

## LICK OF THE WEEK

Albert King *Born Under a Bad Sign*

This week's lick is a small portion of Albert King's first solo on *Born Under a Bad Sign*, from the In Session video he and Stevie Ray Vaughan made back in 1983. It has a lot of great playing throughout.

The lick has two parts, and opens with a slide and short figure, and closes with a signature lick that you'll likely recognize. Then the opening figure appears again for the second half, but ends differently.

It is all played in patterns 1 and 5 of the D<sup>b</sup> minor pentatonic scale. If you closely watch the video currently on the homepage, you'll see that Albert plays left-handed, and he strings his guitar starting with the high E (1<sup>st</sup>) string on top. For that reason his fingerings aren't always the easiest or most efficient for right handed players. I used some of his fingerings in the first half, but changed those in the second. I marked them so you can easily spot them.

The lick is played over a D<sup>b</sup>7 chord. Try moving it around the neck, in different keys.

Enjoy.

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