



## Open String Blues Guitar Lick in Em

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Hello friends,

And welcome to another lick of the week tutorial! In today's lesson I'll be teaching you a professional open string blues lick in the key of E. We'll begin with a review of the blues scale in the open position before breaking this lick into two sections for easier learning. Let's get started!

### #1 - The Minor Blues Scale Key of E

Both our lick of the week and our premium bonus lick are built from our minor blues scale in the open E position. This scale can be played over both minor and major chord progressions to produce a minor, blues-rock feel.

```
e |-----0-3-----|
B |-----0-3-----|
G |-----0-2-3-----|
D |-----0-2-----|
A |-----0-1-2-----|
E |-0-3-----|
```

### #2 - Lick of the Week

Our lick of the week implements a stream of fretted and open string notes that descend down the minor blues scale. One of my favorite details is how the rhythm of the notes changes throughout this rather long phrase, and how it slows into a familiar blues riff on the resolve.

```
E |-----0-3p0-0-----|-----|
B |---0h3-----3-3p0-----|-----|
G |-----3-2p0-----| -0-----|
D |-----2-----| -2p0-----0-----|
A |-----2-1p0--0-1h2--0-----|
E |-0-----|-----3-----3b-0-----|
```

### #3 - Bonus "Stacking" Agility Exercise for Premium Patrons (\$10 Plus)

```
e | -3--0-----|
B | --3--0-3--0-----|
G | -----2--0-2--0-----|
D | -----2--0-2--0-----|
A | -----2--0-2-----|
E | -----3-0-----|
```



### #4 - Bonus Lick for Premium Patrons

Our bonus lick also features notes from our Em blues scale, but puts to work a very important soloing technique known as "stacking."

```
E | -3--0-----|
B | --3--0-3v~~~0-----|
G | -----3-0-2h3p2p0--|
D | -----2v-----|
A | -----|
E | -----|
```