

Harmonies by bass scale degree

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Common harmonies for diatonic chords (most passing chords omitted)

Bass scale degree	Functional bass	Figured bass	Roman numeral
<i>do</i>	T1		I
	S1	4/2	II
<i>re</i>	S2		II
	D2(p)	6/4/(3)	V
		6/(5)	VII
<i>mi/me</i>	T3	6	I III
<i>fa</i>	S4		IV
	D4	6/(5) 4/2	II V
<i>sol</i>	D5	(7) 6/4 6/4	V Cad. or V I (pass.)
	T5(p)		
<i>la/le</i>	S6 Tx6	6	IV VI
<i>te</i>	D7		(b)VII V
<i>ti</i>	D7	6/(5)	V

Common harmonies for chromatically altered chords

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Bass scale degree	Functional bass	Func. bass layer 2	Figured bass	Roman numeral
<i>do</i>	[S1] [T1]	D4/V D5/IV	(#)4/2 (7)	V/V V/IV
<i>di</i>	[T+1]	D7/II	6/(5) (7)	V/II VII/II
<i>re</i>	[S2]	D5/V	(7)	V/V
<i>ri</i>	[D+2]	D7/III	6/(5)	V/III
<i>mi</i> (in minor)	[T+3]	D7/IV	6/(5)	V/IV
<i>fa</i>	[S4]	N.	b6	N.
<i>fi</i>	[S+4]	D7/V	6/(5)	V/V
<i>si</i>	[D+5]	D7/VI	6/(5)	V/VI
<i>le</i>	[S6]	It. Fr. Ger.	#6 #6/4/3 #6/5	It. +6 Fr. +6 Ger. +6
<i>te</i>	[T-7]	D4/IV	(#)4/2	I

Combined chart

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do	T1			I
	S1		4/2	II
	[S1]	D4/V	(#)4/2	V/V
	[T1]	D5/IV	(7)	V/IV
di	[T+1]	D7/II	6/(5) (7)	V/II VII/II
re	S2			II
	D2(p)		6/4/(3) 6/(5)	V VII
	[S2]	D5/V	(7)	V/V
	[D+2]	D7/III	6/(5)	V/III
mi/me	T3		6	I III
mi (in minor)	[T+3]	D7/IV	6/(5)	V/IV
fa	S4			IV
	D4		6/(5) 4/2	II V
	[S4]	N.	b6	N.
	[S+4]	D7/V	6/(5)	V/V
sol	D5		(7) 6/4 6/4	V Cad. or V I (pass.)
	T5(p)			
si	[D+5]	D7/VI	6/(5)	V/VI
la/le	S6		6	IV
	Tx6			VI
la (in minor)	[S6]		6	IV
le	[S6]	It. Fr. Ger.	#6 #6/4/3 #6/5	It. +6 Fr. +6 Ger. +6
te	D7			(b)VII
	[T-7]	D4/IV	6 (#)4/2	V I
ti	D7		6/(5)	V