



# Minor Scale

The Minor Scale is a music scale with 7 distinct notes to the octave. Play each scale mode ascending and descending using [alternate picking](#) at a speed at which you can do the entire pattern cleanly.

Here are the 7 modes or patterns:

Minor Scale - Mode 1		
5	7	8
5	6	8
4	5	7
5	7	
5	7	8
5	7	8

Minor Scale - Mode 2		
7	8	10
	8	10
7		9 10
7		9 10
7	8	10
7	8	10

Minor Scale - Mode 3		
8	10	12
	10	12
	9	10 12
	9	10 12
8	10	12
8	10	12

Minor Scale - Mode 4		
10	12	13
10	12	13
10	12	
10	12	14
10	12	14
10	12	13

Minor Scale - Mode 5		
12	13	15
12	13	15
12		14
12		14 15
12		14 15
12	13	15

Minor Scale - Mode 6		
13	15	17
	15	17
	14	16 17
	14	15 17
	14	15 17
13	15	17

Minor Scale - Mode 7		
15	17	19
15	17	18
	16	17
15	17	19
15	17	19
15	17	19

Remember, go for being a clean player. Don't try to go full speed the first time you learn a pattern. Do it slowly and cleanly and build up to a higher tempo once you feel comfortable with the fingering.

Play each note one at a time from left to right from the 6th string to the 1st and then back up. Play each scale pattern ascending and descending using [alternate picking](#) at a speed at which you can do the entire pattern comfortably and clean.

A cool tool you can use to keep your tempo while practicing the different patterns is the [Metronome](#). Experiment at low speeds until you can play the modes cleanly, then increase the speed.