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It is recommended that all the following areas be completed before proceeding to a higher level:

**METHOD BOOK** - Exercises to be completed before evaluation.

**TECHNIQUE** - Includes scales, chords, strumming and other specialized techniques.

**Scales** - From memory, ascending and descending at tempo.

**Chords** - From memory, clear sound with no muting.

**Strumming -** Four measures of pattern, at tempo.

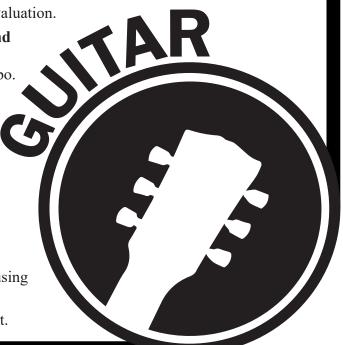
**Specialized Techniques** - Demonstrate from memory.

**SOLO WORK** - Two solos per level - one performed in public and a different solo performed for evaluation. At Level PRIMER and ONE, students may perform their public solo in a rehearsal.

**THEORY -** Completed at level, correlated with Theory M.A.P. form.

**WORSHIP PREP -** Songs performed from a lead sheet using chords and strumming patterns from appropriate level.

**SIGHT-READING** - At grade level, must be 90% correct.



## Guitar Level PRIMER

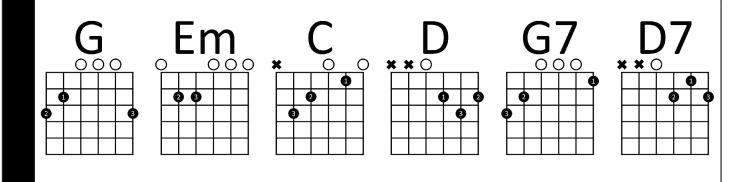
	METHOD BOOK	TECHNIQUE	SOLO WORK
A	* <i>CG 1 -</i> Pages 1-8, * <i>HL 1 -</i> Pages 2-10 (*see below)	*HL 1 - Pages 2-10  Name parts and strings,  1st (F1) and 2nd (R) string notes	
В	<i>CG 1</i> - Pages 9-14, <i>HL 1</i> - Pages 11-16, (3/4 time, pickup notes)	Chord: G, strum (see inside back cover): #1 (D-D-D-D), 3 <sup>rd</sup> (G) and 4 <sup>th</sup> (D) string notes	Focus on finger placement for clear sounding notes
C	<b>CG 1 -</b> Pages 15-20, <b>HL 1 -</b> Pages 22-25	Chord: Em, 5 <sup>th</sup> (A) and 6 <sup>th</sup> (E <sup>6</sup> ) string notes	Perform for Public
D	CG 1 - Pages 21-26, Level PRIMER Scale (see back of student form)	Chord: C, G Major scale	2nd Level PRIMER Solo correct notes and rhythms
E	<b>CG 1 -</b> Pages 27-34	Chord: D, strum: #2 (D-DU-D-D), #3 (D-D-D-DU), review G Major scale	Focus on finger placement for clear sounding notes
F	CG 1 - Pages 35-42, "Standing on the Promises," HL 1 - Pages 17-21, (ties)	Chords: G7 and D7, review G Major scale	Perform for Evaluator

#### **EVALUATIONS BY INSTRUCTORS**

At Levels PRIMER and ONE, instructors may complete student evaluations in group settings.

Solos within the rehearsal setting can be taken from repertoire

being used within your ensemble.



