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The IV Chord

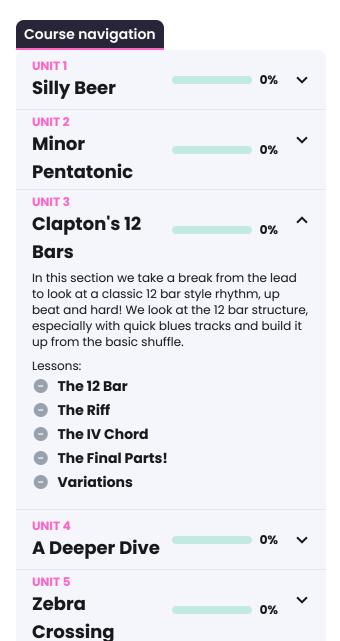
For our 4 chord in the track, we are using a D Dominant 9th chord, which is built as follows:



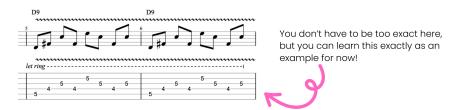
We now have the 5 notes in the chord - D, E, F#, A & C. That means we have our dominant 7th chord (root, 3rd, 5th and b7th) plus our 2nd degree, which is also the 9th if we place it up the octave. When we put all of those notes on the guitar we can get this shape (as one option):



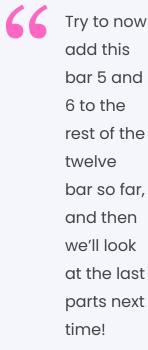
This is therefore a simple extension of the basic dominant 7th chord (root 3rd 5th b7th) which adds a bit of extra colour and fun to the chord! We also arpeggiate the chord to add a bit of extra melodic



value to it, filling out the bar! This is a great shape to learn, and as you can see in this track we change between using that chord arpeggiated as well as the classic shuffle groove on the E and the D.







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