

Basic Guidelines
For Determining
Major Key Signatures

Sharp always appear in the same order F#,C#,G#,D#,A#,E#,B#

Flats always appear in the same order Bb,Eb,Ab,Db,Gb,Cb,Fb

C Major has no sharps, no flats.

F Major has one flat.

G Major has one sharp.

For all other Major flat keys, the name of the key signature is the same as the second to last flat.

For all Major sharp keys, the name of the key signature is $\frac{1}{2}$ step higher than the last sharp.

Key

G Major
D Major
A Major
E Major
B Major
F# Major
C# Major

Sharps

F#
F#,C#
F#,C#,G#
F#,C#,G#,D#
F#,C#,G#,D#,A#
F#,C#,G#,D#,A#,E#
F#,C#,G#,D#,A#,E#,B#

Key

F Major
Bb Major
Eb Major
Ab Major
Db Major
Gb Major
Cb Major

Flats

Bb
Bb, Eb
Bb, Eb, Ab
Bb, Eb, Ab, Db
Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, Gb
Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, Gb, Cb
Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, Gb, Cb, Fb

Table of Signatures of Sharp Keys.

Number of Sharps:



Names of the Keys:

G D A E B F# C#

Number of Sharps:



Names of the Keys:

G D A E B F# C#

Table of Signatures of Flat Keys.

Number of Flats:



Names of the Keys:

F B \flat E \flat A \flat D \flat G \flat C \flat

Number of Flats:



Names of the Keys:

F B \flat E \flat A \flat D \flat G \flat C \flat