DADGAD Irish Guitar Backup – Essential Drone Chords Cheat Sheet (v2)

Tuning: D A D G A D (low → high). Shapes chosen to maximize open-string drone for Irish session backup.

Chord	Fret Pattern (6→1)	Notes / Tips
D	0 0 0 2 0 0	Main tonic chord, full drone
Dsus4	0 0 0 0 0 0	All open strings
G	5 5 0 0 0 5	Strong modal G with drones
G (alt)	5 5 0 0 5 5	Fuller high drone
A7sus4	0 0 2 0 3 0	Classic Irish A tension chord
A	7 0 7 6 0 0	Bright A with open top
Bm7 (drone)	0 2 0 2 0 0	Low■position Bm7 drone shape
Bm (alt)	9 9 0 7 0 0	Higher-position minor color
Em7 (drone)	2 0 2 0 0 0	Low■position Em7 drone shape
Em	2 2 0 0 0 0	Easy modal minor
Em (alt)	2 2 4 0 0 0	Stronger E minor
F#m	4 4 0 2 0 0	Common in D tunes
C	10 10 0 0 0 0	High drone C