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by Peter Vogl
a must for guitar players
of all levels

Chordfinder System with easy-find icons on every page

## special

moveable chord section
chord charts \& shapes for
Let's Jam! CD Blues \& Rock

over 900 chord diagrams with photos!

## About the Guitarist's Chord Book

This is not just another chord book. For proof, just look at the cover. There you'll find our Chordfinder System, a series of lettered icons to help you find the key you seek. A simple idea, but one that represents what this book is about: practicality, usability, and good old fashioned common sense. Flip through the pages and you'll find more examples of this philosophy.

The chords are arranged alphabetically so that everyone - not just the experienced player can find the chord they want. You'll find photographs demonstrating how to finger each chord. And not just photos, good photos that clearly show how the chord is played. You'll also find the actual notes in each chord. There's a movable chords section, featuring the most widely used shapes for each class of chords, chords that can be used in any key. You'll find power chords, chord progressions, and a special section featuring fun, dynamic, different sounding chords, chords that you might not find anywhere else.

There are dozens of other chord books out there. Only The Guitarist's Chord Book gives you this kind of brevity and breadth, and it's probably the last chord reference you'll ever need.

## Who This Book Is For

The Guitarist's Chord Book was written by a professional, but it's designed with the knowledge that you may not be a professional. Perhaps you're a beginner in need of a quick, simple way to find the chords you don't know. Perhaps you've been playing for years and want to add new chords to your repertoire. Or maybe you're a teacher in search of the ideal chord reference for your students. If you fall into any of these categories, then The Guitarist's Chord Book is for you.

## About The Author

Peter Vogl has earned his living by playing and teaching guitar since he was 25 . He wrote his first instruction book 15 years ago and, since then, thousands of people have learned to play the guitar using his manuals and videos. Peter has personally taught a great number of students, both individually and in university classrooms. Most importantly, Peter still teaches today.

Though he has been playing and recording professionally, Peter hasn't lost touch with what a beginner knows and doesn't know. He understands the best way to present material for both the student and the teacher. He has put that understanding and his years of professional experience to work in The Guitarist's Chord Book.

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| Major | 4 | 14 | 24 | 34 | 44 | 54 | 64 | 74 | 84 | 94 | 104 | 114 |
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| Major add 9 | 4 | 14 | 24 | 34 | 44 | 54 | 64 | 74 | 84 | 94 | 104 | 114 |
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## How to Use the Chord Book

Our Chordfinder System helps you quickly find each chord. Close the book and put your thumb and index finger over the icon on the cover. You'll see a black line. Flip to that page and the chords will be at your fingertips.

Left Hand Fingering

1 = Index Finger
2 = Middle Finger
$3=$ Ring Finger
4 = Little Finger


Each chord diagram has 6 lines running vertical, representing the strings, and horizontal lines representing the frets. High E, (the thinnest is on the right) and low E (the thickest) in on the left.


The black circled numbers tell you what finger to use and where to place it. The number to the left indicates which fret to play the chord. The X above a string tells you not to play that string or to mute it. The O above a string tells you to play the open string. The letters below the strings tell you what notes are being played. A curved line indicates a bar chord. Flatten that finger across several strings.


Finger placement

## A Major

 Asus2 Aadd9

TIP! Keep your guitar looking good with guitar polish. Never use furniture polish or cleaner.

## Asus 4

## A6 A6/9



Asus4


A E A D E A

## Asus 4



A C\#F\#BE


## A7sus4

A7*5 A765


## A7朔 A7/9



TIP! Remember the most important elements of a solo are not the notes but how you phrase them.

## A11 A13

## A13b9 Aaug



## A Minor

## Amin6



TIP! Practice scales slowly at first and then speed them up as you become more comfortable with them.

Amin 765


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## Amin9

AminMaj7


TIP! Pay close attention to fingerings. The provided fingerings are designed to help you learn faster.

## Amin11 Amin13

Adim Adim7


13

## Bb Major

## Bbsus2 Bbadd9



TIP! A good guitar teacher can speed up your improvement by 200 to 300 percent.


## Bb Major 7

Bb7


TIP! Have strap locks installed on your guitar. It will help keep your guitar from falling.

## Bb7sus4

## Bb7 7 n 5 B 7765



## B77\#9 B67,9



B,


TIP! Ifyou're having trouble with rhythm, try a drum machine instead of a metronome. It can give you more


## Bb Minor

Bb


TIP! Put lemon oil on your fretboard every couple of months when you're changing strings.


## Bbmin9

B,


TIP! When finishing a gig, pack up your guitars first. It prevents damage.

