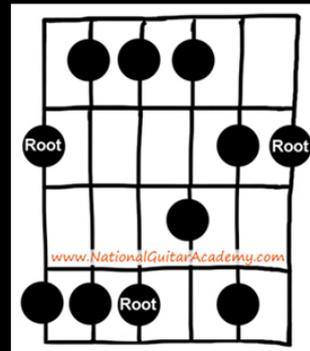
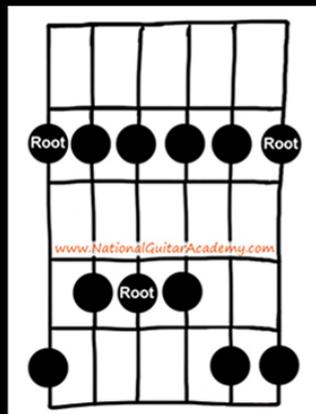
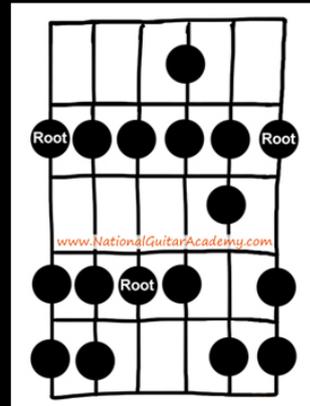
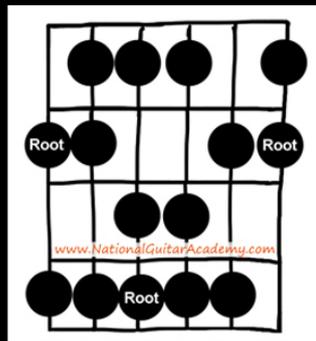


# LEAD GUITAR CHEAT-SHEET

## KEY AND SCALE-FINDER



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## How to use this cheat-sheet in 2 steps:

- 1) Identify the key of the song.  
99% of the time, this will be the first or last chord of the song. Usually those two chords will be the same. If they're not, try step 2 for both options. (One will clearly sound better than the other.)
- 2) In the first column below, find the key that matches the first/last chord of your song. Play any of the scales listed in the second column. Easy!

<b>WHAT'S THE KEY?</b> Use the first and/or last chord in a song to identify this.	<b>SCALES YOU CAN USE TO PLAY LEAD GUITAR IN THIS KEY</b> All of the notes in these scales will sound 'ok'. (Some will sound better than others, but none will sound 'bad'.) This means you can experiment! 😊
A major	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A major</li> <li>• A major pentatonic</li> <li>• F# minor</li> <li>• F# minor pentatonic <b>(Best option for beginners)</b></li> <li>• A minor</li> <li>• A minor pentatonic</li> </ul>
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A# major (AKA: "Bb major") Remember these two things are one & the same! Guitarists generally prefer "Bb".	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bb major</li> <li>• Bb major pentatonic</li> <li>• G# minor</li> <li>• G# minor pentatonic <b>(Best option for beginners)</b></li> <li>• Bb minor</li> <li>• Bb minor pentatonic</li> </ul>
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B minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B minor</li> <li>• B minor pentatonic <b>(Best option for beginners)</b></li> <li>• D major</li> <li>• D major pentatonic</li> </ul>
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C minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C minor</li> <li>• C minor pentatonic <b>(Best option for beginners)</b></li> <li>• Eb major</li> <li>• Eb major pentatonic</li> </ul>
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C# minor (AKA: "Db minor") Remember these two things are one & the same! Guitarists generally prefer "C#".	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C# minor</li> <li>• C# minor pentatonic <b>(Best option for beginners)</b></li> <li>• E major</li> <li>• E major pentatonic</li> </ul>
D major	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D major</li> <li>• D major pentatonic</li> <li>• B minor</li> <li>• B minor pentatonic <b>(Best option for beginners)</b></li> <li>• D minor</li> <li>• D minor pentatonic</li> </ul>
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D# major (AKA: "Eb major") Remember these two things are one & the same!  Guitarists generally prefer "Eb".	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eb major</li> <li>• Eb major pentatonic</li> <li>• C minor</li> <li>• C minor pentatonic <b>(Best option for beginners)</b></li> <li>• Eb minor</li> <li>• Eb minor pentatonic</li> </ul>
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F minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F minor</li> <li>• F minor pentatonic <b>(Best option for beginners)</b></li> <li>• G# major</li> <li>• G# major pentatonic</li> </ul>
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G major	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G major</li> <li>• G major pentatonic</li> <li>• E minor</li> <li>• E minor pentatonic <b>(Best option for beginners)</b></li> <li>• G minor</li> <li>• G minor pentatonic</li> </ul>
G minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G minor</li> <li>• G minor pentatonic <b>(Best option for beginners)</b></li> <li>• Bb major</li> <li>• Bb major pentatonic</li> </ul>
G# major (AKA: "Ab major") Remember these two things are one & the same! Guitarists generally prefer "G#".	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G# major</li> <li>• G# major pentatonic</li> <li>• F minor</li> <li>• F minor pentatonic <b>(Best option for beginners)</b></li> <li>• G# minor</li> <li>• G# minor pentatonic</li> </ul>
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**Remember that scale patterns are MOVEABLE.**

**You can play them anywhere on the fretboard.**

**What decides the tonality of the scale is WHERE you start playing it.**

**Play the first root note (the farthest left root note on the scales shown above) to choose.**

**The notes of the 6<sup>th</sup> string (low E string) are:**

Fret	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Note	F	F#	G	G#	A	Bb	B	C	C#	D	Eb	E

**So if you start playing the major scale pattern on the 7<sup>th</sup> fret you will be playing the B Major Scale.**

**If you start playing the minor scale pattern on the 10<sup>th</sup> fret you will be playing the D Minor Scale.**

**If you start playing the minor pentatonic scale on the 3<sup>rd</sup> fret you will be playing the G Minor Pentatonic Scale.**

**Have fun! 😊**

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