Guitar Level PRIMER Completion:

Evaluator Name

Date



THEORY	INSTRUCTOR INITIALS & DATE	SIGHT READING
excellence in Theory,  Book 1, Pages 2-5 (staff, treble and bass clef)		Title:  Evaluation Score:
Pages 6-9 (ear training, , , measures and barlines, time signatures)		Date:
Pages 10-13		WORSHIP PREP
(counting, $\xi = -$ , time signatures, ear training)		The Contemporary Guitarist Level 1 (p.40)
Pages 14-16 (ledger lines, grand staff)		Play <i>Standing on the Promises</i> from a lead sheet using techniques learned in this level.
(louger lines, grana sami)	//	Evaluator Date Completed
Pages 17-20 (2/4, 3/4, 4/4 counting, J. ties vs. slurs)		COMMENTS
Page 21 (ear training) Level PRIMER Test	//	
	SONGS/SO	DLOS
Public Solo Title:		Date Completed://
Evaluation Solo Title:_		Date Completed://
	Recommended Level	PRIMER Solos
PUBLIC SOLOS  Hal Leonard Guitar Method B  Ode to Joy (page 10)  Au Clair de la Lune (page 13)  Amazing Grace (page 20)	Book 1 Ha	WALUATION SOLOS al Leonard Guitar Method Book 1 then the Saints Go Marching In (page 21) shua Fought the Battle of Jericho (page 23) reensleeves (page 23)

# Guitar Level ONE

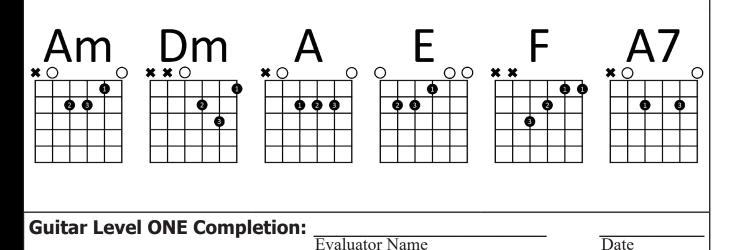
	METHOD BOOK	TECHNIQUE	SOLO WORK
A	* <b>CG 1 -</b> Pages 45-56 (*see below)	Chords: Am, Dm	1st Level ONE Solo correct notes and rhythms
В	*HL 1 - Pages 26-27(*see below), (whole/half steps, key signatures), Level ONE Scales (see back of student form)	G Major scale - pattern 1 (E shape)	Focus on finger placement for clear sounding notes
C	<b>CG 1 -</b> Pages 57-62	Chord: A, strum (see inside back cover): #4 (D-DU-D-DU), review G Major scale - pattern 1	Perform for Public
D	CG 1 - Pages 63-66, HL 1 - Pages 28-33, (whole, half and quarter rests; eighth notes)	Chord: E, strum: #5 (DU-DU-DU-DU), #6 (D-DU-DU-DU) review G Major scale - pattern 1	2nd Level ONE Solo correct notes and rhythms
E	CG 1 - Pages 67-82, (3/4 time review) Level ONE Scales	Chord: F, strum: #24 (D-D-DU), #25 (D-DU-D), G Major scale - pattern 2 (D shape)	Focus on finger placement for clear sounding notes
F	CG 1 - Pages 83, "Fountain/Doxology," HL 1 - Pages 40-47	Chord: A7, review G Major scale pattern 1 & 2	Perform for Evaluator

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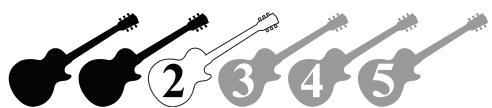




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THEORY	INSTRUCTOR INITIALS & DATE	SIGHT READING
excellence in Theory, Book 1, Pages 22-25 (IT 7 L)		Title:  Evaluation Score:
Pages 26-29 (ear training, sharps, flats)		Date:
Pages 30-34		WORSHIP PREP
(naturals, accidentals, half and whole steps, ear training, enharmonics)		The Contemporary Guitarist Level 1 (p.85)
Pages 35-37 (tetrachords, major scales, ear training)		Play <i>Fountain / Doxology</i> from a lead sheet using techniques learned in this level.  Evaluator  Date Completed
Pages 38-41 (scale degrees, sharp scales, flat scales)		COMMENTS
Pages 4 and 14 (bass clef and ledger lines) Level ONE Test		
	SONGS/	SOLOS
Public Solo Title:		Date Completed://
Evaluation Solo Title:_		Date Completed://
	Recommended L	evel ONE Solos
		EVALUATION SOLOS Hal Leonard Guitar Method Book 1
Shenandoah (page 27)		This Train (page 36) Simple Gifts (pages 38-39) Can be played as a duet! Minuet in G (pages 42-43) Can be played as a duet!

