

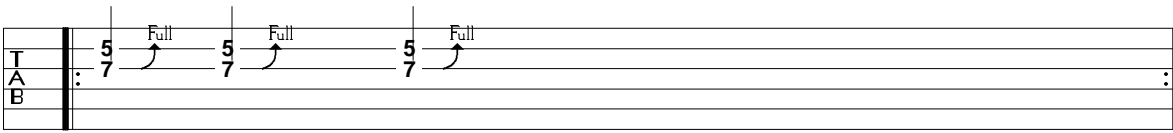
Unison Bends

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In this installment we will be enhancing bends that were covered in our previous lesson. Bends are incredibly important to guitar playing so much so, bends have been recognized as one of the defining techniques for guitar. Much like a voice or horn and gliss and guitar can bending adding additional soul, punch and accents were there may have not been. Let's step up our bends from using one string to two strings.

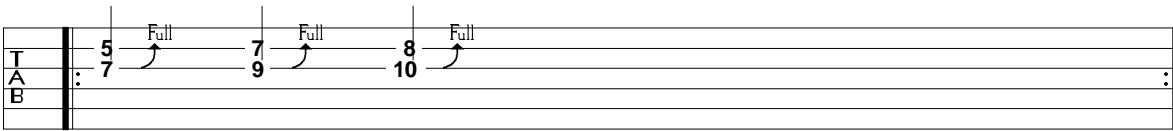
Example #1 The Unison Bend on the G and B Strings. This is a popular technique that is used in all genres of music. Place your 3rd finger (ring finger) on the 7th fret of the G String and your 1st finger (index finger) on the 5th fret of the B String. Strike both strings only once (G and B Strings) at the same time while bending the G string up and whole step. \* Do Not Bend the B String! The B string stays stationary, only the G String bends up. When done properly The bent G string note and B string note should match creating a wide open and rich sound.

Ex. 1



Example #2 is a run up a few frets while using the Unison Bend. Keep your fingers in the same positions they are in. You just have to move them up the fret board. Take it slow your first few times so that you can master this and move on.

Ex. #2

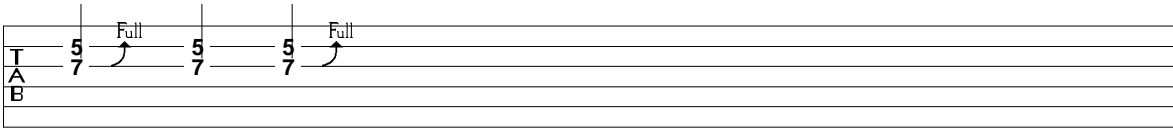


Example #3 After mastering the above techniques move onto the Double Pump Unison Bend.

Much like the above Unison Bends only one strike of the strings is required.

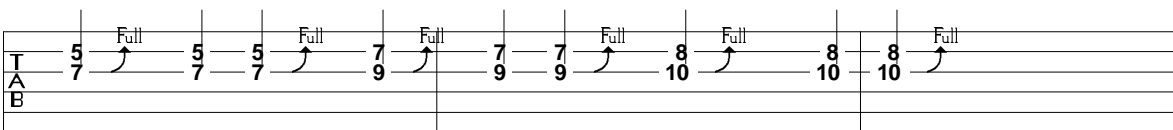
Strike both G and B bend the G up a whole step bring it down to its original non bent position and pump it up one more time. This is done rather quickly and all during one strike of the strings.

Ex. 3



Example #4 The Double Pump Unison Bends sounds equally great when worked up the fret board.

It can be used in many musical genres depending on your tastes. If it's Jazz you like, this could be used in place of Horn punches or with Horn punches. If it's rock that you love, the technique carries the same punch driven feel.



Reference these examples below:

Santana: Black Magic Woman

Janes Addiction: Strays

LESSON 9 2

AC/DC Hell's Bells