

Ten Minute Tech

The 5th String Pentatonic and Blues Scales

Musical notation for the D minor Pentatonic scale starting on the 5th string. The top staff shows the scale in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The notes are G4, Ab4, Bb4, C5, D5. The bottom staff shows the fretboard with strings T, A, B and frets 5, 8, 5, 7, 5, 7, 6, 8, 5, 8, 10. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1, 4, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, 4.

D minor Pentatonic

Here is the same scale as the previous Minor pentatonic scales but now we are starting on the 5th string.

This is also a moveable scale. I.E. if we move the whole thing up 1 fret (so starting on the 6th fret) we get D sharp Minor Pentatonic. If we move it up yet another fret we get E Minor Pentatonic and so on.

Musical notation for a blues scale starting on the 5th string. The top staff shows the scale in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The notes are G4, Ab4, Bb4, C5, D5, Eb5. The bottom staff shows the fretboard with strings T, A, B and frets 5, 8, 5, 7, 5, 7, 6, 8, 5, 8, 10, 10, 8, 5, 8, 6, 7, 5, 7, 5, 8, 5. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1, 4, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, 4, 4, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1, 4, 1.

Just a note- The fingering I have put on the scales above is the way I prefer to play it. If you find the three notes on the high E string too much of a stretch, change it by playing the 8th fret with the 4th finger and sliding it up to the 10th.