# Guitar Level TWO

	METHOD BOOK	TECHNIQUE	SOLO WORK		
A	*CG 2 - Pages 3-20 (*see below), (sharps and flats)	Chords: A, A2, Asus, D, D2, Dsus, C, C2, strum (see inside back cover): # 14 (D-DU-mU-D)	1st Level TWO Solo correct notes and rhythms		
В	*HL 2 - Pages 16-19 (*see below),  Level TWO Scales  (see back of student form)	Chords: E5, A5, D5, TAB, G Major scale - pattern 3 (C shape)	Focus on finger placement for clear sounding notes		
C	CG 2 - Pages 21-38,  HL 2 - Pages 2-7, (dotted quarter notes, eighth rest, syncopation),  Level TWO Scales	Chords: Am, Am7 barre types, Chromatic scale, review G Major scale - pattern 3	Perform for Public		
D	CG 2 - Pages 39-48, Level TWO Scales	Chords: Em, Em7 barre types, G Major scale - pattern 4 (A shape), review pattern 3 and chromatic scales	2nd Level TWO Solo correct notes and rhythms		
E	CG 2 - Pages 49-56, "A Story to Tell," HL 2 - Pages 24-27	Chord: Esus, finger picking, review patterns 3, 4 and chromatic scales	Focus on finger placement for clear sounding notes		
F	Level TWO Scales	G Major scale - pattern 5 (G shape), review patterns 3, 4 and chromatic scales	Perform for Evaluator		
	EVALUATOR	EVALUATOR	EVALUATOR		
	A2 Asus D2 Dsus C2 E5 A5				
	D5 Cm		Sm7 Esus		
	Guitar Level TWO Completion:  Evaluator Name  Date				
	*CG 2 = The Contemporary Guitarist Level 2 *HL 2 = Hal Leonard Guitar Method Book 2				



THEORY	INSTRUCTOR INITIALS & DATE	SIGHT READING
excellence in Theory, Book 2, Pages 5-6 (key signatures, sharp keys)		Title:
Pages 7-8 (key signatures, flat keys)		Evaluation Score:  Date:
Pages 9-13 (Major key signatures, circle of fifths and fourths)		WORSHIP PREP  The Contemporary Guitarist Level 2 (pp.54-55)
Pages 14-19 (chromatic scale, repeat signs, 1st and 2nd endings, coda)		Play <i>A Story to Tell</i> from a lead sheet using techniques learned in this level.  Evaluator  Date Completed
Pages 20-24 (dynamics, articulation, tempo markings, ear training)		COMMENTS
Pages 25-29 (A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A		
EVALUATOR		SOLOS
	Public Solo Title: Evaluation Solo Title:	Date Completed://  Date Completed://
	Recommended L	evel TWO Solos
PUBLIC SOLOS  Hal Leonard Guitar Method I		EVALUATION SOLOS Hal Leonard Guitar Method Book 2
Angels We Have Heard on High (page 11)		Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (page 25) Mel. & Acc. Scarborough Fair (page 26) Mel. & Acc. The Water Is Wide (page 27) Mel. & Acc.

