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All you need is....

- scales
- chords
- solos
- patterns



Media files included...

- audio examples
- videos
- backing tracks

Guitar Training

Material for the student of jazz guitar



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Introduction

This publication is not meant to be a guitar book in the usual way, yet it represents a profound collection of material for jazz-guitarists. There are no excessive explanations, you will find them in hundreds of other books or on guitar websites.

The idea was to provide material for all the topics that are essential for improving improvisational skills and to train them along with suitable standard jazz tunes. That is why this collection consists of two parts:

- Part I gives you the technical basis - scales, arpeggios, chords, rhythmic exercises, articulation exercises
- Part II contains II-V-I patterns, chord voicings, chord solos, single line solos by combining exercises with different jazz standard tunes and chord structures (like Blues or Rhythm Changes)

This more practically-oriented approach does not cover all topics completely. But it gives you all the musical vocabulary that helps you to develop your own style by first imitating and practicing the given phrases, voicings and solos with the aim to integrate them into your own musical language.

Along with this e-book comes a folder with hours of media files. You can listen to each exercise, watch numerous videos with fretboard view and jam along with the backing tracks. Just click on the icons on the pages. For the online videos and audio files an active internet connection is required.

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Please read the instructions that came along with the download on how to use **Soundslice**, the most interactive music platform along with this book.

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Have fun and keep playing.....

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Some advice:

The Guitartraining material is not a step by step course, but offers different approaches to your instrument.

1. the technical aspect:

- you have to do daily exercises to improve your left and right hand technique (such as chromatic exercises, scales and arpeggios). This is the basis of all your improvisations. This can be fun when you notice that your technique and your knowledge about scales and arpeggios is getting better through the months. You have to stay concentrated while you're practising, set yourself a specific goal each time you practise, don't let yourself get distracted, don't just "noodle" along.

2. the harmonical aspect

- practise blues voicings - as provided in the book - learn them by heart, use them as "patterns". You won't forget them anymore, but you can always try to put in your own ideas later.
- deepen your knowledge about the underlying interval structure in each chord you are about to play (which fretted note is what interval in the chord). Therefore use the chord diagrams that I have provided in the XL book.
- omit root notes, play chords in a higher fretboard position (as shown in all of the chord exercises), practise the given voicing exercises for the tunes provided in the pdf documents. Don't analyze every single note you are playing, use the voicings as "licks", learn them by heart. Everything will brighten up later.
- try to get away from the chord voicings you already know, break from old routines...
- play melodic lines in your chords, use guide tone lines
- learn the progressions of the tunes by heart, so that you can memorize the chords, play along with the numerous backing tracks.

3. the melodic aspect

- play the blues scale (as it is fundamental for everything that came later..), practise the written blues improvisations, learn them by heart, use the ideas and included patterns for your own improvisations, they will broaden your musical horizon, copy licks and melodies from the great masters, write down any small phrase that you come upon, make up your own collection of "licks"
- practise II-V-I progressions, again practise the patterns provided in the book.
- practise improvisations, try to write your improvisations down (very time consuming at first), learn them by heart, so you are always able to play over chord progressions without thinking which scale or arpeggio goes with what chord.
- repeat phrases in your improvisation, this will make a solo more understandable to the listener

4. the rhythmic aspect and articulation

- listen to the given audio examples and listen to the great masters like Kenny Burrell (very bluesy phrases) or Wes Montgomery (octaves and block chords), play behind the beat, play laid-back lines, when playing chords your guitar is like a four-voice horn section throwing in accents here and there, but always with a melodic line in the top voice. (there are lots of examples in the book and even more in the other available add-ons to the guitartraining).

It all depends on how much time you can afford.....

The major scale:



pos 1:

pos 2:

				1		3	4											
				1		3	4											
			1	2		4												
			1	2		4												
			1	2		4												
			1	2		4												
			1	2		4												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15				

pos 3:

pos 4:

pos 5:

Diatonic scales in Position 1:



Here is an example how to practice the major scale fingerings. You start on the root of Gmaj7 and play one octave up to the ninth of the chord, then down again. Then you continue to play the same fingering, but start on A, so that you play the A dorian scale. Continue the pattern until you are in Gmaj again.

ionian

Gmaj⁷

dorian

Am⁷

phrygian

Bm⁷

lydian

Cmaj^{7#11}

Instructions for the basic chords and chord exercises:



1. basic chords

Here you will find the basic chords for a standard jazz II-V-I progression.
Always practice only one progression, but don't forget to transpose it into other keys or positions on the fretboard. Example:

Am7 - D7/9 - Gmaj7, transpose by moving a whole step up to: Bm7 - E7/9 - Amaj7 and so forth....

a) II-V-I in Gmaj7:

b) II-V-I in Cmaj7:

Blue Boss

in the style of "Blue Bossa"



Cm⁷ Cm¹¹ Cm⁷ Cm⁹ Cm⁷ Fm⁷ Fm⁹ Fm⁷

Dm^{7(b5)} G^{7(#9)} G^{7(b9)} Cm⁷ Cm¹¹ Cm⁷

Ebm⁷ Ab⁷ Dbmaj⁷ Db^{6/9}

Dm^{7(b5)} G^{7(#9)} Dm^{7(b5)} G^{7(#9)} G^{7(b9)} Cm⁷ G^{7(b13)}

Blue Bossa - voicings with block chords

Sheet music for Blue Bossa featuring block chords. The chords shown are Cm⁷, Fm⁷, Dm^{7(b5)}, G^{7(#9)}, and Cm⁷. The guitar tab below shows fingerings for each chord.

