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Table 1 sets the limits for M2, M3, N2 and N3 vehicles manufactured on or after April 1, 2031, for all models, per kWh: first on the World Harmonized Stationary Cycle (WHSC, compression ignition) and World Harmonized Transient Cycle (WHTC, compression and positive ignition), then in Real Driving Emissions (RDE) tests. They are NOx 200 mg and 260 mg; PM 8 mg, with a dash in the RDE column; PN10 6×10^{11} and 9×10^{11} (printed "6×1011" and "9 × 1011"); CO 1500 mg and 1950 mg; NMOG 80 mg and 105 mg; NH3 60 mg and 85 mg; CH4 500 mg and 650 mg; and N2O 200 mg and 260 mg. Formaldehyde (HCHO) is "Reserved". The limits apply to vehicles driven by the fuels the draft lists, among them diesel (B7), gasoline E20, CNG, LNG, LPG, hydrogen, ethanol and methanol, to flex-fuel vehicles, and to dual-fuel and bi-fuel engines. The tests follow the procedure in AIS-215 Part 2.

Table 2 sets three phases. From April 1, 2031 (Phase-I), the road (RDE) tests and the WHTC and WHSC tests apply, with OBD, OBM-I and OBFCM-I on the OBD port only, and an Environmental Vehicle Passport (EVP). From April 1, 2033 (Phase-II), OBM-II and OBFCM-II apply over the air, with brake particle emission limits based on powertrain and minimum performance requirements (MPR) for battery durability. From April 1, 2035 (Phase-III), the brake particle limit becomes a single limit for all powertrains, and tire abrasion limits apply to C2 and C3 tires. The on-board monitoring system must monitor and register NOx, NH3 and PM emissions and detect exceedances of at least 2.5 times the relevant limit; its data must be available on the OBD port for vehicles manufactured on or after April 1, 2031, and also anonymously over the air for vehicles manufactured on or after April 1, 2033.

In-service conformity is checked over the vehicle's lifetime, set in Table 11. The main lifetime is up to 160 000 km or 8 years for M2; 300 000 km or 8 years for N2, N3 up to 16 t and M3 up to 7.5 t gross vehicle weight; and 700 000 km or 12 years for N3 over 16 t and M3 over 7.5 t, whichever comes first. The additional lifetimes run to 200 000 km or 10 years, 375 000 km or 10 years, and 875 000 km or 15 years; the durability multiplier for the additional lifetime is 1.2 for gaseous pollutants for M2. Conformity of production is checked once a year for each engine model, with no relaxation of norms. Vehicles with internal combustion engines with geofencing

technologies may be approved as "BS -VII-G". In a compression ignition vehicle fitted with a particulate filter, the particle number concentration measured at idle must not exceed 1.0×10^6 particles/cm^3.

The draft will be taken into consideration after thirty days from the date copies of the Gazette are made available to the public, and objections or suggestions received before then will be considered by the Central Government. They may be sent to the Additional Secretary (MVL, Transport & Road Safety), Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Transport Bhawan, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110 001, or to comments-morth@gov.in. The draft names no closing date. As printed, its commencement clause says the rules come into force on October 1, 2026, save as otherwise provided, and the amendment number in the short title is blank. The brake particle emission limits, the tire abrasion limits and their test requirements, the minimum performance requirements for battery durability, the durability multiplier for the additional lifetime of N2, N3 and M3 vehicles, and the provisions for CO2 and fuel consumption using a simulation tool are to be notified separately.

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Takes effect	As drafted: Table 1 limits for vehicles manufactured on or after April 1, 2031, all models
Phase-I	April 1, 2031: RDE, WHTC and WHSC tests; OBD, OBM-I and OBFCM-I on the OBD port only; EVP
Phase-II	April 1, 2033: OBM-II and OBFCM-II over the air; brake particle limits based on powertrain; battery durability MPR
Phase-III	April 1, 2035: a single brake particle limit for all powertrains; tire abrasion limits for C2 and C3 tires
NOx limit	200 mg/kWh on WHSC and WHTC; 260 mg/kWh in RDE
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Table 1: BS-VII limits for M2, M3, N2 and N3 vehicles manufactured on or after April 1, 2031, all models

Pollutant	WHSC (CI) and WHTC (CI and PI), per kWh	Real Driving Emissions (RDE), per kWh
Oxides of Nitrogen, NOx	200 mg	260 mg
Particulate Matter, PM	8 mg	—
Particulate Number, PN10 (number, not mg)	6 × 10^{11} (printed "6×1011")	9 × 10^{11} (printed "9 × 1011")
Carbon Monoxide, CO	1500 mg	1950 mg
Non-Methane Organic Gas, NMOG	80 mg	105 mg
Ammonia, NH3	60 mg	85 mg
Methane, CH4	500 mg	650 mg
Nitrous oxide, N2O	200 mg	260 mg
Formaldehyde, HCHO	Reserved	Reserved

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