

BASIC LEAD SHEET SYMBOLS

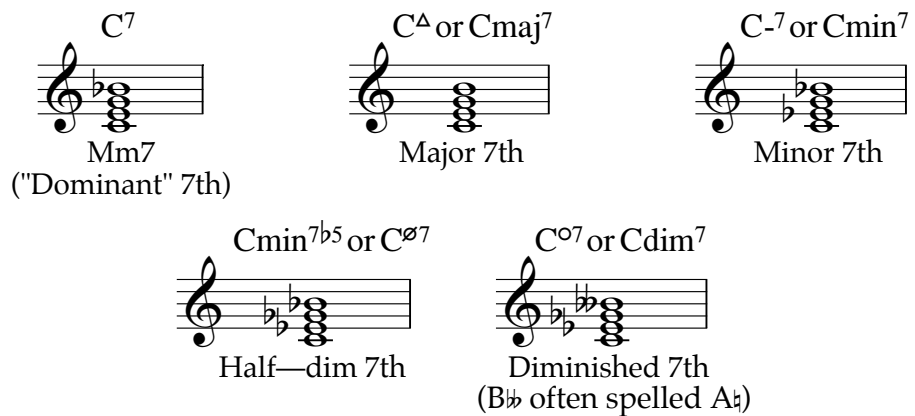
Lead sheet symbols for triads

Lead sheet symbols are written above a melody and indicate the chords to play underneath. They show the root of the chord and the chord quality. For triads, the common chord qualities are major, minor, diminished, and augmented.



Lead sheet symbols for seventh chords

The symbols for seventh chords work similarly:



Vertical and horizontal slashes

A **vertical slash** indicates the note that should be played lowest. A **horizontal slash** indicates one chord on top of another chord (often, two different triads).

