

Intro to 9th Chords - House of the Rising Sun
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Original chords

Am C D F Am

6

C E7 E7 Am C

11

D F Am E7 Am

-Organ interlude-

12

16

C D F Am E7

Chord diagrams for C, D, F, Am, and E7. C: x00033. D: xx0232. F: xx0232. Am: x02012. E7: 000200.

Musical notation for measures 16-20. Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Bass clef with fret numbers: T (0, 1, 0, 1, 0), A (0, 2, 3, 2, 3), B (3, 2, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 0, 1, 2, 1, 0, 0, 1).

21

Am E7 Am

Chord diagrams for Am, E7, and Am. Am: x02012. E7: 000200. Am: x02012.

Musical notation for measures 21-23. Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Bass clef with fret numbers: T (2, 1, 0, 1, 2), A (0, 0, 0, 0, 1), B (0, 0, 1, 2, 2, 0).

Locating 9ths

To add a 9th to your chord, first locate the octave above your root note. Then simply go up a whole step (2 frets) to find your 9th.

Am C D

Musical notation showing how to find the 9th of Am, C, and D chords. Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Bass clef with fret numbers: Am (0, 1, 2, 2, 0), C (0, 1, 0, 2, 3), D (2, 3, 2, 0).

9

F

Musical notation for F9 chord. Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Bass clef with fret numbers: T (3, 5, 0), A (1, 1, 3), B (3, 3).

Flat 9ths

On the E7 chord we will add a minor 9th (flat 9), which is a 1/2 step above the root note. Dominant 7ths leading to a minor chord will more often than not use a flat 9.

Chord progression: E7, E7b9, Am, E7b9, Am

Notes: Octave, flat 9th, b9 on the 1st String, Natural 9th on the 1st String

TAB: 0 3 1 2 2 0 | 0 2 3 | 1 0 1 2 2 0 | 1 0 1 2 2 0 | 0 2 3 | 1 0 1 2 2 0

Start training your ear to hear the differences between these different chord extensions.

Adding 9ths to House of the Rising Sun Chords

Am (add 9) C (add 9) D (add 9) F (add 9) Am (add 9)

1

TAB: 0 2 4 1 4 2 | 3 2 0 3 0 2 | 0 2 3 0 3 2 | 3 2 1 3 1 2 | 0 2 4 1 4 2

C (add 9) E7b9 E7b9 Am (add 9) C (add 9)

6

TAB: 3 2 0 3 0 2 | 0 3 1 3 1 3 | 0 1 3 0 3 1 | 0 2 4 1 4 2 | 3 2 0 3 0 2

11

D (add 9)
x x o o

F (add 9)
x x

Am (add 9)
x o o

E7^b9
o x o

-Organ interlude-
Am (add 9)
x o o

16

C (add 9)
x o o

D (add 9)
x x o o

F (add 9)
x x

Am (add 9)
x o o

E7^b9
o x o

21

Am (add 9)
x o o

E7^b9
o x o

Am (add 9)
x o o

Other Chord Examples

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G

G (add 9)

A

A (add 9)

Root Octave 9th

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