

# 25 Essential Metal Licks

Standard tuning

♩ = 120

Intro alternate picking Iron Maiden style

E-G

1

**Lick 1**

f

12-0-0-0-7-0-0-0-8-0-0-0-5-0-0-0

T  
A  
B

**Lick 2**

7-0-0-0-3-0-0-0-5-0-0-0-2-0-0-5 (5)

Yngwie Malmsteen - watch out for the shifting!

**Lick 3**

17-15-14-17-16-13-16-14-12-11-14-13-10-14-12-10-9-12-11-8-7-7-(7)

**Lick 4**

5-8-7-5-4-7-5-4-7-10-8-7-5-8-7-5

Lick 5

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8-12-10-8-7-10-8-7-10-13-12-10-10-16-13-12

full

Zakk Wylde - displaced triads, accentuate the first beat

Lick 6

15

10-7-12-10-7-12-10-7-12-10-7-12-10-7-12

12-10-14-12-10-14-12-10-14-12-10-14-12-10-14

Lick 7

17

13-12-15-13-12-15-13-12-15-13-12-15-13-12-15

15-14-17-15-14-17-15-14-17

full

Randy Rhoads trill lick

Lick 8

21

Tr

11(12) 14(15) 13(14) 13(14) 11(12) 11(12) 11(12) 14(15)

Lick 9

21

Tr

11(12) 14(15) 13(14) 13(14) 11(12) 11(12) 11(12) 14(15)

full

E.V. Hand Dimebag Darrell pentatonic legato lick

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27

11-12-15-11-12-15-12-11-15-12-11-12-15-11-12-15

28 11

Paul Gilbert legato lick  
 12 13

Steve Vai legato lick  
 14 14

difficult string skipping lick in the Rusty Gilbert  
 15 15

simple tapping lick  
 16 17

42

T T T T T T T T

13 7 10 13 5 10 13 7 10 13 5 10 15 7 10 15 5 10 15 7 10 15 5 10

43

T T T T T T T T

17 8 12 17 8 12 17 8 12 17 8 12 17 8 12 17 8 12 17 8 12 17 8 12 17 8 12 17 8 12

8x

Joe Satriani styled tapping using edge of the pick

19

47

T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T

16 14 16 14 16 14 16 14 16 12 16 12 16 12 16 12 16 11 16 11 16 11 16 11 16 9 16 9 16 9 16 9

48

T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T

16 12 16 12 16 12 16 12 16 11 16 11 16 11 16 11 16 9 16 9 16 9 16 9 16 7 16 7 16 7 16 7

Vai style lick that combines string skipping and tapping!

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T T T T T T

14 9 15 10 7 14 9 14 10 7 15 10 7 14 9 7

54 22

14 9 15 10 7 14 9 15 10 7 14 9 7

Minsteeen diminished sweeping lick

57 24

2 5 4 2 5 8 5 7 8 5 8 11 10 8 11 14 11 13 14 11

Richie Kotzen style sweep lick, practice slowly

60

7 5 4 5 3 7 10 7 8 7 9 10 14 12 11 12 10 14 17 14 10 12 11 12

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