

TRITONE SCALE PATTERN No. 3

ASCENDING "3RDS"

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THE TRITONE SCALE IS CREATED FROM TWO MAJOR TRIADS THAT ARE A TRITONE APART. IN THIS CASE, I'M USING THE G AND D \flat MAJOR TRIADS THAT RESULT IN A HEXATONIC SCALE G-A \flat -B-D \flat -D \sharp -F AND CAN BE USED FOR ALTERED DOM7 LINES OVER BOTH G7 AND D \flat 7. THIS SCALE CAN BE PLAYED IN POSITION ON THE GUITAR USING THREE DISTINCT PATTERNS, OR MODES. THE 1ST MODE PATTERN STARTS ON THE ROOT OF EACH TRIAD, THE 2ND MODE STARTS ON THE THIRD OF EACH TRIAD, AND THE 3RD MODE STARTS ON THE FIFTH OF EACH TRIAD.

TECHNICALLY, THESE ARE NOT ALL 3RDS. THE SEQUENCE IS CONSTRUCTED BY PLAYING THE 1ST NOTE TO THE 3RD, THE 2ND NOTE TO THE 4TH, THE 3RD NOTE TO THE 5TH, ETC., SIMILAR TO HOW YOU WOULD PLAY ANY SEVEN NOTE SCALE (E.G. MAJOR, NATURAL MINOR) IN INTERVALS OF 3RDS.

WITH THE TRITONE SCALE YOU GET A RECURRING INTERVAL SEQUENCE OF M3 - P4 - M3. THE 1ST MODE STARTS WITH A M3, THE 2ND MODE STARTS WITH A M3, AND THE 3RD MODE STARTS WITH A P4. THE INTERVAL STRUCTURE OF EACH MODE IN G IS LISTED BELOW. THE FULL TWO OCTAVE PATTERNS START ON P.2.

M3 P4 M3 M3 P4

1ST MODE - G

T
A
B

3 2 4 2 5 4

M3 M3 P4 M3 M3

2ND MODE - G

T
A
B

7 10 9 8 10 8

P4 M3 M3 P4 M3

3RD MODE - G

T
A
B

10 10 13 11 10 14

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1ST MODE - G

2ND MODE - G

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3RD MODE - G

Musical staff showing a tritone scale pattern in 3rd mode (G). The staff shows a sequence of notes with corresponding fret numbers below it.

Continuation of the tritone scale pattern in 3rd mode (G). The staff shows a sequence of notes with corresponding fret numbers below it.

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1ST MODE - D_b

Musical staff showing a tritone scale pattern in 1st mode (D-flat). The staff shows a sequence of notes with corresponding fret numbers below it.

Continuation of the tritone scale pattern in 1st mode (D-flat). The staff shows a sequence of notes with corresponding fret numbers below it.

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2ND MODE - D \flat

13 16 15 14 16 14 12 | 16 15 12 12 15 13 12 12 | 13 14 12 15 14 13 15

14 13 12 15 13 14 12 12 | 15 13 12 12 16 15 14 12 | 16 16 15 14 13

3RD MODE - D \flat

4 4 7 5 4 8 5 5 | 8 6 5 4 6 6 4 7 | 6 6 7 8 6 4 8 7

6 4 7 8 6 4 7 | 6 6 5 4 8 6 5 5 | 4 8 7 5 4