



Pentatonic Scale

The Pentatonic Scale is a music scale with 5 pitches to the octave. "Penta" stands for five and "Tonic" means tone. Practice each scale pattern ascending and descending using [alternate picking](#) at a speed at which you can do the entire pattern cleanly. If you are new with guitar scales, it is wise to start here, as the modes and fingerings are super easy to learn.

Here are the 5 modes or patterns:

Pentatonic Scale - Mode 1	Pentatonic Scale - Mode 2	Pentatonic Scale - Mode 3
5 8	8 10	10 12
5 8	8 10	10 13
5 7	7 9	9 12
5 7	7 10	10 12
5 7	7 10	10 12
5 8	8 10	10 12

Pentatonic Scale - Mode 4	Pentatonic Scale - Mode 5
12 15	15 17
12 13 15	15 17
12 14	14 17
12 14	14 17
12 15	15 17
12 15	15 17

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.