

LEARNING THE IONIAN MODE (Major scale)

The Ionian mode is the first of the seven musical modes. The other Greek modes are Dorian, Phrygian, Lydian, Mixolydian, Aeolian and Locrian modes. The Ionian mode has exactly the same notes as the major scale and surely the first scale to learn for a beginner musician.

MODES

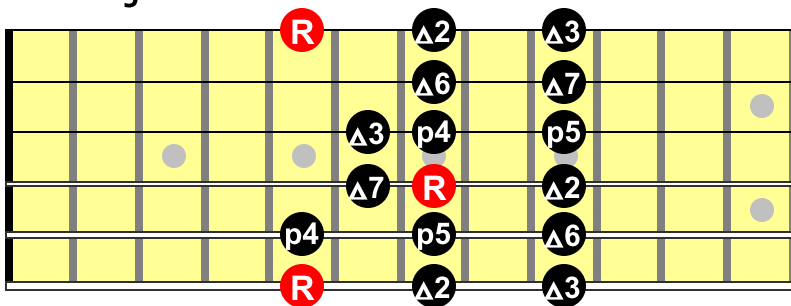
If you're not familiar with modes a common way of explaining them is that they are simply scales built starting from each degree of a parent scale, in this case the major scale, or the first mode (Ionian).

THE IONIAN SCALE INTERVALS

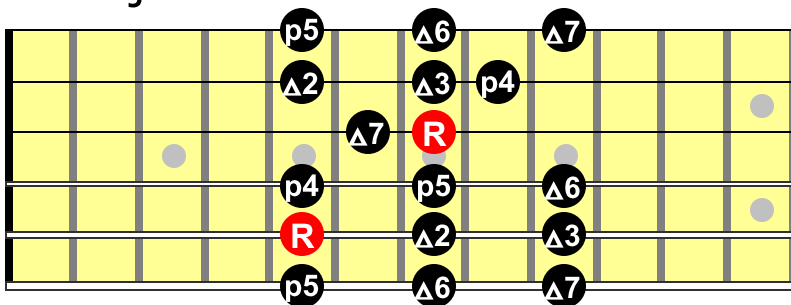
The major scale consists of a root (1), second (2), major third (3), fourth (4) fifth (5), sixth (6) and major seventh (7).

IONIAN SCALE GUITAR SHAPES

A major scale

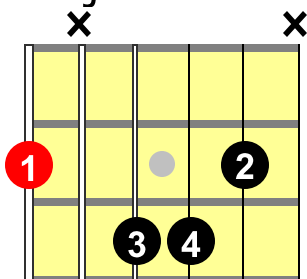


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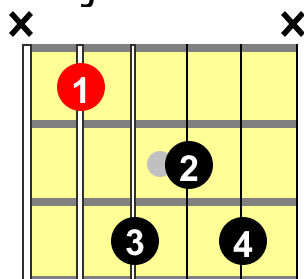
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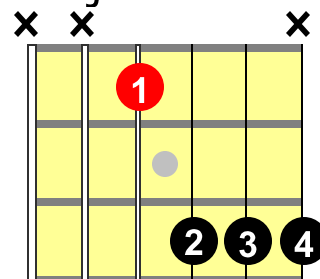
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