

LICK OF THE WEEK

T-Bone Walker *Strollin' With Bones*

This week's lick is taken from T-Bone Walker's instrumental tune, *Strollin' With Bones*, originally recorded in 1950 on the Imperial label. It can be heard on the double CD re-issue, **T-Bone Walker The Complete Imperial Recordings, 1950-1954** (1991 EMI Records USA). Another important addition to your blues CD library.

The lick falls at the end of the first solo chorus, beginning on upbeat before measure 7, and continues for 2 bars on the I (Bb7) chord, and through the following 2 bars of the V (F7) chord. The progression itself finishes with 2 bars of the I chord, no turnaround, though the lick ends right after the V.

It's all played in pattern 1 of the Bb minor pentatonic scale with a few chord tones added (G on the 2nd string, 8th fret and C on the 1st string, 8th fret). The lick is very straightforward. You have to make it flow from the first note to the last to get the proper feel.

In addition to a graphic of the album cover, I am including a photo of the original 78rpm record from 1950, just for fun and for a bit of history.

Enjoy.

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