

Chord Symbol Labels

(options in parentheses and italics show how chords may be labeled in sheet music; when completing assignments, please label chords as shown in the examples)

Major Triad: Use a Capital Letter

- C Major Chord = C; F Major Chord = F; G Major Chord = G

Dominant (or Barbershop) 7th Chord: Use a Capital Letter plus a 7 (*dom 7*)

- C Dominant Chord = C7; F# Dominant Chord = F#7; B^b Dominant Chord = B^b7

Dominant (or Barbershop) 9th Chord: Use a Capital Letter plus a 9 (*dom 9*)

- C Dominant 9th Chord = C9; G^b Dominant 9th Chord = G^b9; C# Dominant 9th Chord = C#9

Major 6th Chord: Use a Capital Letter plus a 6 (*M6 or Maj6*)

- C Major 6th Chord = C6; A^b Major 6th Chord = A^b6; D Major 6th Chord = D6

Major 7th Chord: Use a Capital Letter, plus a Capital M, plus a 7 (*M7 or Maj7*)

- C Major 7th Chord = CM7; F Major 7th Chord = FM7; E^b Major 7th Chord = E^bM7

Major 9th Chord: Use a Capital Letter, plus a Capital M, plus a 9 (*Maj9*)

- C Major 9th Chord = CM9; G Major 9th Chord = GM9; D^b Major 9th Chord = D^bM9

Minor Triad: Use a Capital Letter plus a lower-case m (*min or lower case of root name*)

- C Minor Chord = Cm; G Minor Chord = Gm; A^b Minor Chord = A^bm

Minor 6th Chord: Use a Capital Letter, plus a lower-case m, plus a 6 (*min6*)

- C Minor 6th Chord = Cm6; F# Minor 6th Chord = F#m6; B^b Minor 6th Chord = B^bm6

Minor 7th Chord: Use a Capital Letter, plus a lower-case m, plus a 7 (*min7*)

- C Minor 7th Chord = Cm7; F Minor 7th Chord = Fm7; B Minor 7th Chord = Bm7

Augmented Triad: Use a Capital Letter plus a "+" sign or a Capital Letter plus "aug"

- C Augmented Chord = C⁺ or Caug; G Augmented Chord = G⁺ or Gaug

Diminished 7th Chord: Use all lower-case letters to write the abbreviation "dim"

- Any Diminished Chord = dim (No letter names are used like the other chords)
- (*sheet music may show the root name plus a symbol, such as C^o*)