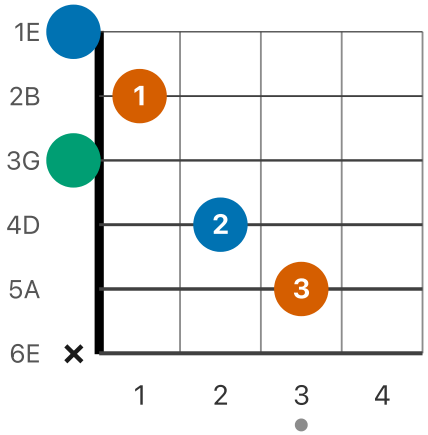
Open chords · Major

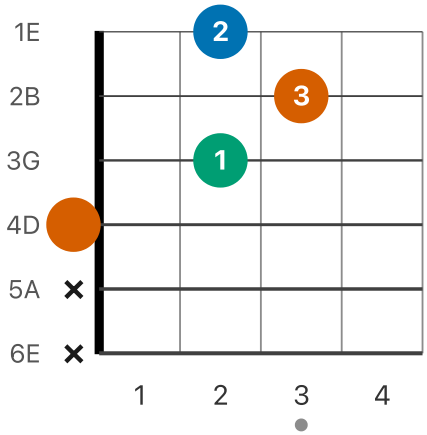
Formula R M3 P5

Bright, stable. The I, IV and V chords in a major key.

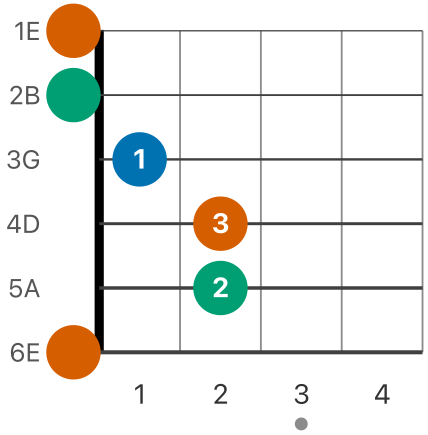
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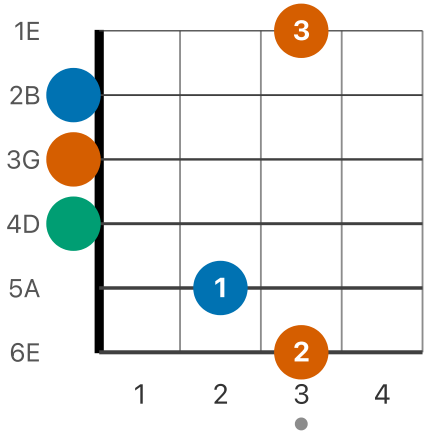
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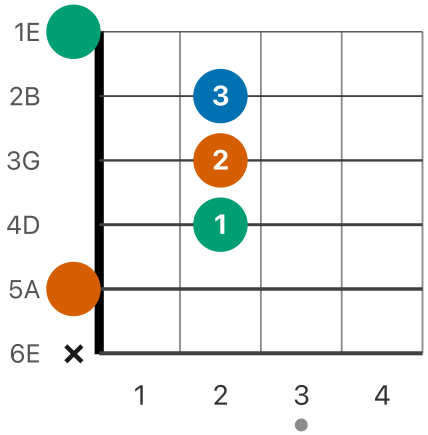
E `022100`



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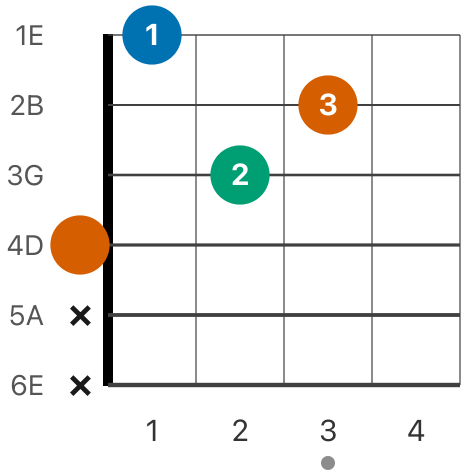
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Open chords · Minor

