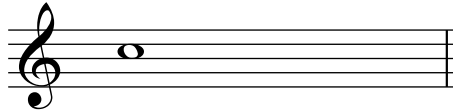


# Key Signatures: a comparison

A comparison of key signatures with the *same* letter name provides a useful tool to more easily recall key signatures.

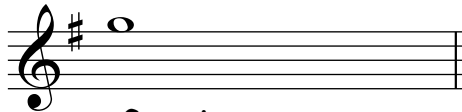
Important tip: The number of accidentals in a major key of the *same letter name* equals 7. For example D major (2 #) plus D $\flat$  major (5 $\flat$ ) = 7. The exception is C $\flat$  major plus C $\sharp$  major.



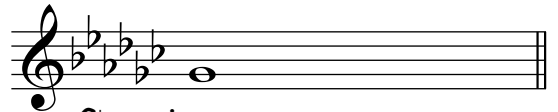
C major  
key signature: 0  
(no accidentals)



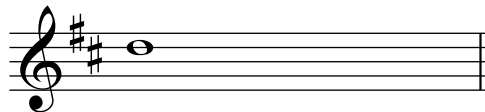
C $\flat$  major  
key signature: 7 $\flat$   
flats: B $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$  D $\flat$  G $\flat$  C $\flat$  F $\flat$



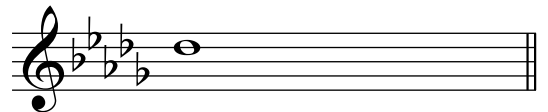
G major  
key signature: 1 $\sharp$   
sharps: F $\sharp$



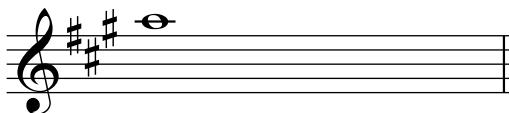
G $\flat$  major  
key signature: 6 $\flat$   
flats: B $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$  D $\flat$  G $\flat$  C $\flat$



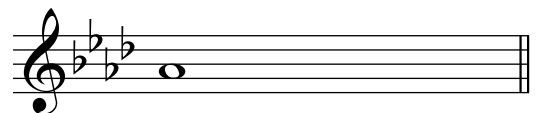
D major  
key signature: 2 $\sharp$   
sharps: F $\sharp$  C $\sharp$



D $\flat$  major  
key signature: 5 $\flat$   
flats: B $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$  D $\flat$  G $\flat$



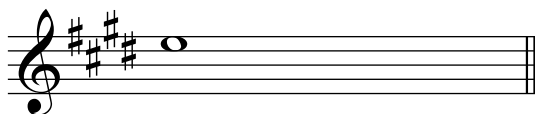
A major  
key signature: 3 $\sharp$   
sharps: F $\sharp$  C $\sharp$  G $\sharp$



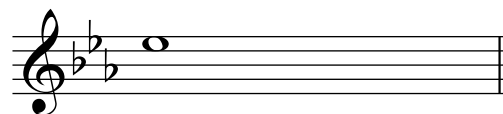
A $\flat$  major  
key signature: 4 $\flat$   
flats: B $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$  D $\flat$

# Key Signatures: a comparison

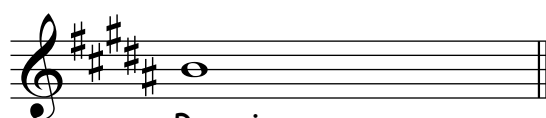
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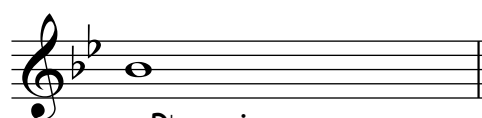
E major  
key signature: 4#  
sharps: F# C# G# D#



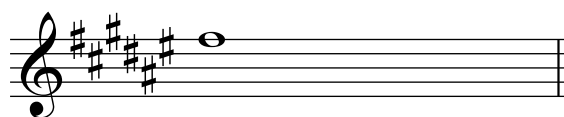
E $\flat$  major  
key signature: 3 $\flat$   
flats: B $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$



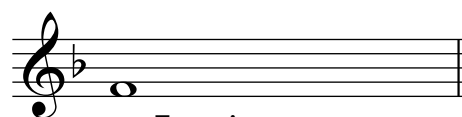
B major  
key signature: 5#  
sharps: F# C# G# D# A#



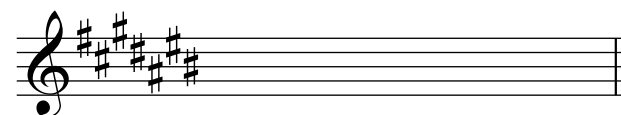
B $\flat$  major  
key signature: 2 $\flat$   
flats: B $\flat$  E $\flat$



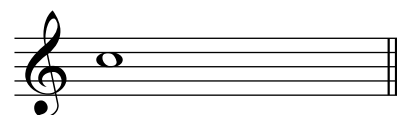
F# major  
key signature: 6#  
sharps: F# C# G# D# A# E#



F major  
key signature: 1 $\flat$   
flats: B $\flat$



C# major  
key signature: 7#  
sharps: F# C# G# D# A# E# B#



C major  
key signature: 0  
(no accidentals)