

Horizontal Chord Inversions

(minor chords)

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The chords below are based on the 6th- and 5th-string parent minor chord shapes. A “parent shape” is a common chord shape that most guitarists are familiar with and can use as a reference point when moving through related chord shapes.

Note the 6th- and 5th-string parent chord shapes in root position. The 6th-string root-position minor chord on the 5th fret is A minor; the 5th-string root-position minor chord is D minor.

Familiarize yourself with each chord inversion related to the parent shape, and practice using a variety of rhythms and syncopations. Ensure all chords are fingered correctly and sound clean, without buzzing.

6th string root "parent shape"

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Am7 Am/C Am7/E /G Am6 Am7

fr. 5 fr. 7 fr. 7 fr. 9 fr. 7 fr. 10

5th string root "parent shape"

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Dm7 /F /A Dm7 Dm9

fr. 5 fr. 7 fr. 6 fr. 10 fr. 10