

LICK OF THE WEEK

Albert Collins *Ice Pick*

This week's lick is from Albert Collins tune, *Ice Pick*, from his Alligator Records release, **Ice Pickin'** (1978 Alligator Records ALCD 4713). It's a great album – the first I ever got of his recordings.

The lick is from the first 4 bars of the intro, and is built entirely from a I (F#7) chord. To begin, you slide into the F#7 from ½ step (1 fret) below. Then you move into the 3rd and ^b7th of the chord, from 1 fret below in both cases. In the second bar, you slide into the F#7, just as you did in the opening measure. This time, you move into the ^b7th, but this time, an octave lower. One glance at the score will clear up any confusion you may have.

If you move this lick up 5 frets, you will be playing the IV (B7) chord, and if you play it up 7 frets, you will be playing the V (C#7) chord. Try it out over the 12-bar progression.

Enjoy.
JG