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About the DVD

The DVD contains valuable demonstrations of all the instructional material in the book. You will get the best results by following along with your book as you watch these video segments. Musical examples that are not performed with video are included as audio tracks on the DVD for listening and playing along.

SHARPS

A sharp sign # placed before a note means to play that note one fret higher than usual. If the note is usually played on the open string, finger the sharp note on the 1st fret with the 1st finger.

Diagram illustrating the fingering for sharp notes on open strings. The staff shows notes G open, G-sharp 1st fret, D open, D-sharp 1st fret, A open, and A-sharp 1st fret. The fretboard below shows fingerings: 0 for open strings, and 1 for the 1st fret notes.

If the note is usually fingered, play the sharp note one fret higher.

Diagram illustrating the fingering for sharp notes on fingered strings. The staff shows notes A 2nd fret, A-sharp 3rd fret, F 3rd fret, F-sharp 4th fret, C 3rd fret, and C-sharp 4th fret. The fretboard below shows fingerings: 2 for A, 3 for A-sharp and F, 4 for F-sharp, 3 for C, and 4 for C-sharp.

Since the note E# is the same as F, it is not used much. The same goes for B#, which is the same as C.

Sharp Example No. 1

A sharp stays in effect for a whole measure.

Diagram illustrating Sharp Example No. 1. The staff shows a sequence of notes: G, G-sharp, G-sharp (still), D, D-sharp, D-sharp (still), F-sharp, F-sharp (still). The fretboard below shows fingerings: 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 4, 4, 2.

Sharp Example No. 2

The bar line restores a sharp note to its usual position.

Diagram illustrating Sharp Example No. 2. The staff shows notes: G-sharp, G-sharp (still), F-sharp, F-sharp (new needed), G. The fretboard below shows fingerings: 1, 2, 1, 4, 2, 4, 0.

NATURALS

A natural sign ♮ cancels a previous sharp sign in the same measure.

Diagram illustrating Naturals. The staff shows notes: G-sharp, G-sharp (natural), F-sharp, F-sharp (natural). The fretboard below shows fingerings: 1, 2, 0, 4, 2, 3, 0.