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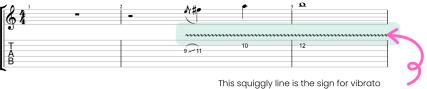
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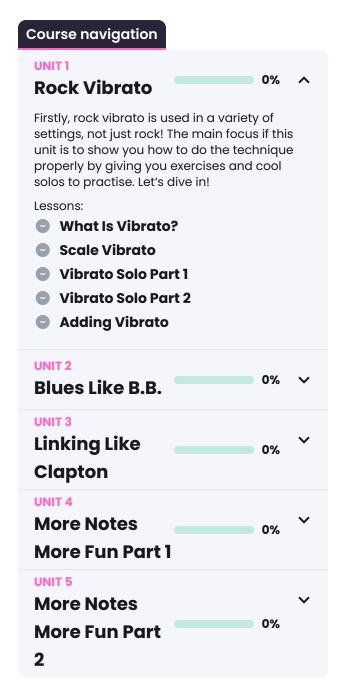
Any good air guitar player knows about vibrato – it is when a guitarist wiggles his wrist to make the note sound 'wobbly'! Vibrato is a crucial technique that helps soften and give real character to your lead guitar playing. Vibrato is essentially varying the pitch of a note by quickly bending it out of tune, then quickly back in tune, repeatedly. Here is what vibrato looks like in tab:



on a piece of tab, so look out for that!



Remember to fret the note as if you were going to bend, then go ahead and rotate the wrist



as if you
were open
a door
knob!
That's the
movement
we're
aiming for!

When it comes to actually perform the vibrato, here is a useful little checklist to help:

Top tips

- Use your third finger to start with, place it on the note (7th fret G string)
- Position your 1st & 2nd fingers on the same string behind your 3rd finger
- Pick the note to make sure it is ringing out properly
- Whilst keeping the note sounding, push the string down very slowly
- Ouickly return to the original note. You then repeat steps 4 & 5 many times!

Before you dive into the next lesson, spend some time exploring this new technique. As you know well by now, all new techniques will feel strange initially, so it's a case of following the instruction until you've built up a little experience with it and have the feeling correct when performing the technique. This

won't happen quickly for sure, but just have a play around with it a little before the next lesson!



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