Python	<pre>import re re.match(r"^\\d{2}[\\s\\ -]?BH[\\s\\ -]?\\d{4}[\\s\\ -]?[A-Z]{2}\$", value)</pre>
Java	<pre>Pattern.compile("^\\d{2}[\\s\\ -]?BH[\\s\\ -]?\\d{4}[\\s\\ -]?[A-Z]{2}\$").matcher(value).m atches();</pre>
C# / .NET	<pre>Regex.IsMatch(value, @"^\\d{2}[\\s\\ -]?BH[\\s\\ -]?\\d{4}[\\s\\ -]?[A-Z]{2}\$");</pre>
Go	<pre>regexp.MustCompile(`^\\d{2}[\\s\\ -]?BH[\\s\\ -]?\\d{4}[\\s\\ -]?[A-Z]{2}\$`).MatchString(value)</pre>
Ruby	<pre>/^\\d{2}[\\s\\ -]?BH[\\s\\ -]?\\d{4}[\\s\\ -]?[A-Z]{2}\$/.match?(value)</pre>
PHP	<pre>preg_match('~^\\d{2}[\\s\\ -]?BH[\\s\\ -]?\\d{4}[\\s\\ -]?[A-Z]{2}\$~', \$value);</pre>

Common pitfalls

- **Anchored to the whole string.** This pattern uses ^ and \$, so it requires the entire input to match. To find it inside a longer text, drop the anchors and use the global (g) flag.
- **Uppercase only.** Ranges like [A-Z] won't match lowercase. Add a-z (or the i flag) if lowercase input should be accepted.
- **Escape it correctly per language.** In Java and JavaScript strings each backslash must be doubled (\\d); in Python, Go, and C# use raw/verbatim strings so the backslashes survive.
- **Validate beyond format.** Matching the format doesn't guarantee the value is real. Confirm the bharat (bh) series vehicle against a source of truth (database, API, or checksum) where it matters.