

Vehicle Registration Codes in India – State-wise RTO Code List

State-wise Vehicle Number Plate Codes, RTO Codes & Registration Mark Guide

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Vehicle Registration Codes in India

Vehicle registration numbers in India are issued by the Regional Transport Office (RTO) or other registering authorities under the applicable motor vehicle registration system.

A vehicle registration number generally contains:

State/UT Code + RTO/Registering Authority Code + Series + Registration Number

For example:

MH-12-AB-1234

Here:

- **MH** = Maharashtra
- **12** = Registering authority/RTO code
- **AB** = Registration series
- **1234** = Vehicle's unique registration number

This PDF provides a quick reference to vehicle registration codes used across India's States and Union Territories, along with selected RTO examples and important information about Indian number plates.

Quick Vehicle Registration Code Chart

State / Union Territory	Registration Code	Example
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	AN	AN-01
Andhra Pradesh	AP	AP-39
Arunachal Pradesh	AR	AR-01
Assam	AS	AS-01

State / Union Territory	Registration Code	Example
Bihar	BR	BR-01
Chandigarh	CH	CH-01
Chhattisgarh	CG	CG-04
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	DD	DD-01
Delhi	DL	DL-01
Goa	GA	GA-01
Gujarat	GJ	GJ-01
Haryana	HR	HR-01
Himachal Pradesh	HP	HP-01
Jammu and Kashmir	JK	JK-01
Jharkhand	JH	JH-01
Karnataka	KA	KA-01
Kerala	KL	KL-01
Ladakh	LA	LA-01
Lakshadweep	LD	LD-01
Madhya Pradesh	MP	MP-01
Maharashtra	MH	MH-01
Manipur	MN	MN-01
Meghalaya	ML	ML-01
Mizoram	MZ	MZ-01
Nagaland	NL	NL-01
Odisha	OD	OD-01
Puducherry	PY	PY-01
Punjab	PB	PB-01
Rajasthan	RJ	RJ-01
Sikkim	SK	SK-01
Tamil Nadu	TN	TN-01
Telangana	TG	TG-01

State / Union Territory	Registration Code	Example
Tripura	TR	TR-01
Uttar Pradesh	UP	UP-01
Uttarakhand	UK	UK-01
West Bengal	WB	WB-01

Note: The number following the two-letter State/UT prefix identifies the relevant registering authority/RTO. Actual RTO numbering and office coverage can vary by State/UT and can change when new offices are created or jurisdictions are reorganized.

What Is an RTO Code?

An **RTO code** is the identifying code associated with a Regional Transport Office or registering authority.

The RTO is responsible for various vehicle-related services, including vehicle registration, registration certificates, transfers, permits, fitness-related processes and other transport functions as applicable.

For example:

MH-12

means:

- **MH** → Maharashtra
- **12** → Registering authority/RTO identifier

Therefore, a vehicle displaying a registration beginning with **MH-12** is registered through the relevant Maharashtra registering authority associated with that code.

How to Read an Indian Vehicle Registration Number

Consider this example:

MH-12-AB-1234

The registration number can be understood as follows:

Part	Meaning
MH	State code for Maharashtra
12	RTO/Registering Authority code
AB	Registration series
1234	Unique registration number

Another example:

DL-01-AB-1234

Here:

- **DL** = Delhi
- **01** = Registering Authority code
- **AB** = Series
- **1234** = Registration number

The exact format and series used may differ according to the applicable registration system and registering authority.

State-wise Vehicle Registration Codes in India

1. Andhra Pradesh – AP

State Code: AP

Andhra Pradesh vehicles use the **AP** registration prefix.

Example:

AP-39-AB-1234

The number following AP identifies the relevant registering authority.

2. Arunachal Pradesh – AR

State Code: AR

Example:

AR-01-AB-1234

The AR prefix identifies a vehicle registered in Arunachal Pradesh.

3. Assam – AS

State Code: AS

Example:

AS-01-AB-1234

Assam vehicle registration marks begin with AS.

4. Bihar – BR

State Code: BR

Example:

BR-01-AB-1234

BR is the vehicle registration prefix assigned to Bihar.

5. Chhattisgarh – CG

State Code: CG

Example:

CG-04-AB-1234

CG identifies Chhattisgarh vehicle registrations.

6. Goa – GA

State Code: GA

Example:

GA-01-AB-1234

GA is the vehicle registration prefix for Goa.