# Guitar Level THREE

	METHOD BOOK	TECHNIQUE	SOLO WORK		
A	*CG 2 - Pages 57-66 (*see below)	Chords: A barre types	1st Level THREE Solo correct notes and rhythms		
В	CG 2 - Pages 67-78, Guitar Scales (online)	Chords: E barre types, C Major scale (all 5 patterns)	Focus on finger placement for clear sounding notes		
C	CG 2 - Pages 79-86, Guitar Scales (online)	Using a CAPO, F Major scale (all 5 patterns)	Perform for Public		
D	CG 2 - Pages 87-95, "Unfailing Love," *HL 2 - Page 34 (*see below)	Chord: B7, review C and F Major scales (all 5 patterns)	2nd Level THREE Solo correct notes and rhythms		
E	HL 2 - Pages 36-37, (triplets), Guitar Scales (online)	G Major scale (all 5 patterns)	Focus on finger placement for clear sounding notes		
F	<b>HL 2 -</b> Pages 42-46	Chords: movable power chords, palm muting, review C, F and G Major scales (all 5 patterns)	Perform for Evaluator		
	EVALUATOR	EVALUATOR	EVALUATOR		
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	C G  *  (A Barre)  (E Barre)	B7 * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	Bb5  ****  ***  ***  **  **  **  **  **		
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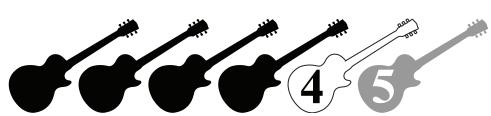
THEORY	INSTRUCTOR INITIALS & DATE	SIGHT READING
excellence in Theory, Book 3, Pages 2-4 (intervals, harmonic and melodic intervals)		Title:  Evaluation Score:
Pages 5-7 (intervals, perfect and major intervals, ear training)		Date:
Pages 8-10 (minor intervals, major and		WORSHIP PREP
perfect intervals, ear training)	//	The Contemporary Guitarist Level 2 (pages 57-95)
Pages 11-13 (augmented and diminished intervals, review other intervals, ear training)	s 11-13 and diminished review other  / Play Unfailing Love and another s	
Pages 14-18 (3/8, 6/8, 9/8, 12/8, 2/2, cut time, ear training)		learned in this level.
Pages 19-22		Unfailing Love Date Completed
(all triads) Level THREE Test	//	Song Title Date Completed
<b>EVALUATOR</b>		SOLOS
	Public Solo Title:	Date Completed://
//	Evaluation Solo Title:	Date Completed:/
	Recommended Le	evel THREE Solos
PUBLIC SOLOS Hal Leonard Guitar Method I	Book 2	EVALUATION SOLOS Hal Leonard Guitar Method Book 2
Row, Row, Row Your Boat (p	page 30)	We Three Kings (page 34)

Row, Row, Row Your Boat (page 30) Man of Constant Sorrow (page 30) Wildwood Flower (page 31)

We Three Kings (page 34)
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (page 36)
Grand Finale (pages 46-47)

# Guitar Level FOUR

	METHOD BOOK	TECHNIQUE	SOLO WORK		
A	*CG 3 - Pages 3-6, *HL 3 - Pages 14-19 (*see below)	*HL 3 - Pages 14-19 review E, Em, and A, Am barre,			
В	CG 3 - Pages 7-16, HL 3 - Pages 6-11, (2/4 time, dotted eighths, cut time), Guitar Scales (online)	Alternate bass note chords: D/F#, G/B, C/E, E/G#, A/C#, E and D Major scales (all 5 patterns)	Focus on finger placement for clear sounding notes		
C	CG 3 - Pages 57-66, Guitar Scales (online)	Arpeggios, TAB, Finger picking review, F and B Major scales (all 5 patterns)	Perform for Public		
D	HL 3 - Pages 20-22, Guitar Scales (online)	Travis picking, C#/Db and A#/Bb Major scales (all 5 patterns)	2nd Level FOUR Solo correct notes and rhythms		
E	CG 3 - Pages 27-40, "You Alone," Guitar Scales (online)	Power chord review, G#/Ab and D#/Eb Major scales (all 5 patterns)	Focus on finger placement for clear sounding notes		
F	CG 3 - Pages 41-54, Guitar Scales (online)	F#/Gb Major Scale (all 5 patterns)	Perform for Evaluator		
	EVALUATOR	EVALUATOR	EVALUATOR		
	D/F# G/B C/E E/G# A/C#  T = Thumb				
	Guitar Level FOUR Completion:  Evaluator Name  Date				
	*CG 3 = The Contemporary Guitarist Level 3 *HL 3 = Hal Leonard Guitar Method Book 3				



