

Two-, three- and four-note chords

Practice sheet for tenor banjo, by Douglas McClure. (All notes are at actual pitch.)

The chord forms indicated (20xx, 620x, 1220, etc.) refer to frets, not fingerings. If a note has no chord form written below it, it uses the same form as the previous note, transposed up one fret. For example, low A \flat major uses 01xx, so low A major uses 12xx. (Since the latter chord has no open strings, it will require a change in fingering.) Low B \flat major uses 23xx, low B major uses 34xx, and so on until low D major, which has a new chord form.

Major chords

I

G A \flat A B \flat B C D \flat D E \flat E F F \sharp G A \flat A B \flat B C D \flat D E \flat E F F \sharp G

20xx 01xx 620x 301x 023x 1220 0023

III

E \flat E F F \sharp G A \flat A B \flat B C D \flat D E \flat E F F \sharp G A \flat A B \flat B C D \flat D E \flat

30xx 52xx (02xx) 530x 002x 0230 2002 0113

V

C D \flat D E \flat E F F \sharp G A \flat A B \flat B C D \flat D E \flat E F F \sharp G A \flat A B \flat B C

40xx (00xx) 740x 011x 2240 3011 4462 0233 6200

Minor chords

Im

Gm G \sharp m Am B \flat m Bm Cm C \sharp m Dm D \sharp m Em Fm F \sharp m Gm G \sharp m Am B \flat m Bm Cm C \sharp m Dm D \sharp m Em Fm F \sharp m Gm

20xx 02xx 520x 402x 013x 0220 0013

III \flat m

Em Fm F \sharp m Gm G \sharp m Am B \flat m Bm Cm C \sharp m Dm D \sharp m Em Fm F \sharp m Gm G \sharp m Am B \flat m Bm Cm C \sharp m Dm D \sharp m Em

40xx 640x 001x 1240 2001 0233

Vm

Cm C \sharp m Dm D \sharp m Em Fm F \sharp m Gm G \sharp m Am B \flat m Bm Cm C \sharp m Dm D \sharp m Em Fm F \sharp m Gm A \flat m Am B \flat m Bm Cm

30xx (00xx) 730x 341x (311x) 022x 2230 5200 0133

Dominant seventh chords

I7

G7 A \flat 7 A7 B \flat 7 B7 C7 C \sharp 7 D7 E \flat 7 E7 F7 F \sharp 7 G7 A \flat 7 A7 B \flat 7 B7 C7 C \sharp 7 D7 E \flat 7 E7 F7 F \sharp 7 G7

50xx 650x 101x 1020 2131 0323 4650

III7

E \flat 7 E7 F7 F \sharp 7 G7 A \flat 7 A7 B \flat 7 B7 C7 C \sharp 7 D7 E \flat 7 E7 F7 F \sharp 7 G7 A \flat 7 A7 B \flat 7 B7 C7 C \sharp 7 D7 E \flat 7

10xx 510x 321x 032x 3530 2032

V7

C7 C \sharp 7 D7 E \flat 7 E7 F7 F \sharp 7 G7 A \flat 7 A7 B \flat 7 B7 C7 C \sharp 7 D7 E \flat 7 E7 F7 F \sharp 7 G7 A \flat 7 A7 B \flat 7 B7 C7

40xx (00xx) 02xx 540x 102x 2540 1011 0213 6500

VII7

A7 B \flat 7 B7 C7 C \sharp 7 D7 E \flat 7 E7 F7 F \sharp 7 G7 A \flat 7 A7 B \flat 7 B7 C7 C \sharp 7 D7 E \flat 7 E7 F7 F \sharp 7 G7 A \flat 7 A7

10xx 410x 021x 3440 0021