

Chord structure (10)

Diminished Chords

Diminished chords (usually abbreviated to Dim) are 3 note triads in which the 3rd and 5th are flattened.

Example: the chord of C Major is...

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G	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	A	B	C	D
F#	G#	A#	C#	D#		F#	G#	A#		C#	D#
Gb	Ab	Bb	Db	Eb		Gb	Ab	Bb		Db	Eb



C diminished (C Dim) has the root of **C**, the 3rd (E) flattened to **Eb**, the 5th (G) flattened to **Gb** (or **F#**).

A **Diminished** chord should not be confused with a **Diminished 7th** chord. Both chord types have the same root, flattened 3rd and flattened 5th, but the **Dim7** chord has the added 6th, or more accurately, a diminished 7th.

A **Diminished** chord is a triad (3 notes) whilst a **Diminished 7th** chord is referred to as an extension chord as it has 4 notes.