

How Chords Work - With Sound Samples

Sheet Music

Definitions

- **Voicing** - the way the notes of a chord are distributed and spaced.
- **Interval** - the difference in pitch between two sounds.
- **Root Position Voicing** - a chord in root position is voiced with its notes in order from the root in their closest spacing.
- **Close Position Voicing** - a chord in close position is voiced with its notes spaced close together.
- **Open Position Voicing** - a chord in open position is voiced with its notes spread out.

Ab pitch Dyad Ab, C Dyad Examples

Name: Ab Major Triad Ab Augmented Triad Ab Minor Triad Ab Diminished Triad
 Chord Symbol: Ab Ab+ Abm Abdim

Ab Major Seven Chord
 Abmaj7

Interval: Major 7th Perfect 5th Major 3rd

Chord Symbol: Ab

Abm

Abmaj7

Root Position

Open Voicing

F F/E Dm7 F/C G C/G G7

F G C C Cmaj7 E E7 F

(key of A major) Back to the key of C

Key: C (C minor) C E major Eb major
 Am7 Fm6 Cmaj13 F#m11 B7(b9) Emaj13 Fm11 Bb13(b9)

The Christmas Song

Ebmaj13 C major Dm11 G13(b9) Cmaj9