7. Gujarat – GJ

State Code: GJ

Example:

GJ-01-AB-1234

GJ identifies Gujarat vehicle registrations.

8. Haryana – HR

State Code: HR

Example:

HR-26-AB-1234

HR is the registration prefix used for Haryana vehicles.

9. Himachal Pradesh – HP

State Code: HP

Example:

HP-01-AB-1234

HP identifies Himachal Pradesh.

10. Jharkhand – JH

State Code: JH

Example:

JH-01-AB-1234

JH is the vehicle registration prefix for Jharkhand.

11. Karnataka – KA

State Code: KA

Example:

KA-01-AB-1234

KA identifies Karnataka vehicle registrations.

12. Kerala – KL

State Code: KL

Example:

KL-01-AB-1234

KL is the registration prefix for Kerala.

13. Madhya Pradesh – MP

State Code: MP

Example:

MP-09-AB-1234

MP identifies Madhya Pradesh vehicle registrations.

14. Maharashtra – MH

State Code: MH

Example:

MH-12-AB-1234

MH identifies Maharashtra.

Some well-known Maharashtra RTO examples include:

RTO Code	Location
MH-01	Mumbai Central
MH-02	Mumbai West
MH-03	Mumbai East
MH-04	Thane
MH-05	Kalyan
MH-06	Pen / Raigad
MH-07	Sindhudurg
MH-08	Ratnagiri
MH-09	Kolhapur
MH-10	Sangli
MH-11	Satara
MH-12	Pune
MH-13	Solapur
MH-14	Pimpri-Chinchwad
MH-15	Nashik
MH-16	Ahilyanagar
MH-18	Dhule
MH-19	Jalgaon
MH-20	Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar
MH-21	Jalna
MH-22	Parbhani
MH-23	Beed
MH-24	Latur
MH-25	Dharashiv

RTO Code	Location
MH-26	Nanded
MH-27	Amravati
MH-28	Buldhana
MH-29	Yavatmal
MH-30	Akola
MH-31	Nagpur
MH-32	Wardha
MH-33	Gadchiroli
MH-34	Chandrapur
MH-35	Gondia
MH-36	Bhandara
MH-37	Washim
MH-38	Hingoli
MH-39	Nandurbar
MH-40	Nagpur Rural
MH-41	Malegaon
MH-42	Baramati
MH-43	Vashi / Navi Mumbai
MH-44	Ambejogai
MH-45	Akluj
MH-46	Panvel
MH-47	Borivali
MH-48	Vasai
MH-49	Nagpur East
MH-50	Karad
MH-51	Ichalkaranji
MH-52	Chalisgaon
MH-53	Phaltan

RTO Code	Location
MH-54	Bhadgaon
MH-55	Udgir
MH-56	Khamgaon
MH-57	Vaijapur
MH-58	Mira Bhayandar
MH-59	Jat
MH-60	Palghar

Important: Maharashtra's Motor Vehicle Department publishes its current regional and deputy regional office structure, and office codes can change as jurisdictions and offices are reorganized. Check the latest official Maharashtra Transport Department information before using an RTO code for an official transaction.

Delhi Vehicle Registration Codes – DL

State/UT Code: DL

Delhi uses the **DL** registration prefix.

Common Delhi registering-authority codes include:

Code	Example
DL-01	Delhi
DL-02	New Delhi
DL-03	South Delhi
DL-04	West Delhi
DL-05	North-East Delhi
DL-06	Central Delhi
DL-07	East Delhi
DL-08	North-West Delhi
DL-09	South-West Delhi
DL-10	West Delhi
DL-11	North-West Delhi

Code	Example
DL-12	South-West Delhi
DL-13	East Delhi

Delhi also uses different registration series and categories for certain types of vehicles. Therefore, a complete Delhi registration list should be checked against the latest Delhi Transport Department information.

Rajasthan Vehicle Registration Code – RJ

State Code: RJ

Examples include:

- RJ-01
- RJ-02
- RJ-14
- RJ-19
- RJ-20
- RJ-27
- RJ-45

The exact registering authority associated with each number should be verified from the latest transport authority information.

Uttar Pradesh Vehicle Registration Code – UP

State Code: UP

Uttar Pradesh uses the **UP** registration prefix followed by the registering authority number.

