

LICK OF THE WEEK

Earl Hooker *I'm Going Down the Line*

This week's lick is from Earl Hooker's solo on *I'm Going Down the Line*, from his 1968 Arhoolie Records release, **Two Bugs and a Roach** (Arhoolie # CD-324). The tunes on the record include some of his earliest takes, recorded in the 1950s.

In this tune, written in the key of E, Hooker makes use of the E pentatonic minor and major scales, as well as the notes of the chords. He begins the lick with the 3rd and ^b7th of the IV (A7) chord, anticipating the change by a full measure. When he does reach the A7, in the second bar, he uses mostly the minor scale, with a blue-note (^b 5th) and the 3rd of the I (E7) chord.

He finishes it off with a stacked interval of a 4th played over the V (B7) chord, and ends on partial E7 chords with major pentatonic notes included.

Enjoy.
JG