

## Chord Symbol Shortcuts

These are shortcuts that will enable you to easily and quickly play most basic chords if you already know your major chords in root position.

I will refer to the #1 of the chord as the root of the chord.

For example the Ab major chord is Ab C and Eb.

Ab is the 1<sup>st</sup>

C is the 3<sup>rd</sup> or (middle note)

Eb is the 5<sup>th</sup>

Therefore Ab is the root.

- In order for this to work you must play your major chords correctly and in root position. Meaning the 1<sup>st</sup> the 3<sup>rd</sup> and then the 5<sup>th</sup> in that order from left to right.

First play the major chord and then adjust the notes according the chart to convert the major chord to the particular chord that you are trying to play.

<b>Chord Name</b>	<b>Common Symbols</b>	<b>Left Hand</b>	<b>Right Hand</b>
Major	Maj, Ma, M	Play Root	No change
Minor	Min, Mi, m, -	Play Root	middle note moves one half step to the left
Major Seven	Maj7, Ma7, M7	Play Root	The root in The right hand Moves one half Step to the left
Minor Seven	Min7, Mi7, m7, -7	Play Root	The root in the Right hand moves One whole step to Your left and the Middle note moves One half step to Your left
Dominant 7	7	Play Root	The root in the right Hand moves one Whole step to the Left

Suspended Seventh	Sus7	Play Root	The root in the right Hand moves one Whole step to the Left and the middle Moves one half step To the right
Augmented	Aug, +	Play Root	The 5 <sup>th</sup> (the note furthest to the Right ) moves one Half step to the right