

6 add 9 Chords

The same way you create add 9 chords by starting with triad chords, you can also make 6 add 9 chords by adding the 9th, or b9th interval to any of the 6th chords. The fastest way to add a 9th interval to a 6th chord is to find an octave of the root note in your chord shape and raise it up a whole step for an add 9, or a half step up for an add b9.

You may see 6 add 9 chords written as 6/9. For example, C6add9 is the same thing as C6/9. Either of those spellings can be used, depending on your preference.

The following chord formulas are 6 add 9 chords found in the Major Scale.

1, 3, 5, 6 + 9 = 6 add 9

I – IV – V

1, b3, 5, 6 + 9 = Minor 6 add 9

ii

1, b3, 5, b6 + b9 = Minor b6 add b9

iii

1, b3, 5, b6 + 9 = Minor b6 add 9

vi

1, b3, b5 + b6 = Minor b6 b5

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Here are the 6 add 9 chords in order as they appear in the Major Scale:

6 add 9 – Minor 6 add 9 – Minor b6 add b9 – 6 add 9 – 6 add 9 – Minor b6 add 9
I ii iii IV V vi

Minor b6 b5 add b9
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