



Augmented Chords

Augmented chords have a **tense, mysterious, and unresolved** sound. Because of their unique character, they're often used to create suspense or smoothly transition into another chord.

An augmented chord is built using the following formula:

1 – 3 – #5

You'll typically see an augmented chord written with a "+" symbol (for example, **C+**) or sometimes as **aug**.

Once you're comfortable with the chord formulas, you'll be able to build all 12 augmented chords. For now, here are two common shapes to get you started.

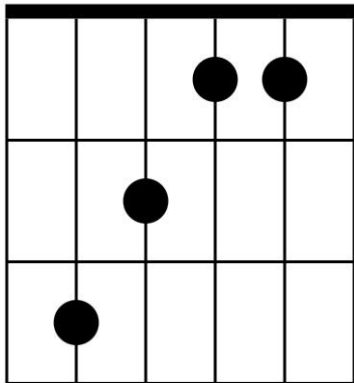
- **C+**: C – E – G#
- **D+**: D – F# – A#

Although augmented chords aren't as common as major or minor chords, they're a great tool for adding tension, color, and sophistication to your playing.

C+

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D+

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