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Pentatonic Flattened 5ths In A Minor - L15



Take a standard pentatonic scale in A minor and add the flattened 5th note to it. In Am it's a D# (or Eb).

E|-----5-8-10-**11**-| We have marked the flatten 5th notes in red
B|-----5-8-----|
G|-----5-7-**8**-----|
D|-----5-7-----|
A|---5-**6**-7-----|
E|5-8-----|

Generally its used as a passing note - so played quickly but sometimes it's a great to stay on this note for an extra beat or 2 to give it a more jazzy sound. Try playing a few licks accentuating this note.

Bend up to the Flattened 5th

E|-----5-8-10-**10>11**-| >=bend up to the next fret as shown
B|-----5-8-----|
G|-----5-7-**7>8**-----|
D|-----5-7-----|
A|---5-**5>6**-7-----|
E|5-8-----|

Instead of playing the actual note, try bending to the flattened 5th.