

Musical Key and Scale Solo Choices

<u>Musical Key</u>	<u>Scale Solo Choices</u>
D Major	D Major Scale, D Major Pentatonic Scale, D Minor Pentatonic Scale
D Minor	D Natural Minor Scale, D Minor Pentatonic Scale

Musical Key and Mode Solo Choices

<u>Musical Key</u>	<u>Mode Solo Choices</u>
D Major	D Ionian Mode, D Ionian Pentatonic Mode, D Aeolian Pentatonic Mode
D Minor	D Aeolian Mode, D Aeolian Pentatonic Mode
D Major (in D Ionian Mode)	D Ionian Mode, D Ionian Pentatonic Mode, D Aeolian Pentatonic Mode
C Major (in D Dorian Mode)	D Dorian Mode, D Dorian Pentatonic Mode
A# Major (in D Phrygian Mode)	D Phrygian Mode, D Phrygian Pentatonic Mode
A Major (in D Lydian Mode)	D Lydian Mode, D Lydian Pentatonic Mode
G Major (in D Mixolydian Mode)	D Mixolydian Mode, D Mixolydian Pentatonic Mode
F Major (in D Aeolian Mode)	D Aeolian Mode, D Aeolian Pentatonic Mode
D# Major (in D Locrian Mode)	D Locrian Mode, D Locrian Pentatonic Mode

Special Musical Key and Scale Solo Choices

<u>Musical Key</u>	<u>Scale Solo Choices</u>
D Blues (D7-G7-A7 Chord Progression)	*D Blues Scale, D Minor Pentatonic Scale, D Major Pentatonic Scale
D Harmonic Minor	D Harmonic Minor Scale
D Melodic Minor	D Melodic Minor Scale

*The Blues Scale is best to play over the I7-IV7-V7 Blues Chord Progression. The other two scales have limited use by Blues Players.

Another way to solo is to play various Scales that you know will fit well over individual Chords in the song. This would eliminate the drawbacks that may come from playing a constant Scale or Mode of the Key of the song. As an example, the sections on Chords and Modes showed that a minor Triad and the Phrygian Mode are built on the 3rd Degree of the Major Scale. Looking at the Reference Diagram for F# Phrygian, the F# Phrygian Mode's mated Triad is the F#m Chord, and the Phrygian Mode can be played over its mated F#m Chord. But, this is actually true whether the F#m Chord is in a song in the Key of D Major (the native Key of F# Phrygian) or it is in a song in any other Key. Playing the F# Phrygian Mode means you are playing the