Examples include:

- UP-01
- UP-02
- UP-14
- UP-16
- UP-32
- UP-53
- UP-65

Because Uttar Pradesh has a large number of registering authorities, the complete UP RTO list is best maintained separately from this quick-reference PDF.

West Bengal Vehicle Registration Code – WB

State Code: WB

Example:

WB-01-AB-1234

WB identifies West Bengal vehicle registrations.

Union Territory Vehicle Registration Codes

India's Union Territories also have vehicle registration prefixes.

Union Territory	Code
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	AN
Chandigarh	CH
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	DD
Delhi	DL
Jammu and Kashmir	JK
Ladakh	LA
Lakshadweep	LD
Puducherry	PY

Important Note About Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu

The Union Territory of **Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu** was formed by merging the former Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.

Current registrations use the **DD** registration mark for the merged Union Territory.

Older vehicles may still be seen with historical registration marks associated with the former administrative arrangements.

Therefore:

Current registration prefix: DD

Historical registrations may appear differently.

Important Note About Odisha Vehicle Registration Code

Older documents and websites may show:

OR – Orissa

The State was renamed from Orissa to Odisha, and the current vehicle registration prefix is:

OD – Odisha

Therefore, users searching for either **OR RTO code** or **OD RTO code** may encounter both historical and current references.

For current registrations, use **OD**.

Important Note About Telangana Vehicle Registration Code

Older information may show:

TS – Telangana

Current vehicle registration information uses:

TG – Telangana

Therefore, older vehicles or older online lists may contain TS, while current registrations should be checked against the latest official transport/VAHAN information.

Important Note About Ladakh

Ladakh became a separate Union Territory after the reorganization of the former State of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Union Territory uses:

LA – Ladakh

Older vehicle-registration lists may therefore contain outdated information that does not reflect the current administrative structure.

Popular Vehicle Registration Codes – Quick Search

Code	State / UT
AP	Andhra Pradesh
AR	Arunachal Pradesh
AS	Assam
BR	Bihar
CG	Chhattisgarh
CH	Chandigarh
DD	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu
DL	Delhi
GA	Goa
GJ	Gujarat
HR	Haryana
HP	Himachal Pradesh
JK	Jammu and Kashmir
JH	Jharkhand
KA	Karnataka
KL	Kerala
LA	Ladakh

Code	State / UT
LD	Lakshadweep
MP	Madhya Pradesh
MH	Maharashtra
MN	Manipur
ML	Meghalaya
MZ	Mizoram
NL	Nagaland
OD	Odisha
PB	Punjab
PY	Puducherry
RJ	Rajasthan
SK	Sikkim
TN	Tamil Nadu
TG	Telangana
TR	Tripura
UP	Uttar Pradesh
UK	Uttarakhand
WB	West Bengal

How RTO Codes Help Identify a Vehicle

The first part of an Indian registration number can usually help identify the State or Union Territory where the vehicle was registered.

For example:

MH-12

MH = Maharashtra

12 = registering authority/RTO identifier

KA-01

KA = Karnataka

01 = registering authority/RTO identifier

DL-01

DL = Delhi

01 = registering authority identifier

GJ-01

GJ = Gujarat

01 = registering authority/RTO identifier

This makes vehicle registration codes useful for quickly understanding the registration jurisdiction associated with a vehicle.

Difference Between State Code and RTO Code

These two terms are often confused.

State Code

The State Code is the two-letter prefix.

Examples:

- MH = Maharashtra
- DL = Delhi
- KA = Karnataka
- GJ = Gujarat
- TN = Tamil Nadu

RTO / Registering Authority Code

The number after the State/UT prefix identifies the registering authority.

Example:

MH-12

Here:

MH = State Code

12 = RTO/Registering Authority Code

Together, they form the jurisdiction portion of the vehicle registration mark.

Vehicle Number Plate Format in India

A typical private vehicle registration number can look like:

MH-12-AB-1234

The components are:

MH → State

12 → RTO/Registering Authority

AB → Registration series

1234 → Unique registration number

Commercial and other categories may use different series or formats depending on applicable rules.

Private Vehicle vs Commercial Vehicle Number Plates

Indian vehicles may use different number-plate formats and registration series depending on vehicle category.

Common categories include:

- Private vehicles
- Commercial vehicles
- Transport vehicles
- Two-wheelers
- Electric vehicles
- Government vehicles

- Diplomatic vehicles
- Temporary registrations
- Bharat Series vehicles

The registration mark and plate format depend on the applicable rules and vehicle category.

