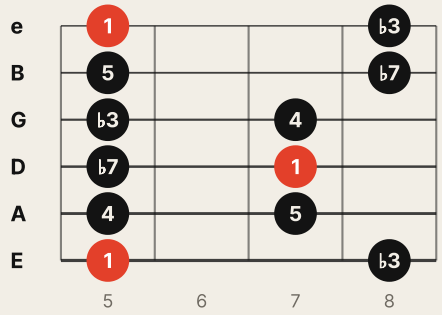
Minor pentatonic scale: all 5 positions

The five box shapes of the minor pentatonic in A, and how they join up the neck.
Move them to any key with the table.

Root · Other scale notes · Numbers are scale degrees

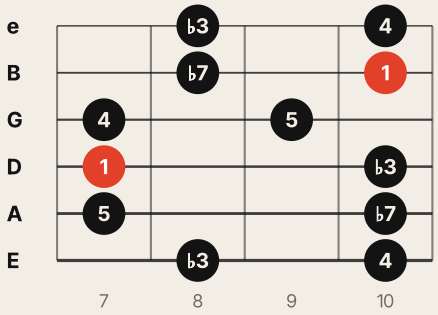
Position 1

Frets 5 to 8



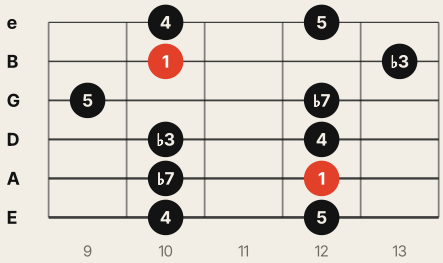
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Frets 7 to 10



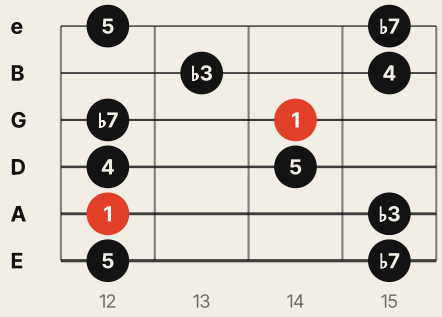
Position 3

Frets 9 to 13



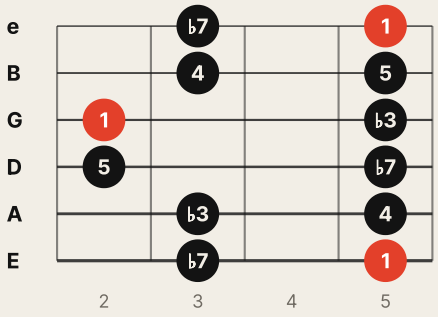
Position 4

Frets 12 to 15



Position 5

Frets 2 to 5



How to learn them

Start with position 1. Play it up and down until you can do it without looking.

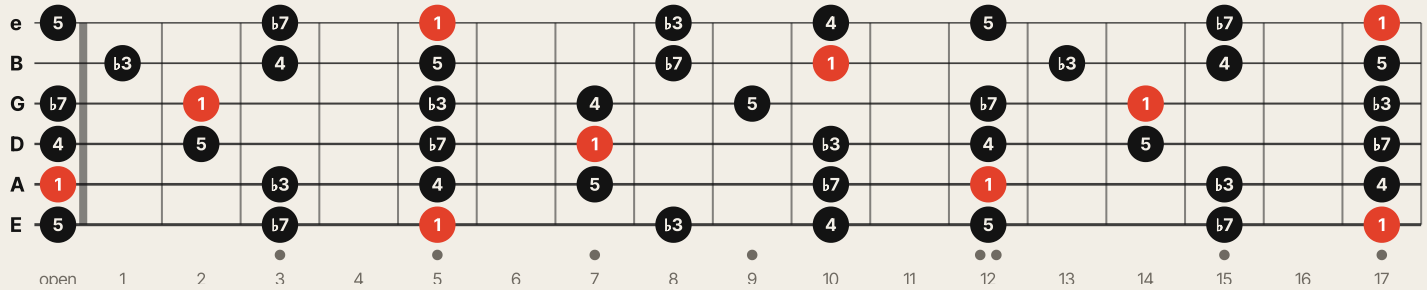
Then add a neighbour. The right edge of each box is the left edge of the next, so you can slide between them mid-solo.

Degrees: 1 is the root, ♭3 the minor third, 4, 5 and ♭7. Land on the 1 to end a phrase.

Same notes as C major pentatonic, so these boxes cover both.

All five together

A minor pentatonic on the whole neck



Play it in any key

Position 1 starts on the root on the 6th string, at this fret

Key	C	C♯	D	E♭	E	F	F♯	G	A♭	A	B♭	B
6th string (E)	8	9	10	11	0/12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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Standard tuning E A D G B E