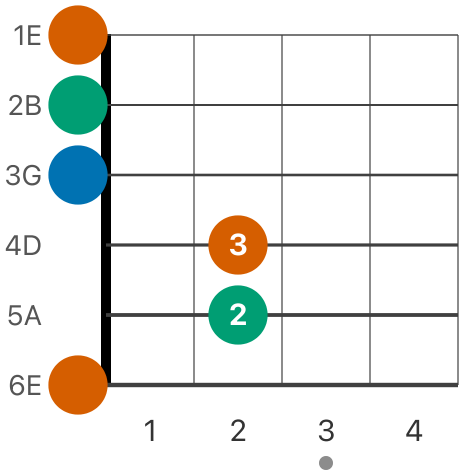
Formula R m3 P5

Darker, sadder. The ii, iii and vi chords in a major key.

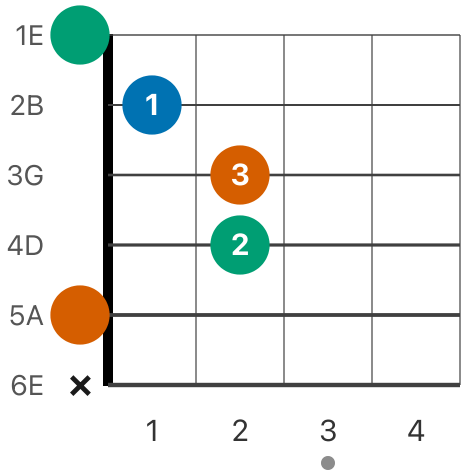
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Em `022000`



Am `x02210`



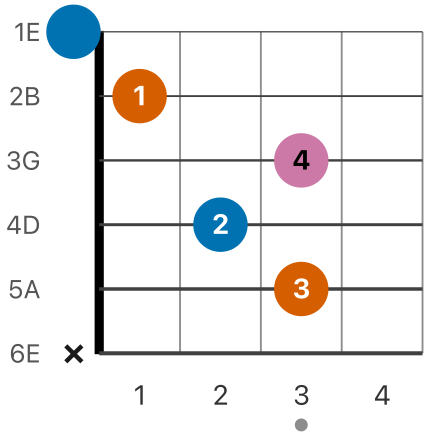
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Open chords · Dominant 7

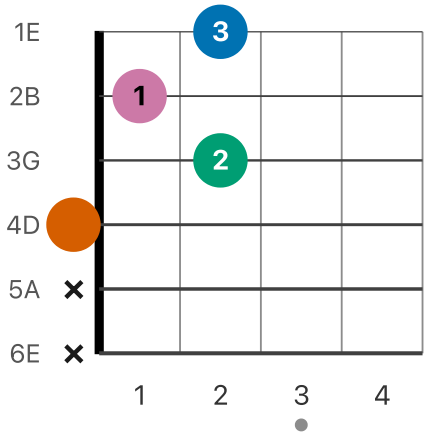
Formula R M3 P5 m7

Bluesy, wants to resolve. The V chord, and every chord in a blues.