What Is a Vehicle Registration Number?

A vehicle registration number is a unique identification mark assigned to a vehicle when it is registered with the competent registering authority.

The registration number helps authorities identify the vehicle and maintain its registration records.

Vehicle registration is connected with the national VAHAN system and State/UT transport administration.

What Is VAHAN?

VAHAN is the national-level vehicle registration and related transport information system operated under the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.

The VAHAN system provides online services and maintains vehicle-related registration information across participating States and Union Territories.

Users can use official Parivahan/VAHAN services for applicable vehicle-related services and verification.

Frequently Asked Questions About Vehicle Registration Codes

What is the vehicle registration code of Maharashtra?

The vehicle registration code of Maharashtra is **MH**.

Example:

MH-12

What is the RTO code of Mumbai?

Mumbai has multiple registering authorities. Common examples include **MH-01, MH-02 and MH-03**, while other Mumbai-area jurisdictions use additional Maharashtra RTO codes.

What is the RTO code of Pune?

The commonly recognized Pune RTO code is:

MH-12

Pimpri-Chinchwad uses:

MH-14

What is the vehicle registration code of Delhi?

Delhi uses:

DL

Examples include **DL-01, DL-02, DL-03** and other registering-authority codes.

What is the vehicle registration code of Karnataka?

Karnataka uses:

KA

For example:

KA-01

What is the vehicle registration code of Gujarat?

Gujarat uses:

GJ

For example:

GJ-01

What is the vehicle registration code of Rajasthan?

Rajasthan uses:

RJ

For example:

RJ-01

What is the vehicle registration code of Uttar Pradesh?

Uttar Pradesh uses:

UP

For example:

UP-32

What is the vehicle registration code of Tamil Nadu?

Tamil Nadu uses:

TN

For example:

TN-01

What is the vehicle registration code of Kerala?

Kerala uses:

KL

For example:

What is the vehicle registration code of Telangana?

The current Telangana vehicle registration prefix is:

TG

Older information may refer to **TS**.

What is the vehicle registration code of Odisha?

The current vehicle registration prefix for Odisha is:

OD

Older information may show **OR**, which relates to the former name Orissa.

Can I identify the exact city from a vehicle number?

In many cases, the State/UT prefix and registering-authority number can help identify the registration jurisdiction.

However, the registration jurisdiction does not necessarily mean that the vehicle owner currently lives in that location.

A vehicle can be transferred to another owner or another jurisdiction according to applicable rules.

Important Accuracy Note

RTO offices, registering-authority jurisdictions and code allocations can change when transport departments create new offices, reorganize jurisdictions or update their systems.

Therefore, this PDF should be used as a **quick educational reference**, while the latest official State/UT Transport Department and Parivahan/VAHAN information should be used for official vehicle-registration work.

Official Vehicle Registration Resources

For current vehicle-registration services and vehicle-related information, use official Government of India transport resources.

Parivahan Sewa

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways provides vehicle-related citizen services through the Parivahan platform.

VAHAN

VAHAN is the national vehicle registration information system used by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.

State Transport Departments

Individual States and Union Territories may publish their own RTO office lists, codes, addresses, services and jurisdiction information.

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Vehicle Registration Codes – Quick Revision

AP – Andhra Pradesh

AR – Arunachal Pradesh

AS – Assam

BR – Bihar

CG – Chhattisgarh

CH – Chandigarh

DD – Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu

DL – Delhi

GA – Goa

GJ – Gujarat

HR – Haryana

HP – Himachal Pradesh

JK – Jammu and Kashmir

JH – Jharkhand

KA – Karnataka

KL – Kerala

LA – Ladakh

LD – Lakshadweep

MP – Madhya Pradesh

MH – Maharashtra

MN – Manipur

ML – Meghalaya

MZ – Mizoram

NL – Nagaland

OD – Odisha

PB – Punjab

PY – Puducherry

RJ – Rajasthan

SK – Sikkim

TN – Tamil Nadu

TG – Telangana

TR – Tripura

UP – Uttar Pradesh

UK – Uttarakhand

WB – West Bengal

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- RTO code explanation
- Number plate format
- State code vs RTO code
- Important RTO examples
- Frequently asked questions
- Current-code notes
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