How To:

Play The 'Z' Chord

What does the 'Z' Chord sound like?

A 'Z' chord sounds like a scrubbing sound that has no real musical note and is more of a percussive sound.

How do I play the 'Z' Chord?

Loosely place all your fingers across the fret board (almost anywhere close to the headstock) and strum. A simple learning method is to start by strumming without your fingers on the fret board (this will produce an Am7 chord) then gradually apply pressure with you fingers until you hear a scrubbing sound. Too much pressure will likely produce a bar chord (you don't want that).



The 'Z' Chord is great for beginners to

play along with any song as it almost sounds like a brush on a drum. If you don't know the chords, use the 'Z' chord. To practice a strumming pattern, use the 'Z' chord.

What songs use the 'Z' chord?

Below is a list of a few songs where I use a 'Z' Chord:

Born This Way (Lady Gaga)
Ex's And Oh's (Elle King)
I'm A Believer (Neil Diamond)
Preacher And The Bear, The (Jerry Reed)
Ruby Don't Take Your Love To Town (Kenny Rogers)
Summertime Blues (Eddie Cochrane)

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