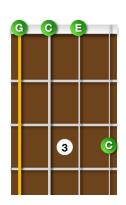
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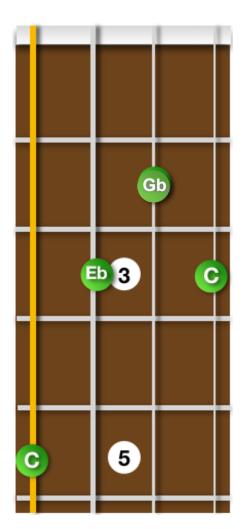
Diminished Chords

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...

1 3 5
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.