

How Guitar Scales Are Constructed

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Here is how the most common scales are constructed:

Name	Note 1	Note 2	Note 3	Note 4	Note 5	Note 6	Note 7	Note 8
Pentatonic	R	b3	4	5	b7			
Blues	R	b3	4	b5	5	b7		
Ionian (Major)	R	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Dorian	R	2	b3	4	5	6	b7	
Phrygian	R	b2	b3	4	5	#5	b7	
Lydian	R	2	3	b5	5	6	7	
Mixolydian	R	2	3	4	5	6	b7	
Aeolian (Minor)	R	2	b3	4	5	#5	b7	
Locrian	R	b2	b3	4	b5	#5	b7	