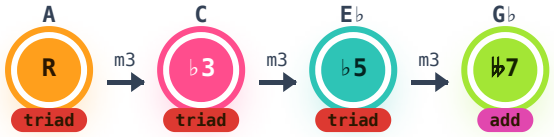
A°7 Guitar Chord Chart

A diminished 7th · notes A C E♭ G♭ · formula 1 ♭3 ♭5 𝄫7 · 8 voicings

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The formula



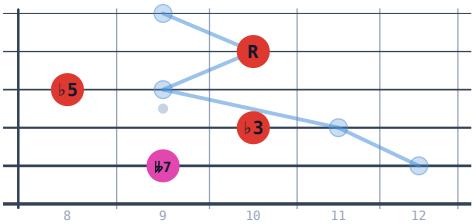
Character: suspense

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

8 ways to play A°7

C shape · 3rd inversion

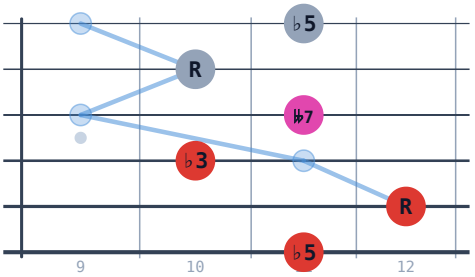
A°7/G♭



x 9 10 8 10 x
𝄫7 ♭3 ♭5 1 (G♭ C E♭ A)
Base triad: A diminished, 1st inversion
The 𝄫7th gets a string of its own.

C shape · 2nd inversion

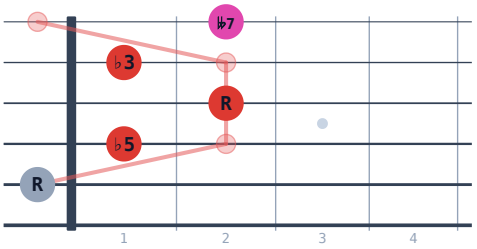
A°7/E♭



11 12 10 11 10 11
♭5 1 ♭3 𝄫7 (E♭ A C G♭)
Base triad: A diminished, 2nd inversion
The 𝄫7th gets a string of its own.

A shape · 2nd inversion

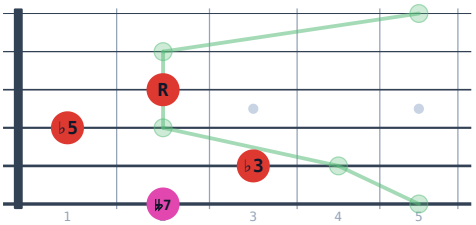
A°7/E♭



x 0 1 2 1 2
♭5 1 ♭3 𝄫7 (E♭ A C G♭)
Base triad: A diminished, 2nd inversion
The 𝄫7th gets a string of its own.

G shape · 3rd inversion

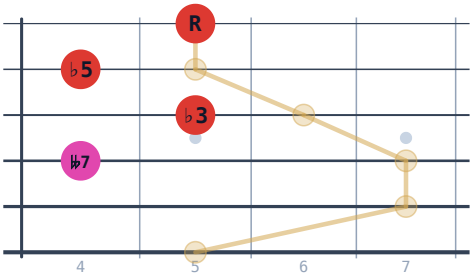
A°7/G♭



2 3 1 2 x x
𝄫7 ♭3 ♭5 1 (G♭ C E♭ A)
Base triad: A diminished, 1st inversion
The 𝄫7th gets a string of its own.

E shape · 3rd inversion

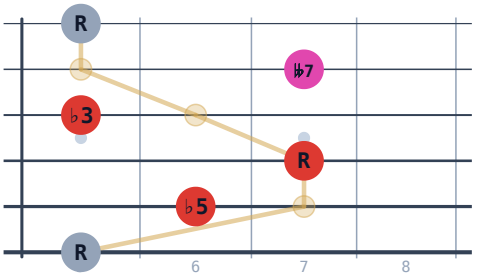
A°7/G♭



x x 4 5 4 5
𝄫7 ♭3 ♭5 1 (G♭ C E♭ A)
Base triad: A diminished, 1st inversion
The 𝄫7th gets a string of its own.

E shape · 2nd inversion

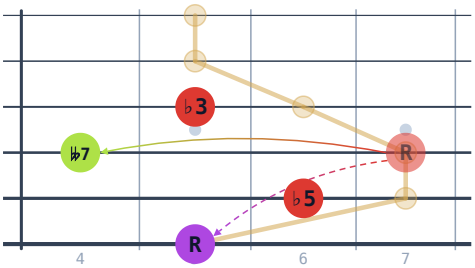
A°7/E♭



5 6 7 5 7 5
♭5 1 ♭3 𝄫7 (E♭ A C G♭)
Base triad: A diminished, 2nd inversion
The 𝄫7th gets a string of its own.

E shape · 2nd inversion · Anchored

A°7



5 6 4 5 x x

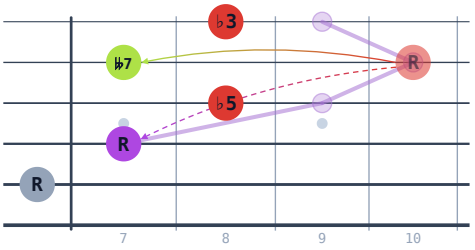
1 ♭5 𝄫7 ♭3 (A E♭ G♭ C)

Base triad: A diminished, 2nd inversion

The root drops to the string below the triad. The 𝄫7th takes the root’s string.

D shape · 2nd inversion · Anchored

A°7



x 0 7 8 7 8

1 ♭5 𝄫7 ♭3 (A E♭ G♭ C)

Base triad: A diminished, 2nd inversion

The root drops to the string below the triad. The 𝄫7th takes the root’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.

A third on top makes a 7th chord. A major 7th over a major triad is maj7, a ♭7 is a dominant 7. Over minor you get m7 or m(maj7); over diminished, m7♭5 or the °7, whose 7th is lowered twice.

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.

The root can move down. When an extension needs the root’s string, the root can drop to the string below the triad: an anchored voicing keeps the bass and frees a string on top.