

Punjabi Romanization Table

1997 version

Punjabi

(in Gurmukhi Script)

Vowels and Diphthongs (see Note 1)

ਾ	a	ੇ	e
ਾਈ	ā	ੈ	ai
ਿ	i	ੈ	o
ਿਈ	ī	ੋ	au
ਊ	u		
ਊਈ	ū		

Consonants (see Notes 2 and 3)

Sibilants		Aspirate		Gutturals		Palatals	
ਸ	sa	ਹ	ha	ਕ	ka	ਚ	ca
ਸ਼	sha			ਖ	kha	ਛ	cha
				ਖਾ	<u>kha</u>	ਜ	ja
				ਗ	ga	ਜਾ	za
				ਗਾ	gha	ਜਾ	jha
				ਘ	gha	ਝ	ñā
				ਝਾ	ñā		
Cerebrals		Dentals		Labials		Semivowels	
ਤ	ta	ਤ	ta	ਪ	pa	ਯ	ya
ਠ	tha	ਥ	tha	ਫਾ	pha	ਰ	ra
ਦ	da	ਦ	da	ਫ	fa	ਲ	la
ਧ	dha	ਧ	dha	ਬ	ba	ਲ	la
ਨ	na	ਨ	na	ਭਾ	bha	ਵ	wa
				ਮ	ma	়	়া

Bindī
(see Note 4)

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Tippi
(see Note 5)

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Adhik
(see Note 6)

[doubles the
following
consonant]

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Notes

1. Only the vowel forms that appear at the beginning of a syllable are listed; the forms used for vowels following a consonant can be found in grammars; no distinction between the two is made in transliteration.
2. The vowel *a* is implicit after consonant clusters and may be implicit after consonants except when they are final or when another vowel is indicated by its appropriate sign. The cases in which the vowel *a* is implicit, however, can be determined only from a knowledge of the language or from suitable reference sources. In such cases the *a* is supplied in transliteration.
3. The dotted letters are used in Urdu words.
4. Exception: *Bindī* is transliterated by:
 n before gutturals,
 ñ before palatals,
 ɳ before cerebrals,
 n before dentals, and
 m before labials.
5. Exception: *Tippi* is transliterated by:
 n before gutturals,
 ñ before palatals,
 ɳ before cerebrals,
 n before dentals, and
 m before labials.
6. Exception: When *adhik* implies the combination of a non-aspirated and an aspirated consonant, the combination is transliterated as a non-aspirated, followed by an aspirated consonant.

CHARACTER MODIFIERS IN ROMANIZATION

<i>Character modifiers</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>USMARC hexadecimal code</i>
ئ	tilde	E4
ؑ	macron	E5
ؒ	breve	E6
ؔ	dot above	E7
ؕ	dot below	F2
ؔ	underscore	F6