

# Piano Scales: Vol. 1 - Minor Pentatonic

The minor pentatonic scale is a five-note scale that is often used in blues, rock, and jazz music. It is a very versatile scale that can be used to create a variety of different sounds and moods. In this article, we will discuss the minor pentatonic scale in detail, including its notes, fingering, and uses.

## Notes of the Minor Pentatonic Scale

The minor pentatonic scale consists of the following five notes:



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- Root
- Minor third
- Perfect fourth
- Perfect fifth
- Minor seventh

The intervals between these notes are as follows:

- Root to minor third: minor third
- Minor third to perfect fourth: whole step
- Perfect fourth to perfect fifth: whole step
- Perfect fifth to minor seventh: minor third

## **Fingering the Minor Pentatonic Scale**

The minor pentatonic scale can be fingered in a variety of ways. One common fingering is as follows:

- Root: 1
- Minor third: 2
- Perfect fourth: 3
- Perfect fifth: 4
- Minor seventh: 5

This fingering can be used to play the scale in all 12 keys. However, it is important to note that there are other fingerings that may be more comfortable for some people.

## **Uses of the Minor Pentatonic Scale**

The minor pentatonic scale is a very versatile scale that can be used in a variety of different musical contexts. Some of the most common uses of the minor pentatonic scale include:

- **Blues music:** The minor pentatonic scale is one of the most commonly used scales in blues music. It can be used to create a

variety of different blues licks and solos.

- **Rock music:** The minor pentatonic scale is also a popular choice for rock guitarists. It can be used to create a variety of different rock riffs and solos.
- **Jazz music:** The minor pentatonic scale is often used in jazz music, especially in improvisation. It can be used to create a variety of different jazz licks and solos.

The minor pentatonic scale is a powerful and versatile scale that can be used to create a variety of different sounds and moods. It is a must-have for any musician who wants to play blues, rock, or jazz music.

Below is a chart of the minor pentatonic scale in all 12 keys:

Key	Notes
C minor	C, Eb, F, G, Bb
C# minor	C#, E, F#, G#, Bb
D minor	D, F, G, A, C
D# minor	D#, F#, G#, A#, C#
E minor	E, G, A, B, D
F minor	F, Ab, Bb, C, Eb
F# minor	F#, A, Bb, C#, E

Key	Notes
G minor	G, Bb, C, D, F
G# minor	G#, B, C#, D#, F#
A minor	A, C, D, E, G
A# minor	A#, C#, D#, E#, G#
B minor	B, D, E, F#, A



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