Usage License Report for ycombinator.com

Verdict: Open | confidence 95% | checked 6/24/2026

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What this site's own signals say you may and may not do with its content. Plain language, not legal advice.

What you can do

- Scrape or crawl these pages.
- Run text and data mining over the content.
- Use the content to train AI models.
- Use the content with AI at run time (summarizing, search, RAG).

What you can't do without permission

Nothing here came back restricted.

Ask first

- Create derivative works from the content.
- Redistribute the content.
- Transform or reformat the content.
- Tag or annotate the content.

No signal spoke to these. Ask, don't assume.

Evidence by signal

robots.txt - Allowed

Source: https://ycombinator.com/robots.txt - Parser: robots-parser@1.0.0 - Checked: 6/24/2026

- "Allow: /" - generic crawler allowed for /

Copyright / license - Unknown

Source: https://www.ycombinator.com/legal#privacy - Parser: copyright_license-parser@0.1.0 - Checked: 6/24/2026

No evidence - this signal returned unknown. Unknown is never read as allowed.

The fine print

- Read for US, commercial use. Change the frame and the verdict can change.
- "Needs review" means a human should confirm before relying on the call.
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