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Blues Voicings in Bb7



1.

Bb⁷ E^b₇ Bb⁷ E^b₇

A
B
T
6
6
6
6
6
6
6
6

Bb⁷ G⁷ Cm⁷ F⁷ Bb⁷ D^b₇ C⁷ B⁷

A
B
T
6
6
3
8
8
7
8
6
9
6
9
8
7
7

2.

Bb¹³ E^b₉ Bb¹³ Bb^{7(b13)} E^b₉ E^b₉

A
B
T
6
6
6
6
6
6
6
6

Bb⁹ G^{7(#9)} Cm⁷ F^{7(#9)} F^{7(b9)} Bb⁷ D^b₇ C⁷ B⁷

A
B
T
5
6
10
9
10
8
7
8
8
7
8
6
9
6
9
7
8
7

3.

B_b13 **E_b9** **B_b13** **B_b7(_b13)** **E_b9** **E_b7(_b9)**

T A B T A B T A B T A B T A B T A B

6 8 6 6 8 6 7 6 6 6
 7 6 7 7 6 6 6
 6 5 6 6 5 5 5

B_b13 **G7([#]9)** **Cm⁷** **F¹³** **F⁹** **B_b13** **G7(_b13)** **C⁹** **F7(_b13)**

T A B T A B T A B T A B T A B T A B T A B T A B

6 8 6 8 10 8 6 8 4 3 2
 7 4 5 8 7 7 7 6 3 3 2
 6 5 8 8 8 4 2

Satin Doll voicings



A

Dm⁹ G⁷ Em⁹ A⁷

chords (root omitted throughout chorus))

T 5 3 | 5 5 5 3 3 | 7 5 | 7 7 7 7 5 5
A 5 4 | 5 5 5 4 4 | 7 6 | 7 7 7 7 6 6
B 3 3 - | 3 3 3 3 3 | 5 5 - | 5 5 5 5 5 5

Am⁹ D⁹ A♭m⁹ D♭⁹ C⁶₉

T 5 5 5
A 5 5 5
B 5 4 -

7 . 5 | 6 . 4 4 3 3 | 3 2 3 3 | 3 2 1 2 2 | 2 1 2 2 |

B

Gm⁹ Gm⁷ Gm^{¹¹} C^⁹ F^{⁶⁹} F^⁶

Am⁹ Am⁷ Am^{¹¹} B♭^⁷ G^{⁶⁹} Em^{⁷(♭⁵)} A^{⁷(♯⁹)}

A

Dm^{¹¹} G^⁹ Dm^{¹¹} G^⁹ Em^{¹¹} A^⁹ Em^{¹¹} A^⁹

Am⁹ Am^{¹¹} A♭m^⁹ G⁷(♯⁹) G⁷(♯⁹) C⁶⁹

Satin Doll chord melody



A

Chords: Dm⁷, G⁷, Dm⁷, Dm⁷, G⁷, Dm⁷, Em⁷, A⁷, Em⁷, A⁷, Em⁷

5 Am¹¹ Am⁷ Am¹¹ Abm⁹ Db⁹ Db^{b13} C^{6%} 1. Dm⁷ Em^{7(b5)} A^{7(b9)} 2. C^{6%}

Db^{b13} = G7b13#9

B 11 Gm⁷ C⁷ Gm⁷ C⁷ F^{6%}

block chords in G minor (see Chapter about block chords for detail)

15 Am⁷ D⁷ Am⁷ D⁷ Em⁷ A⁷ Dm⁷ G⁷

block chords in A minor (same sequence as above)

repeat A

Blue Bossa - example solo

Musical score for guitar:

Chord Progression: Cm⁷ - Fm⁷

Fingerings:

- Top Line: 1 2 1 3 1 | 2 3 1 3 _____
- Bass Line: T 4-3 | 4-3 5-3-3 | 4 | 4-5-5-3-5-5 | 4

Key Signature: B-flat major (two flats)

Musical score for guitar:

Dm^{7b5}: Fret 1, string 6; Fret 3, string 5; Fret 2, string 4 (barline)

G^{7b9}: Fret 4, string 5; Fret 3, string 4 (barline); Fret 1, string 5; Fret 3, string 4 (barline)

Cm⁷: Fret 1, string 5 (barline)

Tablature (T-A-B):

- Bar 1: T 3, A 5, B 4 (wedge over 4)
- Bar 2: T 4, A 6, B 5 (wedge over 5)
- Bar 3: T 5, A 3, B 5 (wedge over 5)

Musical score for guitar:

E♭m⁷ **A♭⁷** **D♭maj⁷**

Fingerings below the staff:

4 1 2 4 1 4 1 2 2 1 4 1 2 4 1 4 3 1 2 1 3

Tablature below the staff:

T A B

Fretboard diagram:

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  Fretboard diagram showing finger placement for the chords. The strings are labeled T (Top), A, and B (Bottom). The diagram shows the following fingerings:
    - E♭m⁷: 3-4-6, 3-6-3-4
    - A♭⁷: 5-4-7, 4-5-7-4
    - D♭maj⁷: 7-6, 5-5-3-5
  
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