

Playing with Open Strings

Music examples

Ex. 1

Ex. 1 shows four chord diagrams and their corresponding musical notation in A major (key signature of two sharps).

- A**: Diagram x01230, 5fr. Musical notation: Treble clef, A major triad (A, C#, E).
- A**: Diagram x01230. Musical notation: Treble clef, A major triad (A, C#, E).
- Am**: Diagram 134111, 1fr. Musical notation: Treble clef, A minor triad (A, C, E).
- Am**: Diagram x02310. Musical notation: Treble clef, A minor triad (A, C, E).

The guitar tablature below shows the fret positions for each chord:

Chord	5	4	3	2	1	0
A	5	5	6	7	7	5
A	0	2	2	2	0	0
Am	5	5	6	7	7	5
Am	0	1	2	2	0	0

Ex. 2

Ex. 2 shows six chord diagrams and their corresponding musical notation in A major (key signature of two sharps).

- Aadd9**: Diagram x02100, 6fr. Musical notation: Treble clef, A major triad with added 9th (A, C#, E, F#).
- A(sus4)add9**: Diagram x02300, 7fr. Musical notation: Treble clef, A major triad with suspended 4th and added 9th (A, D, F#, A).
- Amaj9**: Diagram x02300, 6fr. Musical notation: Treble clef, A major triad with added 9th (A, C#, E, F#).
- A9**: Diagram x02300, 5fr. Musical notation: Treble clef, A major triad with added 9th (A, C#, E, F#).
- Am9**: Diagram x02300, 5fr. Musical notation: Treble clef, A minor triad with added 9th (A, C, E, F#).
- Am6(9)**: Diagram x02300, 4fr. Musical notation: Treble clef, A minor triad with 6th and 9th (A, C, E, F, A).

The guitar tablature below shows the fret positions for each chord:

Chord	0	2	3	0	0	0
Aadd9	0	2	3	0	0	0
A(sus4)add9	0	2	3	0	0	0
Amaj9	0	2	3	0	0	0
A9	0	2	3	0	0	0
Am9	0	2	3	0	0	0
Am6(9)	0	2	3	0	0	0

Ex. 3

Ex. 3 shows five chord diagrams and their corresponding musical notation in D major (key signature of two sharps).

- Dadd9**: Diagram xx0230, 7fr. Musical notation: Treble clef, D major triad with added 9th (D, F#, A, E).
- Dmaj9**: Diagram xx0230, 6fr. Musical notation: Treble clef, D major triad with added 9th (D, F#, A, E).
- D9**: Diagram xx0130, 5fr. Musical notation: Treble clef, D major triad with added 9th (D, F#, A, E).
- D9(13)**: Diagram x21300, 4fr. Musical notation: Treble clef, D major triad with 9th and 13th (D, F#, A, E, G).
- D6(9)**: Diagram x43100. Musical notation: Treble clef, D major triad with 6th and 9th (D, F, A, E, G).

The guitar tablature below shows the fret positions for each chord:

Chord	0	2	3	0	0	0
Dadd9	0	2	3	0	0	0
Dmaj9	0	2	3	0	0	0
D9	0	2	3	0	0	0
D9(13)	0	2	3	0	0	0
D6(9)	0	2	3	0	0	0

Ex. 4

Ex. 4 shows four chord diagrams and their corresponding musical notation in A major (key signature of two sharps).

- Aadd9**: Diagram x02100, 6fr. Musical notation: Treble clef, A major triad with added 9th (A, C#, E, F#).
- Dmaj9**: Diagram xx0120, 6fr. Musical notation: Treble clef, D major triad with added 9th (D, F#, A, E).
- Am9**: Diagram x02300, 5fr. Musical notation: Treble clef, A minor triad with added 9th (A, C, E, F#).
- D9(13)**: Diagram x21300, 4fr. Musical notation: Treble clef, D major triad with 9th and 13th (D, F#, A, E, G).

The guitar tablature below shows the fret positions for each chord:

Chord	0	2	1	0	0	0
Aadd9	0	2	1	0	0	0
Dmaj9	0	2	1	0	0	0
Am9	0	2	3	0	0	0
D9(13)	0	2	3	0	0	0

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Ex. 5

A₉ x02300 5fr. **D₆₍₉₎** x43100 **A_bmaj7[#]11** 43001x **D_b7[#]11** x3200x **A_bmaj7[#]11** 43001x **D_b7[#]11** x3200x

Ex. 6a

Ex. 6b

Open Strings Etude

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Rubato
Let ring

A⁺7 x0xx03
D⁺7#11 xx0xx3
D⁺9 xx0340 6fr.
C⁺11 x3xxx1
F⁺11 1xx200
G6 3xx00
D⁺7/F# 1x0230
B7 x10203

C⁺7#11 x2xx01
D⁺7#11 xx0xx3
A⁺9 x02300 6fr.
A⁺9 x02300 5fr.
D13 x21300 4fr.
N.C.

C⁺11 x13400 4fr.
D6 xx0102
G⁺7#11 2x401x
A⁺7 x0xx03
D⁺7#11 xx0xx3
C⁺11 x3xxx1
F⁺11 1xx300
B⁺11 x1x230

B⁺7#9/#11 x1x230
A x0xx40 10fr.
A⁺7 x0x120
C⁺7 x13400
D⁺9 xx0340 6fr.
B⁺7#11 2x0130 5fr.
A⁺9 x03401 4fr.