

How To:

Interpret Alternative Chord Symbols

In sheet music notation there is a lack of uniformity in writing chord symbols. This chart outlines symbols that may be used.

Symbol	Chord Name	Symbol Alternative
(None)	Major	Maj, M
-5	Major Flat 5	b5
m	Minor	min, mi
sus	Suspended	sus4
+	Augmented	aug, #5, +5
6	Major Sixth	add6, M6, Maj6, Δ6
6/9	Major Sixth Add Nine	6(add9), Maj6(add9), M6(add9)
m6	Minor Sixth	min6, mi6, -6
7	Dominant Seven	add7, Dom7
7sus	Seven Suspended	sus7, 7sus4
7#5	Seven Sharp Five	+7, 7+5
7b9	Seven Flat Nine	7-9
7#9	Seven Sharp Nine	7+9
m7	Minor Seventh	min7, mi7, -7
m7b5	Minor Seven Flat Five	Ø7, m7-5, mi7b5, min7b5
o	Diminished Seven	dim7, -7, dim, o7
maj7	Major Seventh	M7, Maj7, Δ7
m(maj7)	Minor Major Seventh	m(Maj7), min(+7), mi(+7), m(Δ7)
9	Major Ninth	add9, M9, maj9, Maj9, Δ9
m9	Minor Ninth	min9, mi9, -9
m11	Minor Eleventh	min11, mi11, -11
13	Thirteenth	M13, m7(add6)