# Favorable Mating of Quality (Chord Extension \& Such) <br> \& Degree (of the Key) 

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## Major or Dominant 7th Key: for Dominant Type Chords

On I7: Dominants function three main ways here:

1) As V7 of IV. Try all 4 groups, although \#11 types are delicate and troublesome in certain registers and/or voicings. But groups 1, 2, and 4 work wonderfully well.
2) As Tonic dominant color for bluesy color. Groups 1, 2, 3, and 7\#9, 7\#9\#11, 13\#9, 13\#9\#11.
3) As final chord, even in a very 'majory' sounding piece.

On bII7: Group 1, 3 are great in almost all voicings.
Group 2 is trickier.
Group 4: 7\#9, 7\#9\#11, 13\#9, 13\#9\#11 are recommended amongst the altereds.

On II7: $99.9 \%$ of all dominants work here.
On bIII7: Group 1 is smooth \& luxuriant. Group 2's are great for setting up or replacing Group 1's here.
Group 3 can be great when you want to approximate the sound of altered VI7 types. Group 4: b5[\#11] or 13 on top are smoother than \#5. Overall, the Altered's are rougher on bIII7.

On III7: Group 4 is wonderful, but watch out for 13 or 49 on top. Example in key of C :

E9+\F\# soprano or E13b9\C\# soprano to Am7 will work, but they're rougher, less flowingly natural than say, E7\#9+\G soprano and E7b9+\C soprano.
Group 2: Smoothest soprano notes: R, 11, 5, b7, 17th .
Group 1 \& 3: Useable if you remember that 9 \& 13 usually will sound better "buried in the chord" (i.e. not in the soprano).
Ask about the special 'key within a key’ circumstance that changes all this.

## Specific Groups of Dominant Chord Types

Group 1: 7, 9, 13(no9) [7/6], 13 (with 9)
Group 2: 7sus4, 9sus4, [also called $11^{\text {th }}$ ], 13sus4.
Optional: inclusion of ' 3 ’ here. Ask me next time about 3 circumstances.

Group 3: 7\#11, 9\#11, 13\#9,

## Group 4: Altereds:

1) b5 [\#11], \#5, b9, \#9 in 7th chords...any or all of them. Also:
2) $9 \# 5$
3) $11 \mathrm{~b} 5,11 \# 5,11 \mathrm{~b} 9$
4) $13 \mathrm{~b} 9,13 \# 9$

Other much rarer types such as 7\#949 do come in due to melodic needs, but we needn't catalogue them for now; rather, they appear in front of you while you're playing.


