

# 5 Beginner Guitar Riffs

## Group 2

Standard tuning

♩ = 170

### A "Runnin' Down A Dream" by Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers

4x

dist. guit.

1 2 3

0 7 0 6 0 5 0 3 0

0 0 9 9 9 7 0

Detailed description: This is a guitar tablature for the riff "Runnin' Down A Dream". It is written for a distorted guitar in standard tuning (EADGBE) with a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is 170 BPM. The riff consists of 3 measures. Measure 1 starts with a barre at the first fret, followed by a quarter note on the 7th fret of the B string, a quarter note on the 6th fret of the G string, a quarter note on the 5th fret of the D string, and a quarter note on the 3rd fret of the A string. Measure 2 is identical to measure 1. Measure 3 is identical to measure 1. The riff is repeated 4 times, indicated by a "4x" at the end.

### B "Breaking the Law" by Judas Priest

♩ = 165

4x

4 5 6 7

0 2 3 0 2 (2) 3 0 2 3 1 3 5 1 3 (3) 5 3 3 2

Detailed description: This is a guitar tablature for the riff "Breaking the Law". It is written in standard tuning (EADGBE) with a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is 165 BPM. The riff consists of 7 measures. Measure 1 starts with a barre at the 4th fret, followed by quarter notes on the 2nd, 3rd, 2nd, and 3rd frets of the B string. Measure 2 is identical to measure 1. Measure 3 is identical to measure 1. Measure 4 is identical to measure 1. Measure 5 is identical to measure 1. Measure 6 is identical to measure 1. Measure 7 is identical to measure 1. The riff is repeated 4 times, indicated by a "4x" at the end.

### C "Beat It" by Michael Jackson

♩ = 138

Beginner Version - play 4th fret only (no hammer on)

8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

0 (0) 3 2 5 2 2-4 (4) 2 0 0 0 2-4 (4) 2 0 0 9 9 9 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 5 5 5 9 9 9 7 7 7 5 5 5

Detailed description: This is a guitar tablature for the riff "Beat It". It is written in standard tuning (EADGBE) with a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is 138 BPM. The riff consists of 16 measures. Measures 8-12 are the main riff: measure 8 has a quarter note on the 0th fret of the B string, a quarter note on the 0th fret of the G string, a quarter note on the 3rd fret of the D string, and a quarter note on the 2nd fret of the A string; measure 9 has a quarter note on the 5th fret of the B string, a quarter note on the 2nd fret of the G string, a quarter note on the 2nd fret of the D string, and a quarter note on the 4th fret of the A string; measure 10 has a quarter note on the 4th fret of the B string, a quarter note on the 2nd fret of the G string, a quarter note on the 2nd fret of the D string, and a quarter note on the 0th fret of the A string; measure 11 has a quarter note on the 2nd fret of the B string, a quarter note on the 5th fret of the G string, a quarter note on the 2nd fret of the D string, and a quarter note on the 4th fret of the A string; measure 12 has a quarter note on the 4th fret of the B string, a quarter note on the 2nd fret of the G string, a quarter note on the 2nd fret of the D string, and a quarter note on the 0th fret of the A string. Measures 13-16 are a variation: measure 13 has quarter notes on the 9th fret of the B string, 9th fret of the G string, 9th fret of the D string, and 7th fret of the A string; measure 14 has quarter notes on the 7th fret of the B string, 7th fret of the G string, 7th fret of the D string, and 5th fret of the A string; measure 15 has quarter notes on the 9th fret of the B string, 9th fret of the G string, 9th fret of the D string, and 7th fret of the A string; measure 16 has quarter notes on the 7th fret of the B string, 7th fret of the G string, 7th fret of the D string, and 5th fret of the A string. The riff is repeated 4 times, indicated by a "4x" at the end.

17 . 18 .

19 . 20 .

**D** "Seven Nation Army" by The White Stripes

♩ = 124

4x

21 22

23 (Alternate Fingering) 24

25 26

27 28

29 30

31 32 33

T  
A  
B

5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 0

**E "Day Tripper" by The Beatles**

$\text{♩} = 140$

4x

34 35

T  
A  
B

0 3 4 2 2 0 0 4 2 0 2

36 37

T  
A  
B

0 3 4 2 2 0 0 4 2 0 2

38 39 40

T  
A  
B

0 3 4 2 2 0 0 4 2 0 2 0