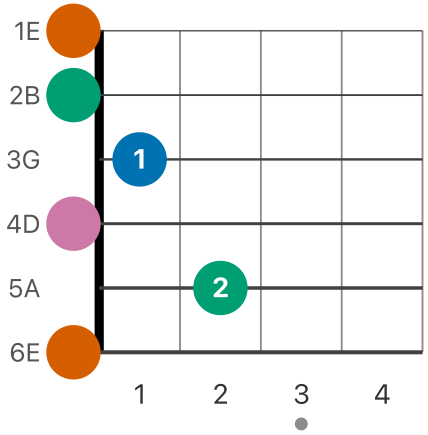
C7 `x32310 (5th left out)`



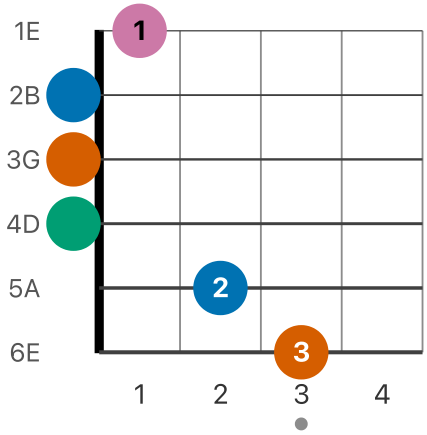
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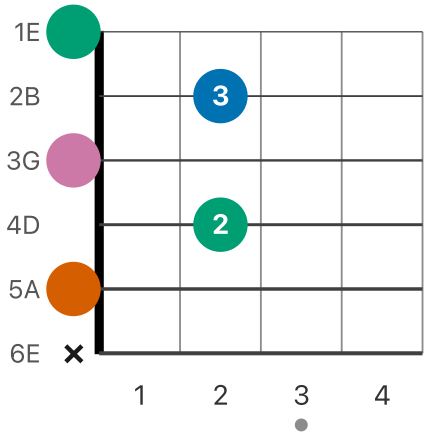
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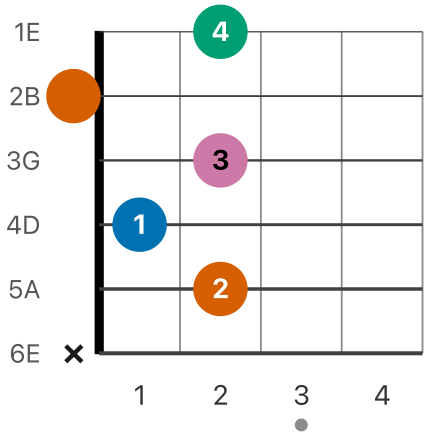
G7 `320001`



A7 `x02020`



B7 `x21202`



Number in the circle = finger: 1 index, 2 middle, 3 ring, 4 pinky. Root 3rd 5th 7th

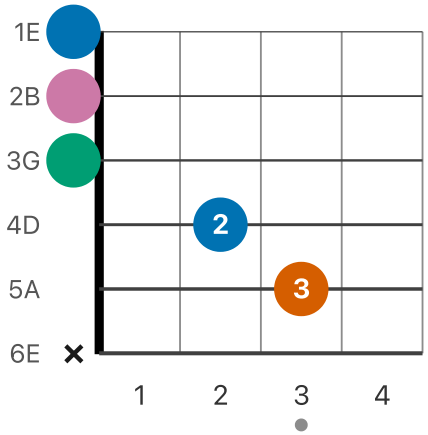
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Open chords · Major 7

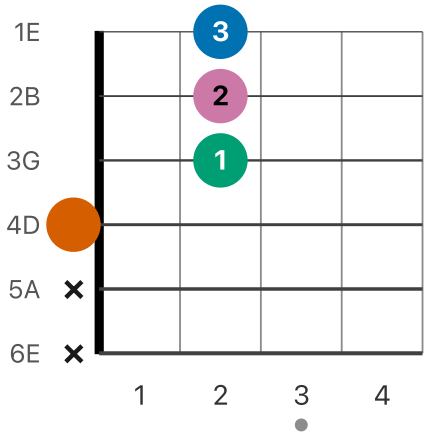
Formula R M3 P5 M7

Smooth and jazzy. The I and IV chords in a major key.

