
REPRESENTATION

spine paths — spine path indicators

DESCRIPTION

Spine path indicators are special types of tandem interpretations that permit the encoding of potentially complex spine-path changes in a Humdrum representation.

Humdrum spines may be terminated, added, split, joined, or exchanged. Spine-path indicators consist of a single asterisk, followed by one of five key-letters: the plus sign, the minus sign, the carret, the lower-case letter ‘v’, or the lower-case letter ‘x’.

Note that spine-path indicators cannot appear on the same line with non-spine-path interpretations — such as key signatures or clefs. That is, spine-path indicators cannot be mixed with other tandem or exclusive interpretations on the same records. Several spine-path indicators may share the same record, however.

SIGNIFIERS

The following table identifies all five spine path indicators.

*+	add a new spine
*-	terminate a current spine
*^	split a spine (into two)
*v	join (two or more) spines into one
*x	exchange the position of two spines

Summary of spine paths Signifiers

EXAMPLES

A number of examples of the use of spine path indicators are given in the discussion entitled “Spine Paths” in Section 1 of this manual.

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