5. Chord Qualities

The Five Chord Qualities

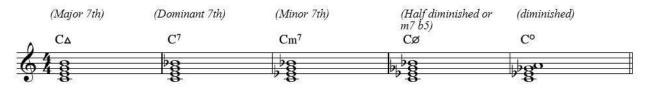
From the previous exercises (scale tone sevenths) we can see that there are four naturally occurring "chord qualities" within a major scale. These are:

- Major 7th
- Dominant 7th
- Minor 7th
- Half-diminished (often called "minor 7, b5)

In addition there is another chord quality which does not occur naturally:

• Diminished 7th - made up of 3 sets of minor 3rds (1,b3,b5, double b7 (or 6))

Fig 13.



Note! These 5 chord qualities can be build upon any degree of the scale

Exercise

Practise the exercise below to become thoroughly familiar with each chord quality in both hands.



Task: Practise the five chord qualities in all twelve keys.

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