Virtually everyone rock guitarist aspires to be able to play like Eddie Van Halen. Legendary for his finger tapping skills, his ability as an all-round musician and producer means there’s more to his playing than pure speed. His ability to create melodic guitar riffs and solos is easily illustrated when listening to the intro to Ain’t Talkin’ Bout Love. Listen to it once and you’ll be impressed………..listen to it twice……..and you’ll be humming it……and before long, with a bit of practice you’ll be playing it.

In the key of A and based around the Am and G chord shapes, the main body of the riff encompasses some palm muting, string skipping and bends, which, when played accurately, makes you immediately sound like a rock god. Of course a loud amp and plenty of distortion will definitely help your cause.

Combine this with the note slides and vibrato played on the G string and you have a riff that encompasses several essential lead guitar techniques. Well, ironically, except finger tapping that is.
Easy Soloing
Jamming in the Eminor Pentatonic

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The Eminor Pentatonic scale in the open position (or position 1). Taken from Guitar Toolkit. To grab your copy of this great App, simply click on the image above.
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Positions & Licks
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The Scale

The Eminor Pentatonic scale in the open position (position 1). Image from Guitar Toolkit. To grab your copy of this great App, simply click on the image above.
Open Position / Position 1

Lick 1 Tab

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Lick 2 Tab

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Lick 3 Tab

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Position 2.

Notes

The Scale

The Eminor Pentatonic scale in the 2nd position. Image from Guitar Toolkit. To grab your copy of this great App, simply click on the image above.
Position 2

Lick 1 Tab

Lick 2 Tab
Positions 1 & 2

Lick 1 Tab

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\[\text{Music notation and tablature images.}\]
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Position 3.

Notes

The Scale

The Eminor Pentatonic scale in the 3rd position. Image from Guitar Toolkit. To grab your copy of this great App, simply click on the image above.
Position 3

Lick 1 Tab

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E-Gt

mf

T 4 -7 5 5 4 -7 5 5 4 -7 5 5

A

B

4

full

T 8 5 7 5

A

B
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Position 4.

Notes

The Scale

The Eminor Pentatonic scale in the 4th position. Image from Guitar Toolkit. To grab your copy of this great App, simply click on the image above.
Position 4

Lick 1 Tab
Position 3 & 4

Lick 1 Tab
Position 5.

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The Scale

The Eminor Pentatonic scale in the 5th position. Image from Guitar Toolkit. To grab your copy of this great App, simply click on the image above.
Position 5

Lick 1 Tab

Lick 2 Tab

Lick 3 Tab
Position 1, On The Octave

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The Scale

The Eminor Pentatonic scale in the 1st position on the octave. Image from Guitar Toolkit. To grab your copy of this great App, simply click on the image above.
Position 1, On The Octave

Lick 1 Tab

Lick 2 Tab

Lick 3 Tab
Position 5 & 1

Lick 1 Tab

Lick 2 Tab

Lick 3 Tab
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The full scale

The E Notes
Practice Techniques

E scale Riff

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T
A: 0-3-5-7 5-7-7 5-7 7-9 7-9 9-8-10-12
B
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T
A 5
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T
A 10-12
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Scale on a string Riff
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Country Blues

Notes

Lick 1 Tab

\[ \text{Lick 1 Tab} \]

\[ \text{Lick 1 Tab} \]

\[ \text{Lick 1 Tab} \]

\[ \text{Lick 1 Tab} \]
Country Blues

Lick 2 Tab
12 Bar Blues

Notes

Lick 1 Tab
12 Bar Blues

Lick 2 Tab

Play many times
Blues Rock

Lick 1 Tab
Blues Rock

Lick 2 Tab

\[ \text{Diagram of guitar lick with tab notation} \]
Our Pick Of The Best

iPad/iPhone Apps

**Guitar Toolkit**
Extremely user friendly, this App is the Swiss Army Knife of guitar apps. It has all the essentials you need and packed with cool features. See Issue 1 of GC mag for our full review.

**Garage Band**
GarageBand is multi-track recording software allowing you to record your guitar playing to create songs. Plus hours of fun just creating amazing backing tracks. Love it!

**Time Trainer**
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**Songsterr**
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**Trainer HD**
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