

Rock Chords

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Rock chords (as I like to call them) are abbreviations of fuller chord forms such as open or barred chords. They are useful for rock guitar work, particularly on the electric guitar when a distorted sound is played.

These chords usually contain only two notes but sometimes three can be used.

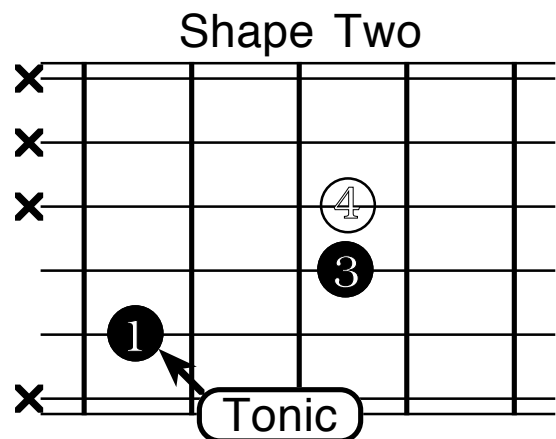
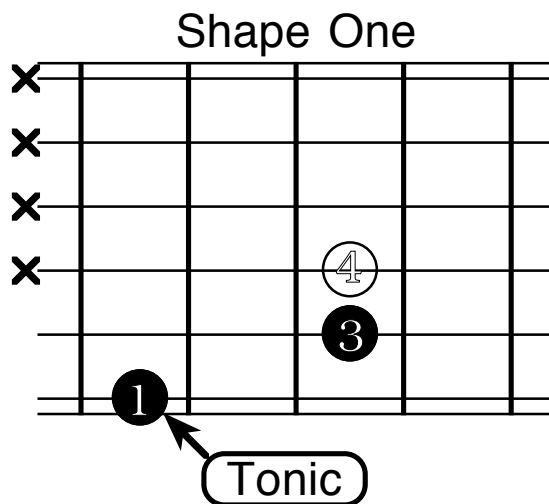
Normally you see these chords referred to as power chords or guitar 5ths.

Two types of Rock chords are shown below:-

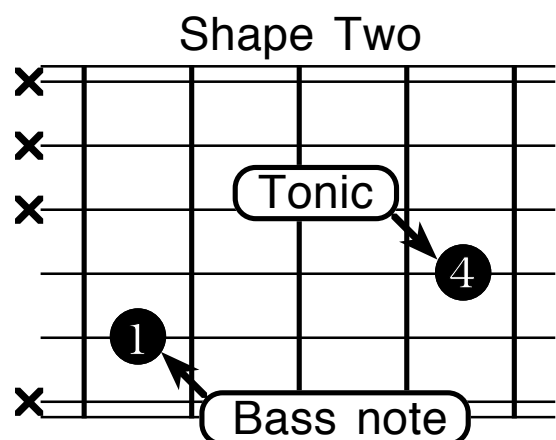
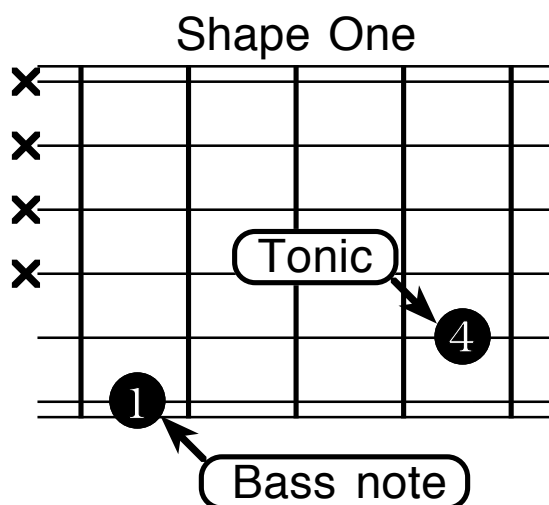
Primary Rock Chords - These are used in place of major and minor chords

Secondary Rock Chords - These are used in place of slash chords (eg. D/F#)

Primary Rock Chords



Secondary Rock Chords



Note that in Secondary Rock Chords finger four is considered a chord even though it is a single note and finger one is the bass note put with the chord.