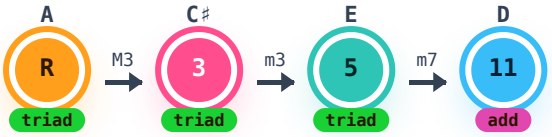
Aadd11 Guitar Chord Chart

A add 11 · notes A C♯ E D · formula 1 3 5 11 · 6 voicings

Interactive page: triads-guitar.com/chords/a-add11 · Build any chord: triads-guitar.com/chord-library-app

The formula



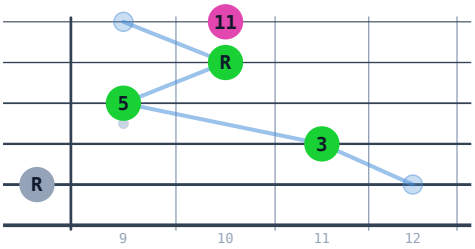
Character: 🍃 folky

Triad note root, 3rd or 5th, played in its place **Substitute** an extension on a triad note's string
Added an extension on a string of its own **Anchored root** the root on the string below
Bass a slash chord's bass note **Doubling** the same note an octave away

6 ways to play Aadd11

C shape · 1st inversion

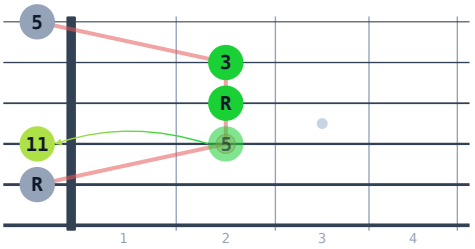
Aadd11/C♯



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3 5 1 11 (C♯ E A D)
Base triad: A major, 1st inversion The 11th gets a string of its own.

A shape · 2nd inversion

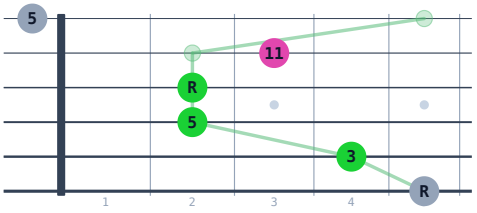
Aadd11/D



x 0 0 2 2 0
11 1 3 (D A C♯)
Base triad: A major, 2nd inversion The 11th takes the 5th's string.

G shape · 1st inversion

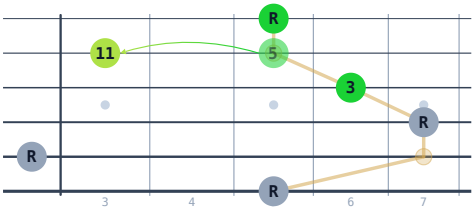
Aadd11/C♯



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3 5 1 11 (C♯ E A D)
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E shape · 1st inversion

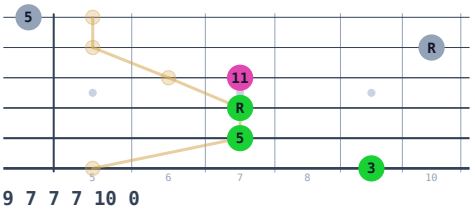
Aadd11/C♯



5 0 7 6 3 5
3 11 1 (C♯ D A)
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E shape · 1st inversion

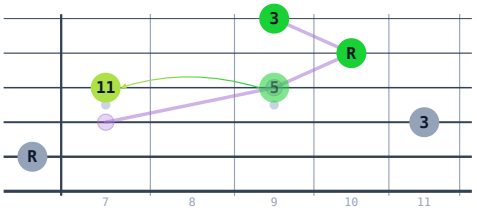
Aadd11/C♯



9 7 7 7 10 0
3 5 1 11 (C♯ E A D)
Base triad: A major, 1st inversion The 11th gets a string of its own.

D shape · 2nd inversion

Aadd11/D



x 0 11 7 10 9
11 1 3 (D A C♯)
Base triad: A major, 2nd inversion The 11th takes the 5th's string.

Construction rules

Start from a triad. Root, 3rd and 5th, stacked in thirds. The 3rd makes it major or minor; the 5th makes it diminished or augmented when it moves.

No 7th, no stack. 6, add9, add11 and 6/9 are a triad with a colour note, not a stack. Without a 7th the chord sounds open rather than jazzy.

On guitar, something has to give. Each extension takes the string of a triad note that matters less, usually the 5th, or gets a string of its own. The root and 3rd stay: they say what the chord is.