

# Pentatonic Economy Picking

Creating smoothness and speed on pentatonic scales

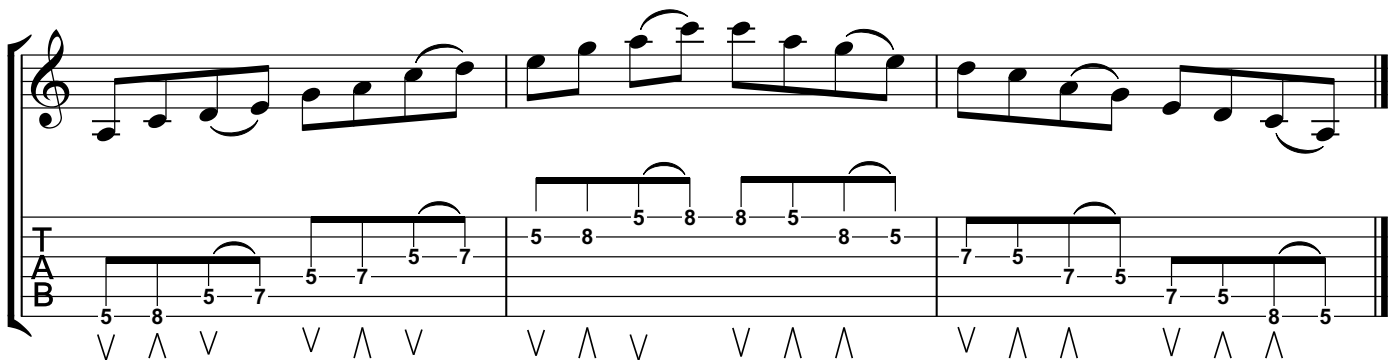
Welcome!

Thanks for taking the time to download this lesson.

This lesson is perfect for advancing beginners/intermediate students, but could be useful to far more advanced players who might struggle with building speed on two note per string scales or are looking for a smoother sound when playing them.

In this introductory lesson we'll just cover the technique and use it when playing the whole minor pentatonic scale in root position.

In PT2 of this pentatonic economy picking series I will cover a number of ways to you can take this idea and play it all over the guitar, but feel free to experiment once you are familiar and feel comfortable with the technique.



## Exercise 1

Here we have an A minor Pentatonic scale simply ascending and descending.

This economy picking pattern may feel strange at first if your used to alternate picking each note but once your familiar with it, it allows for the pick to glide through the strings with ease and you will quickly build speed and smoothness when playing the scale.

Think of the notes in groups of 4, (two notes on each string) for both ascending and descending. This allows you to just repeat the same picking idea and move it though the strings.

Ascending - Down / up / down / hammer-on

Descending - Down / up / up / pull-off

Following this picking pattern, the pick always moves onto the next string in the scale in the correct direction.

Start very slow, concentrating on your picking hand. Then gradually work it up.

Enjoy!