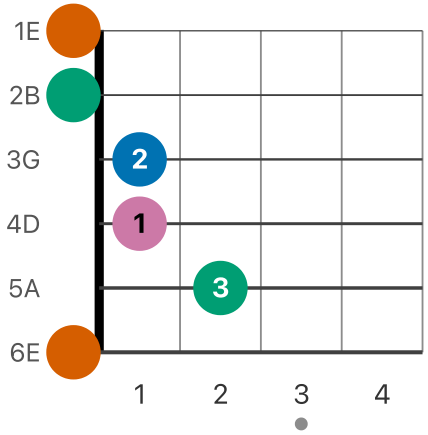
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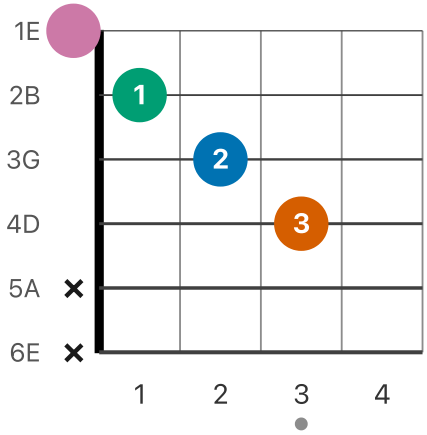
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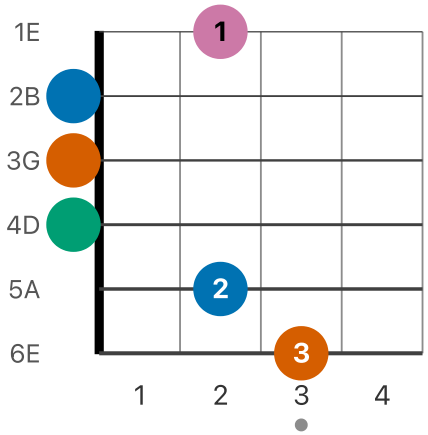
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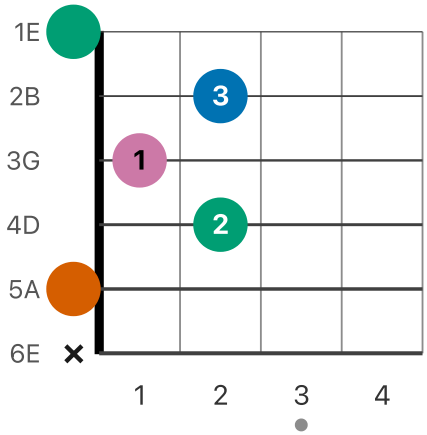
Fmaj7 `xx3210`



Gmaj7 `320002`



Amaj7 `x02120`



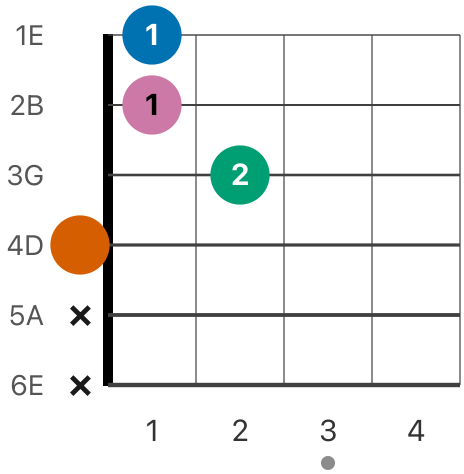
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Open chords · Minor 7

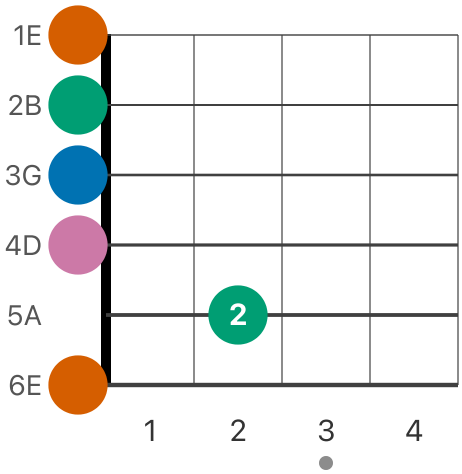
Formula R m3 P5 m7

Mellow minor. The ii, iii and vi chords in a major key.

