

# ESSENTIAL SCALES FOR LEAD GUITAR

## Minor pentatonic scale all 5 shapes - Key of A minor

### Use alternate picking through out

Standard tuning

♩ = 100

**SHAPE 1**

E-Gt

1 2 3

*mf* V □ V □ V □ V □ V □ V □ V

TAB 5 8 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 8 5 8

4 5 6

□ V □ V □ V □ V □ V □ V □ V □

TAB 5 8 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 8 5

**SHAPE 2**

7 8 9

□ V □ V □ V □ V □ V □ V □ V □ V

TAB 8 10 7 10 7 10 7 9 8 10 8 10

10 11 12

□ V □ V □ V □ V □ V □ V □ V □

TAB 8 10 8 9 7 10 7 10 7 10 8

**SHAPE 3**

13 14 15

□ V □ V □ V □ V □ V □ V □ V □ V □

TAB 10 12 10 12 10 12 9 12 10 13 10 12

**SHAPE 3 - Cont.**

Musical notation for Shape 3 - Cont. (Measures 16-18). The treble clef staff shows notes on the 1st string. The guitar TAB staff shows fret numbers and picking directions (V for downstroke, □ for upstroke).

16	17	18
□	V	□
V	□	V
□	V	□
V	□	V
□	V	□
10	13	10
12	9	12
10	12	10
12	10	12
10	12	10

**SHARP 4**

Musical notation for Sharp 4 (Measures 19-21). The treble clef staff shows notes on the 1st string. The guitar TAB staff shows fret numbers and picking directions (V for downstroke, □ for upstroke).

19	20	21
□	V	□
V	□	V
□	V	□
V	□	V
□	V	□
V	□	V
12	15	12
15	12	15
12	14	12
14	13	15
12	15	12
15	12	15

Musical notation for Sharp 4 (continued) (Measures 22-24). The treble clef staff shows notes on the 1st string. The guitar TAB staff shows fret numbers and picking directions (V for downstroke, □ for upstroke).

22	23	24
□	V	□
V	□	V
□	V	□
V	□	V
□	V	□
V	□	V
12	15	13
14	12	14
12	14	12
15	12	15
12	15	12

**SHAPE 5**

Musical notation for Shape 5 (Measures 25-27). The treble clef staff shows notes on the 1st string. The guitar TAB staff shows fret numbers and picking directions (V for downstroke, □ for upstroke).

25	26	27
□	V	□
V	□	V
□	V	□
V	□	V
□	V	□
V	□	V
15	17	15
17	14	17
14	17	14
17	15	17
15	17	15
17	15	17

Musical notation for Shape 5 (continued) (Measures 28-30). The treble clef staff shows notes on the 1st string. The guitar TAB staff shows fret numbers and picking directions (V for downstroke, □ for upstroke).

28	29	30
□	V	□
V	□	V
□	V	□
V	□	V
□	V	□
V	□	V
15	17	15
17	14	17
14	17	14
17	15	17
15	17	15

# OCTAVE - SHAPE 1

Musical notation for measures 31-33. The top staff shows a treble clef with notes on a single line. Measure 31: notes on lines 1, 2, 3, 4. Measure 32: notes on lines 2, 3, 4, 5. Measure 33: notes on lines 3, 4, 5, 6. Below the staff are guitar tablature lines with fret numbers and picking symbols (square for downstroke, 'v' for upstroke).

31	32	33
□ V □ V	□ V □ V	□ V □ V
17 20 17 19	17 19 17 19	17 20 17 20

Musical notation for measures 34-36. The top staff shows a treble clef with notes on a single line. Measure 34: notes on lines 4, 5, 6, 7. Measure 35: notes on lines 5, 6, 7, 8. Measure 36: notes on lines 6, 7, 8, 9. Below the staff are guitar tablature lines with fret numbers and picking symbols (square for downstroke, 'v' for upstroke).

34	35	36
□ V □ V	□ V □ V	□ V □
17 20 17 19	17 19 17 19	17 20 17