## Bbmin11 Bbmin13

Bbm11


$B b E b A b D_{b} F$

Bbdim


Bbm11


Bbm13


Bbdim7

$\mathrm{Bb}, \mathrm{Fb} \mathrm{Ab}_{b} \mathrm{D}_{b}$

Bbdim7

$\mathrm{B} b \mathrm{~F}_{b} \quad \mathrm{Ab}_{b} \mathrm{D}_{b}$

## B Major

## Bsus2 Badd9



TIP! Have your guitar set up twice a year and it will play easier and more in tune.

## Bsus4

Bsus4



Bsus4


## B Major 7

B7

B



## B7䩀9 B7b9

B9


TIP! Ifyou're going to stand when performing, you should occasionally practice while standing.


## B Minor

## Bmin6



TIP! Standard effects used by guitar players include chorus, distortion, digital delay, and wah pedals.

## Bmin7

Bmin7.5


## Bmin9

BminMaj7


TIP! If your tube amplifier is making noises, it may need new tubes. Have it checked out.

## Bmin11 Bmin13



Bm11


Bm13



TIP! When first starting to play, warm up slowly so you won't injure yourself.

## Csus4




TIP! Take short breaks when practicing to allow your hands and arms to relax.



TIP! Never practice electric guitar barefoot in the basement.



TIP! Experiment with different styles of guitar playing. You never know how your next breakthrough moment will come.

## Cmin7

## Cmin7b5



Cm7



TIP! Jam along CDs such as the Let's Jam! CD series are great ways to try out new licks and scales.

## Cmin11 Cmin13

## Cdim Cdim7



Cm11



## C ${ }_{\ddagger}^{\sharp}$ Major

## C\#sus2 C"add9



TIP! Use an electronic tuner to stay in good tune. They are inexpensive and user friendly.


## C\#Major 7



TIP! Keep many extra picks around. They like to disappear, much like socks.

## C\#7sus4

## C\#745 C\#7.5



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TIP! Slow practice and relaxation are keys to becoming a better guitar player.



## C\#min7

C\#min765



## C\#min11 C\#min13

C\#dim C\#dim7


## D Major

## Dsus2 Dadd9



D Major
D


Dsus2


D Major


TIP! Experiment with a variety of fingerings when playing chords.

## Dsus4

## D6 D6/9



55


TIP! Many music stores have lesson programs. Check them

## D7sus4

## D745 D765





## D Minor



D Minor
D


D Minor


TIP! Lemon oil applied to the fretboard will help keep it

## Dmin7



## Dmin9

DminMaj7


TIP! Peg winders and string cutters are a must for changing strings.

## Dmin11 Dmin13

Ddim Ddim7


D


TIP! Always keep one hand on the guitar when using a guitar strap. Straps can break at the worst times.

## Ebsus4

## Eb6 Eb6/9



Ebsus4

$B b E b B_{b} E_{b} A_{b} B b$



## Eb Major 7

Eb7


TIP! PIck ups can be installed in any guitar for performing live. There are many options available.

## Eb7sus4

## El7\#5 Eb7.5




TIP! Squeeze a tennis ball to help keep your hands in good health.

# Eb11 Eb13 

Eb13b9 Ebaug

$E b$


## Ebmin7

Ebmin7b5


## Ebmin9

 EbminMaj7

Ebmin11 Ebmin13


Ebm11

Ebm13


Ebdim Ebdim7




Ebdim7



## Esus4




## E7sus4

E7sus4


E7sus4


E7sus4


B E B D A B


E7*5 E7,5


E745




TIP! Remember guitar is a percussive instrument. Playing in time is the most important thing we do.



## Emin7

Emin7b5


Em7


E

Em7b5

## Emin9

EminMaj7


TIP! Many pedals and guitar pick ups require 9 volt batteries. Keep extras in your guitar case.

## Emin11 Emin13

## Edim Edim7




## Fsus4



Fsus4


## F Major 7



F Major 7


F Major 7


TIP! Experiment with a variety of picks. They all create different sounds.

## F7sus4

F7sus4


F7sus4


F7sus4



## F11 F13

F13


F13


F13b9 Faug


Faug



## Fmin7

## Fmin7b5




Fm7


## Fmin9

## Fm9



Fm9


Fm9
X X


## Fmin11 Fmin13

Fdim Fdim7


## F\#Major



TIP! Sometimes buying strings by the box can be cheaper.
Ask your local dealer.