THEORY	INSTRUCTOR INITIALS & DAT	E SIGHT READING
excellence in Theory, Book 3, Pages 23-24 (triads in major scales, ear training)		Title:  Evaluation Score:
Pages 25-27 (minor scales, relative keys, forms of minor scales)		Date:
Pages 28-29 (triads in minor scales,		WORSHIP PREP
ear training)	//	The Contemporary Guitarist Level 3 (pages.3-54)
Pages 30-32 (common chord progressions in major keys, harmonizing melodies)		Play <i>You Alone</i> and another song from a lead sheet using open chords, power chords, and
Pages 33-34 (common chord progressions in minor keys, harmonizing melodies)		techniques learned in this level.  You Alone  Date Completed
Pages 35-38 (V7 chord, harmonizing with V7, ear training) Level FOUR Test		You Alone Date Completed  Song Title Date Completed
EVALUATOR		SOLOS
	Public Solo Title:	Date Completed://
//	Evaluation Solo Title:	Date Completed://
	Recommended L	Level FOUR Solos
<b>PUBLIC SOLOS</b> Hal Leonard Guitar Method E	Book 3	EVALUATION SOLOS Hal Leonard Guitar Method Book 3
The Entertainer (page 11) In the Hall of the Mountain King (page 12)		Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child (page 21) Freight Train (page 22)

# Guitar Level FIVE

	METHOD BOOK	TECHNIQUE	SOLO WORK	
A	*CG 3 - Pages 45-54, *HL 3 - Page 31 (*see below)	Strum (see inside back cover): #32 (Ddd-Ddd), #33 (Ddud-Ddud), #34 (Ddudu-Ddudu)	1st Level FIVE Solo correct notes and rhythms	
В	CG 3 - Pages 55-66, Guitar Scales (online)	CAPO Technique # 2, all 12 minor scales (all 5 patterns)	Focus on finger placement for clear sounding notes	
C	<b>CG 3 -</b> Pages 67-84, <b>HL 3 -</b> Pages 32-35	Chords: maj7, m7, Dominant 7, articulation, slides, hammer-ons, pull-offs, and string bends	Perform for Public	
D	CG 3 - Pages 85-104, Guitar Scales (online)	Chords: Dominant 9, maj9, chord substitutions in E, all 12 melodic minor scales (all 5 patterns)	2nd Level FIVE Solo correct notes and rhythms	
E	HL 3 - Pages 36-38, (jam session styles)	More chord substitutions (see end of student form)	Focus on finger placement for clear sounding notes	
F	CG 3 - Pages 105-126, "Psalm 139," HL 3 - Pages 36-38, Guitar Scales (online)	Alternate and drop D tunings, all 12 harmonic minor scales (all 5 patterns)	Perform for Evaluator	
	EVALUATOR	EVALUATOR	EVALUATOR	
	Major 7 <sup>th</sup> Major 7 <sup>th</sup> (E string root) (A string root)	Minor 7 <sup>th</sup> Dominant 7th (E string root) (E string root)	Dominant 9th Major 9th	
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	Minor 7 <sup>th</sup> Power Chord A2 E(no 3rd) C#m  Chord			
	Guitar Level FIVE Completion:  Evaluator Name  Date			



