

BASS TIPS

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TRIADS

A chord is a combination of three or more notes. The basic chords are known as triads. They are created with a root, third, and fifth. There are four kinds of triads and they are found in the Major (or diatonic) scale.

1. Major triads contain the root, a major third and perfect fifth. (R-3-5)
2. Minor triads contain the root, a minor third, and perfect fifth. (R-b3-5)
3. Augmented triads contain a major third, and augmented fifth. (R-3-#5)
4. Diminished triads contain the root, a minor third, and diminished fifth. (R-b3-b5)

Fig. 1 - The triads.

Major	Minor	Augmented	Diminished
R 3 5	R b3 5	R 3 #5	R b3 b5