## F\#sus4

## F:6 F\%6/9

F\#sus4


F\#sus4


F\#sus4



## F"7sus4






F\#13


F\#aug


F\#aug


F\#


## F\#min7



F\#m7



F\#m7



F\# C E A

## F\#min9



TIP! If allowed, record your guitar lesson. It will help you remember what you are working on.

## F"min11 F\#min13

F ${ }^{4} \mathrm{dim}$ F"dim7


## G Major

Gsus2 Gadd9


TIP! Using a foot stool designed for guitar can help your technique and your posture.

## Gsus4

## G6 G6/9



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## G Major 7



TIP! 12 string guitars sound huge and are a lot of fun. Try one out at your local music store.

## G7sus4

## G745 G7.5



G7sus4


G7sus4


# G7" ${ }^{17} 9$ G7b9 

## G9



TIP! Classical guitara a are typically more fragile than others. 108 Be careful with them.


# G Minor 

## Gmin6



TIP! A low thumb position on the back of the guitar neck enables finger stretches.

## Gmin7

Gmin7b5


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## Gmin9

## GminMaj7



TIP! Play towards the front of the frets and you will be able $\mathbf{1 1 2}$ to press lighter and get a cleaner note.

## Gmin11 Gmin13

Gdim Gdim7


## Ab Major

## Absus2 Abadd9



TIP! Vocalists can get in the way of a good guitar solo.

## 114

## Absus4

## Ab6 Ab6/9



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## Ab7sus4

## $A b 7{ }^{4} 5$ Ab7b5



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TIP! Better tuning keys make it easier to tune your guitar.

## Ab11 Ab13

## Ab13b9 Abaug



## Ab Minor

## Abmin6



TIP! Replace your strings after playing any outside gigs as they will be deadened.

## Abmin7

## Abmin7b5



## Abmin9

## AbminMaj7



TIP! Don't hold your breath when you play. Try to breathe

Abmin11 Abmin13
Abdim Abdim7

Abm11


Abm11


Abm13


## Moveable Chords

This section contains moveable chords, or chords that can be moved up and down the guitar neck. Using these chords will enable a guitar player to play chords in any position on the guitar. It is important to understand the chord diagrams in this section. The letter R represents the root of the chord. This is the note that names the chord. The strings may be labled with a 3, 5, $7,9,11$, or 13 . These are the other notes in the chord. To be able to name moveable chords, it is important to know the notes on the guitar neck. Here is a diagram of the notes on the guitar. Memorize these notes paying special attention to the 6th, 5th, and 4th strings.


Here is a sample chord diagram. Notice the R under the 6th string. This is the root of the chord. This means this chord is named by the note played on the 6th string. If this chord is played at the 3rd fret, it would be G chord. If this chord were played at the 5th fret, it would be an A chord.


Once you understand the root notes, you can play and identify this chord wherever you want.

## Major


sus4


5 R 5 R 45


TIP! Custom Ear plugs can save your hearing on loud gigs.


TIP! Ask your local store for info on local guitar clubs and organizations. You may find like minded guitar enthusiasts.

## Dominant 7th





| 11 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
|  | $\overbrace{80}^{x} \overbrace{}^{x}{ }^{x}$ |
|  |  |





## Power Chords/5 Chords

1 Finger Power Chords


2 Finger Power Chords


3 Finger Power Chords



## Chord Definitions

The chart below explains each type of chord in this book. The chord quality is the type of chord. The chord name is the name of each chord. Some chords have more than one name. The chord symbol gives you the variety of symbols used to represent each chord. The chord notes column lists the notes in each chord. Chord notes are listed as a root, third, fifth, seventh, ninth, eleventh, or thirteenth. The actual notes played in each chord may vary. Some notes may be omitted and others played.

