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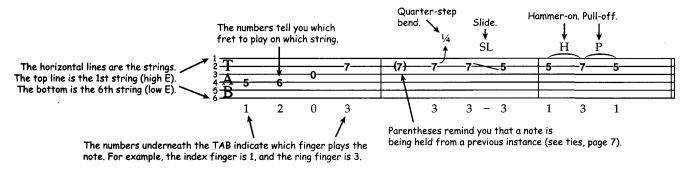
MUSIC NOTATION REVIEW



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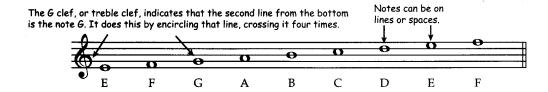
TABLATURE (TAB)

TAB (short for tablature) is the easiest way to read guitar music, though it leaves out some information about rhythm and expression. Here's what you might see on some TAB.

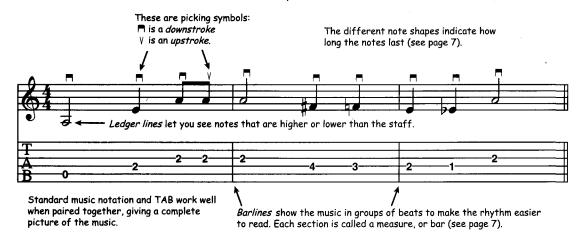


STANDARD MUSIC NOTATION

Standard music notation uses a staff of five horizontal lines to indicate pitch (the highness or lowness of a tone). Lower lines represent lower pitches. Notes are shown by oval noteheads oplaced on lines, or in spaces between lines. Below are the basic notes on the staff. Notes are named "A" through "G."



In this book, standard music notation is directly above the TAB staff.



ACCIDENTALS

Accidentals are symbols used to change the pitch of a note.

🛱 is a *sharp.* It raises a note one *half step* (one fret).

b is a flat. It lowers a note one half step.

A sharp or flat will last for the rest of the measure, unless a natural abla is used to return the note to its original pitch.

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