

**Title:** Comments on Bassa Vah Comma  
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[The following are comments on a character in the Bassa Vah script, which is contained in PDAM1.]

I checked with the designer of the keyboard shown in Figure 4 (see next page) of the Bassa Vah proposal N3847 (=L2/10-217). The only attested instance of use of the glyph shown for the comma is from the end of the first paragraph of Figure 7 (below), which from the translation of that text, appears to have been a printing error and should be read as a full stop. All other known texts use a Western comma.

The keyboard layout should not be regarded as definitive, and to avoid confusion based on a misreading, I would propose that the BASSA VAH COMMA not be encoded.

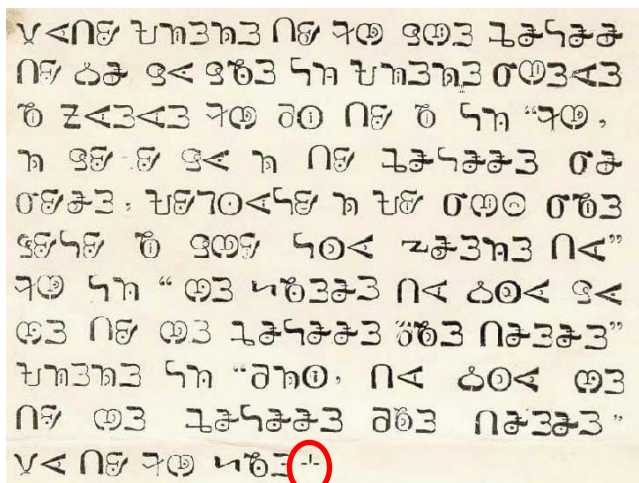
I have also just received the following feedback from a user of the script:

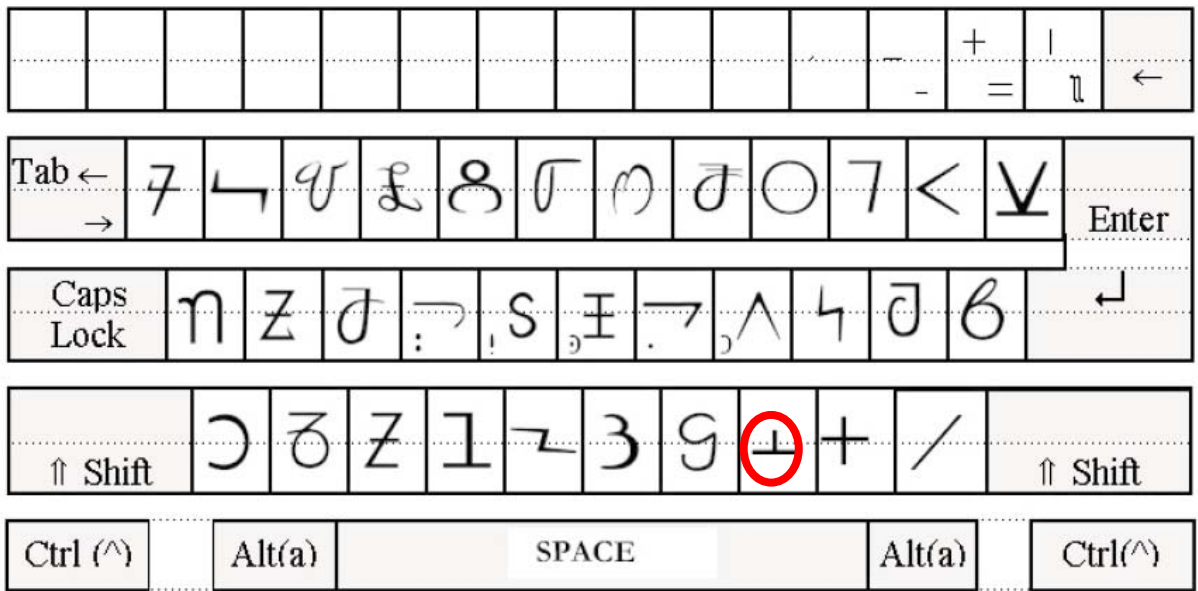
From: Varnie N'jola Karmo [vkarmo@gmail.com](mailto:vkarmo@gmail.com)  
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Subject: Regarding the BASSA VAH COMMA and BASSA VAH FULL STOP in Proposal 3941R

The BASSA VAH COMMA should be deleted from proposal 3941R , while the BASSA VAH FULL STOP can stay.

Regards, Varnie N'jola Karmo

Examples: Figure 7 of N3847:





**Figure 4** Bassa Vah keyboard layout. Note the COMMA and FULL STOP