| Quality | Chord Name | Chord Symbol | Chord Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Major | Major | C | R,3,5 |
|  | sus2, add9 | Csus2, Cadd9 | R,2,5/R,2,3,5 |
|  | sus4 | sus4 | R,4,5 |
|  | 6 | C6 | R,3,6,5 |
|  | Major 7 | CM7, C -7 | R,3,5,7 |
| Dominant | 7 | C7 | R,3,5,77 |
|  | 7sus4 | C7sus4 | R,4,5,77 |
|  | 7\#5 | C7\#5, C7+5 | R,3,\#5,77 |
|  | 7,5 | C765, C7-5 | R,3, 55,77 |
|  | 7\#9 | C7\#9 | R,3,5, 17 \# 9 |
|  | 7b9 | C7b9 | R,3,5,7,7,9 |
|  | 9 | C9 | R,3,5,7,9 |
|  | 11 | C11 | R,5, ${ }^{\text {, }}$,9, 11 |
|  | 13 | C13 | R,3,5,77,9,13 |
|  | 13b9 | C13b9 | R,3,5,57„9,13 |
| Augmented | Augmented | CAug.,C+ | R,3,\#5 |
|  | Aug. 7 | CAug.7,C+7, | R,3,\#5,77 |
| Minor | Minor | Cm | R, $, 3,5$ |
|  | Minor 6 | Cmin6 | R, $3,6,5$ |
|  | Minor 7 | Cm7,C-7 | R, ,3,5,57 |
|  | $\min 765$ | Cm765, C-7,5,C07 | R, ,3,55,77 |
|  | minMaj7 | CmMaj7 | R,33,5,7 |
|  | $\min 9$ | Cm9 | R, $3^{3,5,77,9}$ |
|  | $\min 11$ | Cmin11 | R, $3^{3,5,57,9,11}$ |
|  | $\min 13$ | Cmin13 | R, $3,5,5,77,9,13$ |
| Diminished | Diminished | Cdim., $\mathrm{C}^{\circ}$ | R, $, 3,55$ |
|  | Diminished 7 | Cdim7, C 7 | R, $, 3,15$, , 7 |

## Let's Jam Chord Progressions

This section contains chord progressions from the Let's Jam! CD Blues \& Rock. You can purchase this CD at your local music store. These chord progressions will give you a practical application of the chords presented in this book.

Track 2 F Blues


Bb 9 may be substituted for Bb 7 .
Track 3 G Shuffle


Track 4 A Minor Blues


## Track 5 Slow Blues in G



## Track 6 Bb Blues



You may substitute Bb 9 for Bb 7 at any point during the Bb Blues.

## Track 7 E Blues



E7



A7


B7


## Track 8 Jazz Blues in G



## Track 9 C Blues



E9 may be substituted for E7. As a rule 9th chords may be substituted for Dominant 7th chords.

## Track 10 Funk in E



## Track 11 Bm Jam



Track 12 Am Rock


Track 13 D-Cadd9-G


## Peter's Picks

In this section you will find a collection of my favorite chords. Some are great song ending chords, some are interesting chords substitutions, some are just interesting voicings, and some are challenging to play. I use these chords in gigs, choosing ones that are appropriate for the song and genre. Think of these chords as color for your musical palette.

## Major Chords

These two A chords sound especially great on an acoustic guitar. I use them as a substitute for any A major chord.


Here is a chord I substitute for B major, especially in the key of E .


I like to substitute these two C chords for C major. The second one sounds great at the end of a song.


I use these two chords as substitutes for D major. These are simple chords that sound good. I especially like these two on acoustic guitar.


I like to use these four E chords as a substitute for E major. The two Emaj9 chords are great color chords. They add just a little more texture to the song.


## Minor Chords

All these chords are color chords substitutes for Am. Use them at your discretion whenever an Am chord is called for.


In this section, I will give you examples based on an A dominant chord. Usage depends on context, but I suggest experimenting with each chord and deciding for yourself. Whenever a dominant chord is called for, I think of these shapes first. Practice these chords in all keys.


## Altered Dominant Chords (Dominant 7 chords with \#9,69\#5,55)

In this section, the examples are based on an A Altered Dominant chord. These chords are mostly found in jazz and blues. Practice these chords in all keys.



Several shapes are very valuable because they can be related to each other in a way that makes them easy to find, use, and remember. For example, E9, E7b9, and E7\#9. If you know E9, you can find the other two using this one shape.


This shape can be either A7\# 5 , or $\mathrm{D} \# 7 b 5$, depending on what you are calling the root.


This shape can be either A7\#5\#9, or D\#13.


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Rock Guitar Deluxe Edition Book/DVD/CD by Peter Vogl is the follow-up to the Electric Guitar course and teaches more advanced rhythm techniques and lead playing using the minor pentatonic scales. It shows all the techniques that legendary rock guitarists use to get those famous sounds. It also contains a hot licks section.

Book/DVD/CD \$15.95
Blues Guitar Deluxe Edition Book/DVD/CD by Peter Vogl is another followup to the Electric Guitar course and teaches more advanced rhythm to the 12 Bar Blues and soloing using the minor pentatonic and blues scales. It covers many popular techniques that blues players use and also contains a hot licks section.

Book/DVD/CD \$15.95

You can find all of these products at your local music store or check our website: http://www.cvls.com. There are also many free guitar lessons on the website.