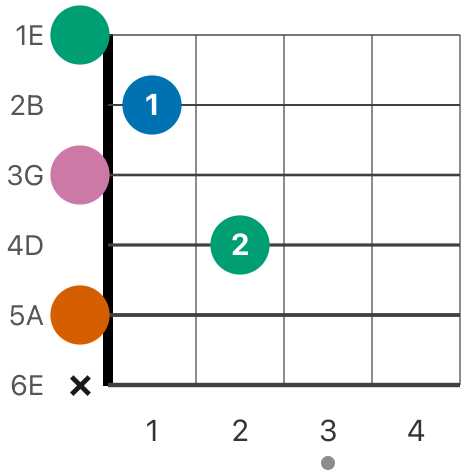
Dm7 `xx0211`



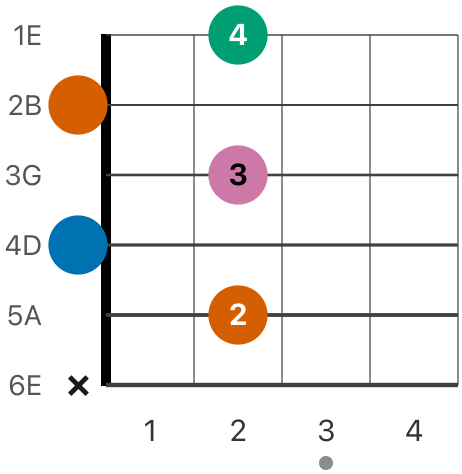
Em7 `020000`



Am7 `x02010`



Bm7 `x20202`



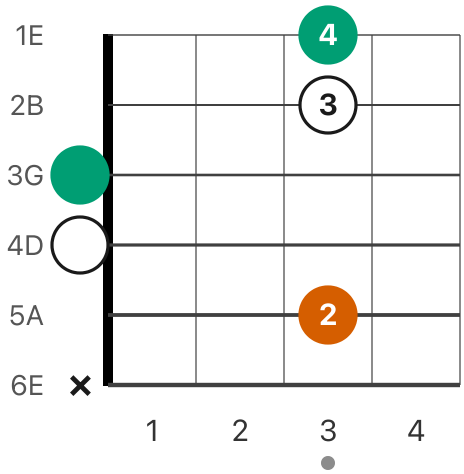
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Open chords · Sus2

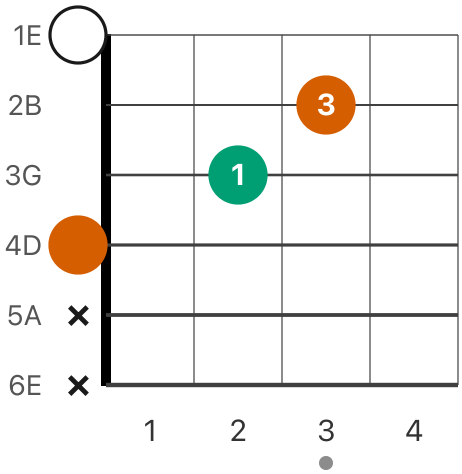
Formula R M2 P5

The 3rd is replaced by the 2nd. Open, neither major nor minor.

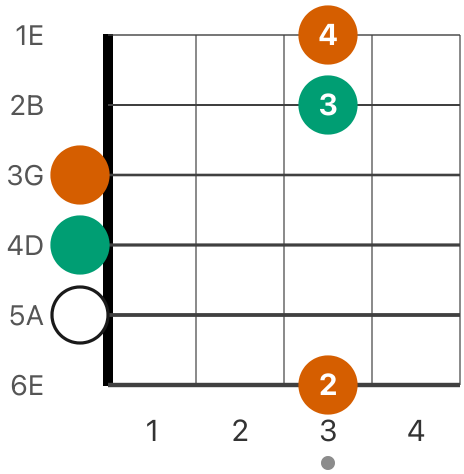
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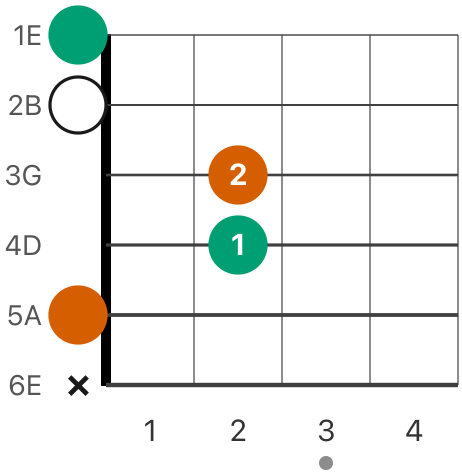
Dsus2 `xx0230`



