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````javascript
$(document).ready(function() {
  $("#myForm").validate({
    rules: {
      myField: {
        required: true,
        alphanumeric: true
      }
    },
    messages: {
      myField: {
        required: "This field is required.",
        alphanumeric: "Please enter only letters and numbers."
      }
    }
  });
  $.validator.addMethod("alphanumeric", function(value, element) {
    return this.optional(element) || /^[a-zA-Z0-9]*$/i.test(value);
  });
});
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