THEORY	INSTRUCTOR INITIALS & DATE	SIGHT READING			
Handouts 5-A Inversions of Triads and Dominant Seventh Chords		Title:			
Handouts 5-B Harmonic Analysis and Secondary Dominants		Evaluation Score:  Date:			
excellence in Theory, Book 3, Pages 39-40 (composing a melody, various assignments)		WORSHIP PREP  The Contemporary Guitarist Level 3  (pages 45-126)			
Handout 5-D Solo Composition		Play <i>Psalm 139</i> and another song from a lead sheet using drop-D tuning and techniques			
Handout 5-E Vocal Arrangement		learned in this level.			
Handout 5-F Brass Arrangement		Psalm 139 Date Completed  Song Title Date Completed			
EVALUATOR		SOLOS			
	Public Solo Title:	Date Completed:/			
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	Recommended Level FIVE Solos				
		EVALUATION SOLOS Hal Leonard Guitar Method Book 3			
Miss McLeod's Reel (page 25) God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen (page 26)		Bluegrass Run (page 34) Grand Finale (pages 38-39)			

#### TIPS FOR LEARNING SCALES

#### Play scales slowly – <u>PERFECT</u> practice makes perfect.

Play the scale slowly, so you don't develop bad habits. Play it five times perfectly at a very slow speed, then start to speed it up little by little.

#### Use your finger tips.

Do not let your fingers fold or lay flat, use the tips the whole time.

#### Learn the patterns (shapes) one at a time.

It is very important that you learn all five scale patterns, however learn one at a time and make music with it. Use these five steps below to learn a scale pattern before moving on to another scale:

#### **Step 1: Up and Down**

The first step in playing a scale is to play the pattern up and down repeatedly without stopping. Start slowly and do this with a metronome, keeping all notes even. Listen to the dynamics (the loudness or softness of the music) of each note, and keep the sound consistent between all notes. Lastly, don't move on until you can play the scale five times perfectly in a row.

#### **Step 2: Random Direction Changes**

After Step 1, it is time to start changing directions at random. Start this slower than your speed for Step 1 and make sure that you play continuously. Play the scale up and down changing the direction of the scale randomly. Don't pause or skip notes.

For example:



#### **Step 3: Random Notes**

Play random notes from the scale, and play notes ONLY from the scale. Keep the notes evenly timed, explore skipping strings, and jumping from very low notes to very high notes. This will help you memorize the pattern of the scale.

For example:



#### **Step 4: Play in Thirds**

Play the scale in thirds, by playing a note, skipping the next note and then playing the third one. Then go back to the note you skipped, and go up a third again (skip a note...).

For example:



#### **Step 5: Four in a Line**

Start on the first note of the scale and play up four notes. Then start on the second note and play up four notes again. Continue this pattern up the scale and then back down again.

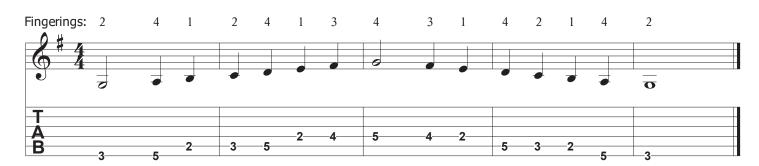
For example:



### **GUITAR SCALES**

### **Level PRIMER**

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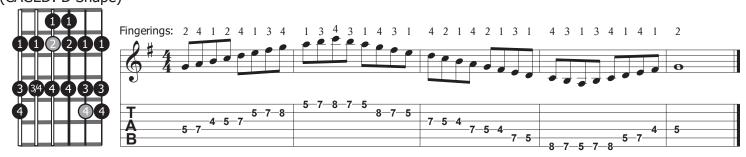


