

The Minor Pentatonic

The **Minor** and **Major** Pentatonic scales are probably the most commonly used scales in Rock, Blues, Country and Indie Music. It's derived from the word "Pent" meaning 5 and therefore has 5 notes.

The Minor pentatonic scale is a five note scale based on the Natural minor (Aeolian) but without the 2nd and sixth scale degrees.

This scale is most commonly broken up into what's known as the five pentatonic positions as shown in the diagrams below.

The Minor pentatonic scale formula is 1, b3, 4, 5, b7. So if we take the C Minor Pentatonic scale, the 5 notes or degrees are C Eb F G Bb

Minor Pentatonic Five Positions



