

The Major Pentatonic

The Major pentatonic scale is a five note scale similar to the major scale but without the fourth and seventh scale degrees.

The major pentatonic scale formula is 1, 2, 3, 5, 6.

This scale is most commonly broken up into five major pentatonic positions as shown in the diagrams below.

The major pentatonic scale shares the same notes as its relative minor counterpart so although the diagrams might seem familiar it's important to take note of where the root notes differ for the major pentatonic positions as opposed to minor pentatonic

So C Minor Pentatonic = A Major and so on – We will look at the way to find relative minors and majors in the next theory lesson by looking at the circle of 5ths.

Major Pentatonic Five Positions

