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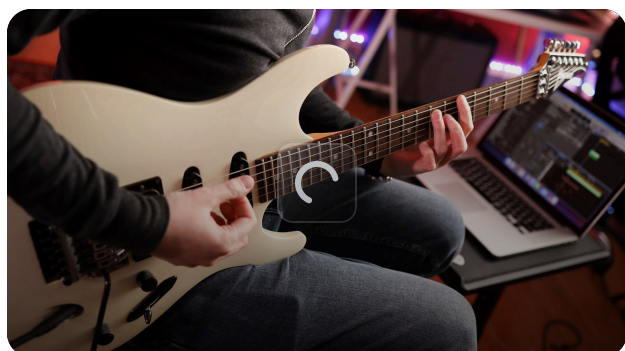
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Dropping The D

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Getting Ready

In this lesson, Dion walks you through exactly how to get your guitar in Drop D tuning. We simply lower the E string by a whole tone to get the lowest string to become a D. The quickest and easiest way to do it without a tuner is to play the D string (3rd string) and then tune the low E string to match the sound! Simple as that! It takes a bit of practice, but once you've done it a few times, you'll have it!

Pinching them harmonics...

As well as getting the low E tuned to D, we will work a little on pinched harmonics. This technique really takes time to get accurate, and we'll help you apply it in the next song! The basic principle is to pluck the string with your pick and the flesh of your thumb at the same time. It is a feeling you'll get used to as you do it. Follow Dion's solid advice as you work through it!



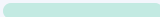

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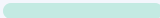

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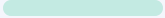

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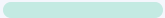

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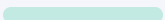

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UNIT 5

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For our final unit we will once again take things up another notch, and teach you two of the most well-known techniques in metal: Drop D tuning & pinched harmonics!

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