

The Electric Bass

This is the eBook version of our classic bass tutor from 1985, now totally rewritten and updated to year 2001 standards. The old book was good, but this version is not only bigger, it is also better; more technical stuff, more scales, more exercises, more of everything.



The witty voice of the original book is still alive and kicking. This is a serious book, but it is also funny and always on the musicians side. Techniques are important, but understanding why you play is just as important as knowing how. The real person behind the smart bass matters.

The Electric Bass is both a complete handbook and a helpful beginner's guide. This is a handbook for the keeping.



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Over 430 pages, lots of exercises, basic to advanced techniques and playing in the band. Richly illustrated.

Necessary Software / Hardware

CD-ROM [ISBN 87-88619-70-2], Microsoft Windows 3.1[®] or higher, Microsoft Internet Explorer[®], Adobe Acrobat Reader[®], MIDI card (SoundBlaster Live! recommended).



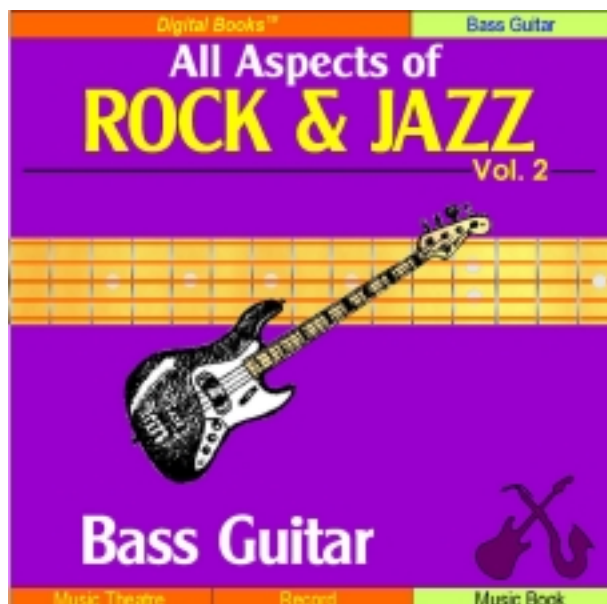
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A Bigger and Better Bass Tutor



Learning the Basic Skills Finger technique, shapes, scales, playing in the band, working with the drummer.

The Complete Bass Handbook All about simple and advanced scales, large chord dictionary, exercises galore.

You want more? What about learning the secrets of life on the road? Or a complete presentation of bass types and amps?

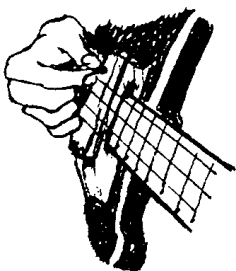
If you are New to the Bass 😊

You are about to buy your first bass. Great, but be careful, don't use a million on a bad bass guitar. Read the chapter [Choice of Bass](#) and proceed to the technical stuff in [Bass Technique](#).



Learn to tune the bass and the basic finger techniques, scales and shapes. Catch up on picking patterns and harmonics and proceed to chapter [Playing in the Band](#). Learn how to play together with the drums in different styles and how to make good leading notes to the chord progressions. Well, now you are almost there...

Oops! You are a Pro, right?

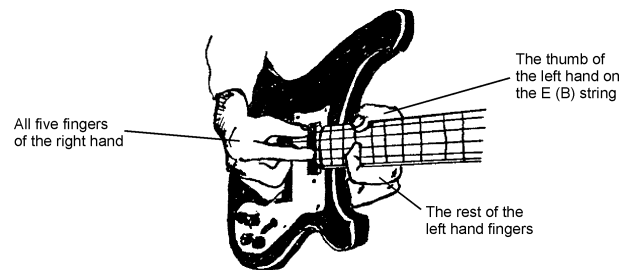


Yes, there are lots of stuff for you, too. What about artificial harmonics and advanced jazz scales? Or what about a comprehensive chord dictionary? Or what about a complete description of modal scales?

And best of all, an exciting collection of very, very tough bass exercises (more than 200 pages to be more precise) that will make you sweat for a while. This is certainly not just a beginner's book - we have the lots for advanced players as well.

Last but not least: The last chapter, [The Music Business](#), gives you an important insight into the real world of music down on its knees. In a humoristic tone, you are guided through the many pitfalls of professional life, going to auditions, touring, and recording. This chapter can get you safer through the jungle.

By the way, the bass tutor is packed with instructive drawings and colour graphics all the way. What you do not catch in the text, you will catch in the illustrations.



Seven Chapters

- 1 [Choice of Bass](#)** How to buy a bass and how to make a better choice. Don't cheat yourself, read this chapter first!
- 2 [Bass Technique](#)** From simple tuning and the basic shapes to advanced harmonics technique and pick patterns.
- 3 [Playing in the Band](#)** The vital co-ordination between bass player and drummer explained in all details.
- 4 [Advanced Scales and Chords](#)** For the jazz player and advanced experimental rock.
- 5 [Exercises](#)** 62 exercises from Rock'n'roll to techno. Standard bass phrases, sight-reading, solos and harmonizing tunes.
- 6 [Practical Advice](#)** Maintenance of your gear and tips for recording and touring.
- 7 [The Music Business](#)** Your life as a professional. In-depth description of career opportunities and life on the road.