

# Diminished Triads

The word *diminish* means “to make smaller.”

**Diminished triads** are formed by lowering the 5th of a minor triad one half step.

Cm                      C dim.

Diminished triads in root position have the intervals of a diminished 5th and minor 3rd.

d5                      +                      m3                      =                      dim.

13. Draw a diminished triad after each minor triad. Play these triads.

Cm	C dim.	Fm	F dim.	Gm	G dim.
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Am	A dim.	Dm	D dim.	Em	E dim.
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14. Draw the inversions for each root position diminished triad. Play them.

Root Position	First Inversion	Second Inversion
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C dim.

A dim.