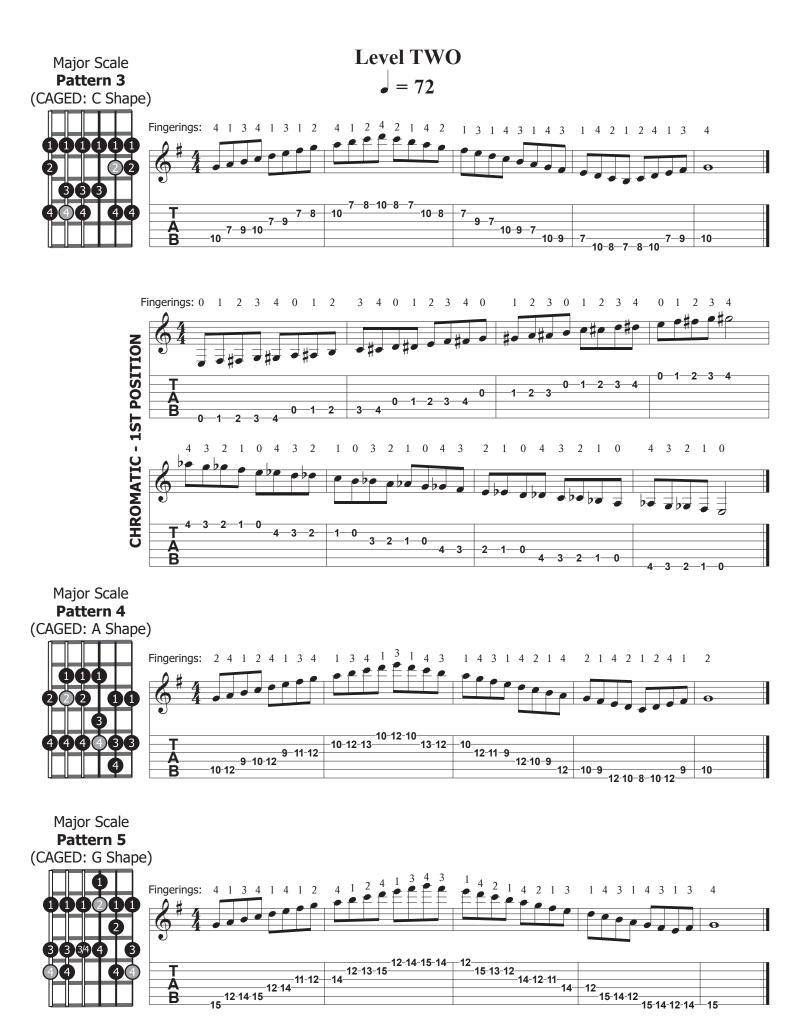
- **O**= Root note
- **1** = 1st finger/index
- **2**= 2nd finger/middle
- **3** = 3rd finger/ring
- **4** = 4th finger/pinky



Major Scale **Pattern 2** 

(CAGED: D Shape)





### **MORE CHORD SUBSTITUTIONS**

(IN E MAJOR AND BEYOND)

These chord substitutions are a way of playing chords that allow you to keep common tones, like the high b and e strings, sounding while playing through a chord progression. These chords take full advantage of the open strings of the guitar, which produces a warm rich sound favorable for worship. The chords of the major scale are indicated by the Roman numerals on the chart below. For this example, we are in the key of E Major, so the "I" chord is E, the "ii" chord is F#m, the "I/3 or I<sup>6</sup>" (first inversion) is E2/G# - this can be substituted for the "iii" chord, the "IV" chord is A, the "V" chord is B, the "vi" chord is C#m, the "bVII" (flat seven) is D2 and the "I5" (one five) chord is E5. These chords substitutions can also be played in multiple keys using a capo. Explore the use of these chords with songs you already know - you will find that these chord substitutions are a helpful tool to keep in your arsenal of guitar techniques.

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Open	Е	F#m	E2/G#	A	В	C#m	D2	E5	
Capo 1st fret	F	Gm	F2/A	Bb	C	Dm	Eb2	F5	
Capo 3rd fret	G	Am	G2/B	C	D	Em	F	G5	
Capo 4th fret	Ab	Bbm	Ab/C	Db	Eb	Fm	Gb	Ab5	
Capo 5th fret	A	Bm	A/C#	D	Е	F#m	G	A5	

### STRUM LIBRARY

D or d = down strum

U = up strum

(md) = miss down strum