Gsus2 `300033`



Asus2 `x02200`



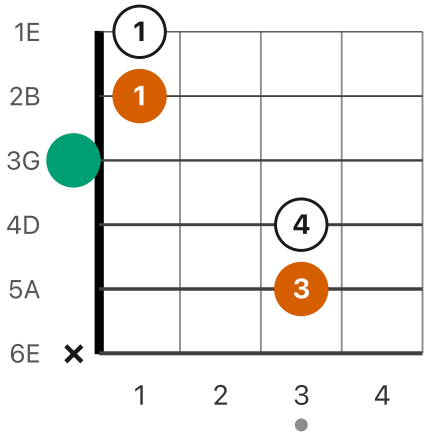
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Open chords · Sus4

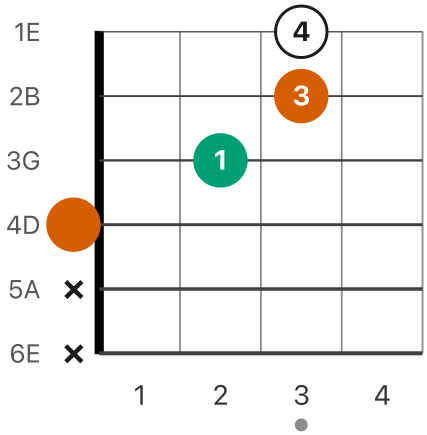
Formula R P4 P5

The 3rd is replaced by the 4th. Tense, wants to resolve to the major chord.

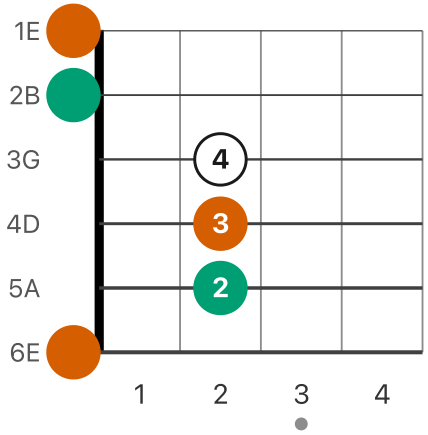
Csus4 `x33011`



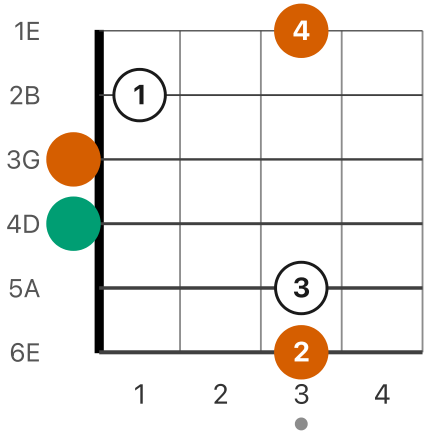
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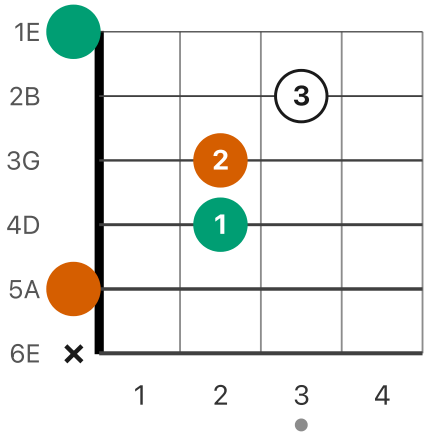
Esus4 `022200`



Gsus4 `330013`



Asus4 `x02230`



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