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Chapter 2: Tonic Minor and Dom7^{b9}^{b13} Bop Scales

In a minor key the tonic minor 6th chord (I-6⁹) and the V7^{b9}^{b13} chord use the same passing tones as the IΔ and V7 of a major key. For example, as with a CΔ bop scale the tonic minor or C-6⁹ bop scale uses a passing tone between the 5th and 6th notes of the scale. Again you must start the scale on the 1, 3, 5, or 6. There are two options for spelling the tonic minor scale, that is with a major 7th or a ^b7th. On a C-6⁹ chord scale you can use either B natural or B^b since the 7th is on an upbeat.

C-6⁹ USING B NATURAL:



C-6⁹ USING B^b:



C7^{b9}^{b13} is treated the same as a C7 chord in that the passing tone is between the root and 7th of the scale. Again, start the scale on the 1, 3, 5, or 7.

C7^{b9}^{b13}



Chapter 8: Bop Scales Starting on the 11th

The following examples show how to start a bop scale on the 11th for the different chord types. As in the preceding chapter the circled note marks the point at which the "initial" bebop scale begins.



Chapter 13: Ten-Note Bop Scales

The image displays seven musical staves, each representing a ten-note bop scale for a specific chord. The scales are written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The chords and their corresponding scales are:

- IΔ (CΔ):** C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4.
- II-7 (D-7):** D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4.
- III-7 (E-7):** E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4.
- IVΔ (FΔ):** F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4.
- V7 (G7):** G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4.
- VI-7 (A-7):** A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4.
- VIIΔ (BΔ):** B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B3.

Notice that the down beats for both the IΔ and the IVΔ are 1 - 2 - 3 - 5 and 6. The down beats for the II-7, III-7, and VI-7 are 1 - 3 - 4 - 5 - and 7. The down beats for the V7 are 1 - 2 - 3 - 5 - and 7 and the down beats for the VIIΔ are 1 - 3 - 5 - 6 and 7. Downbeats are the places where you can start the scale and it sounds harmonically right or consistent with the chord.