

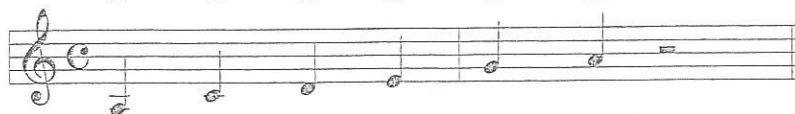
MINOR PENTATONIC SCALES

Scale Degrees: 1 $\flat 3$ 4 5 $\flat 7$ (8)

Intervals:

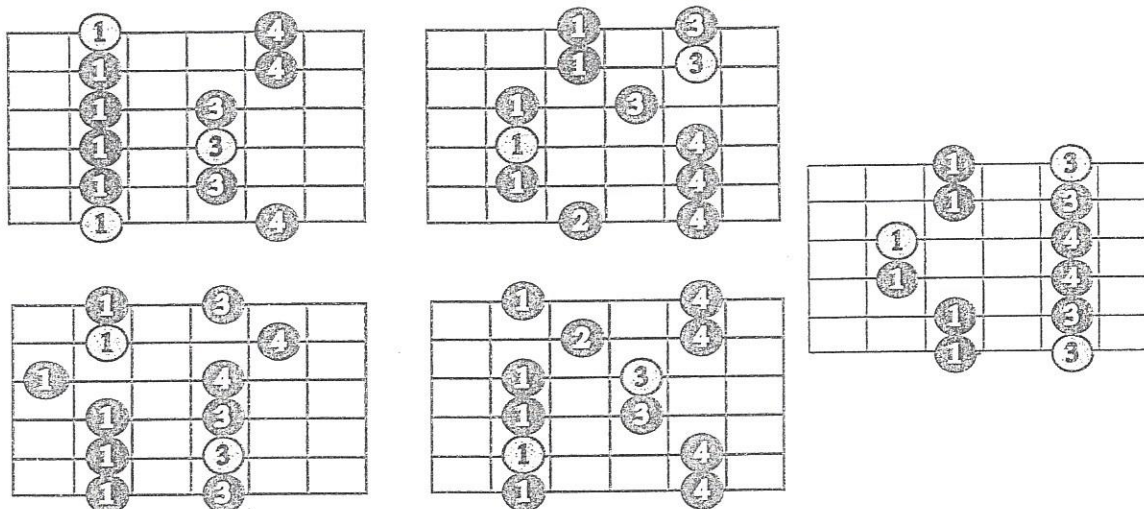
1 1/2 steps whole whole 1 1/2 whole
A C D E G A

Example:
A minor
pentatonic

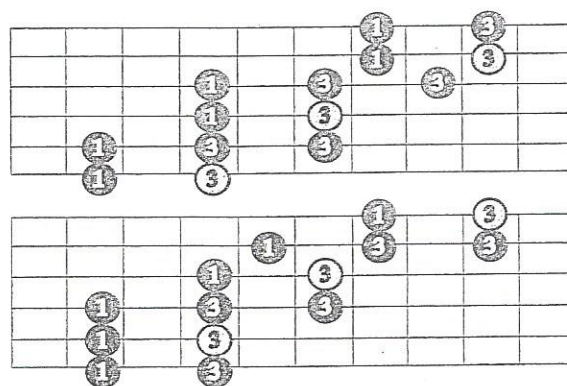


MINOR PENTATONIC SCALE PATTERNS

The gray circles represent the tonic (the note that names the scale).



EXTENDED MINOR PENTATONIC



The minor pentatonic scale is a five-note scale. I like to think of minor pentatonic as a shortened minor scale. The two missing notes make minor pentatonic "always right."

Suggestions for usage: Primarily used over minor chords and tunes in minor keys. Also big over blues tunes in major or minor keys. May be used over any type of music.

Example: A minor pentatonic scale over Am7. Try A minor pentatonic over track 4 and 12 of the *Let's Jam! CD Blues & Rock*. Also try C minor pentatonic over track 9 and Gm pentatonic over track 12 of the *Let's Jam! CD Jazz & Blues*.