

LICK OF THE WEEK

Albert Collins *If Trouble Was Money*

This week's lick is from the video of a concert back in 1990. The tune is *If Trouble Was Money*, is a nice slow blues, written by Albert himself.

Played in the Key of C, Albert makes use of a shape that looks a bit like a hybrid of patterns 1 and 2 of the pentatonic minor scale in C. In fact, he tuned his guitar to an F minor chord (F-C-F-A^b-C-F) from bottom to top, and used a capo, usually to fit the tonic chord of the tune. For that reason, it can be tricky to try to duplicate his licks, but most often there is no problem.

The lick starts at around 5:30 on the video posted on the home page. Don't forget his alternate tuning as you watch. It still is helpful in working out the fingering.

Enjoy.
JG