

JAZZ GUITAR SOLOS

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Foreword

We live in an age of instant heroes; of musicians who pick up a guitar one week and have a million-selling record the next. Because too many of us tend to equate commercial success with artistic merit, we may sidestep the urgent necessity to acquire, along the way, that indispensable attribute known as craftsmanship.

Men like Joe Pass know there is a better way. The best guarantee of musical accomplishment, of maturity and security, can be found in a serious dedication to one's craft, a careful examination and analysis of the factors that go into the making of a great solo.

It is gratifying to the soul to be able to create an improvised line at all. It is many times more satisfying when the player knows how to add notes to chords, how to use passing notes, how to create new rules by breaking the old ones. Having followed the career of Joe Pass for a decade now, hearing him in every context from the Gerald Wilson orchestra to the George Shearing quintet to the dozens of studio groups and small jazz combos he has enlivened, I feel confident that any plectrist can gain valuable insights and inspiration from a study of this book, in which some of his greatest solos are reproduced note for note.

The pages that follow can help turn back the tide of instant heroes by helping to produce a new crop of patient, thoroughly qualified artists.

LEONARD FEATHER

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Introduction

The solos in this book are from some of my past recordings. The tunes are mostly originals, some are standard in which only the solo guitar work was written. These solos are meant for in-depth study in relation to which they are based.

There are no unusual chord patterns in the music. All of the chords are in their basic form. It's up to you to use the chord substitutes you think are best for each tune at the time you play. For instance, if you see an E \flat chord, you could play E \flat ma7, 6/9, ma9; or Cm7, Cm9; or Gm9, etc. If you see a C7 chord, you could play C7 \flat 9, C7+9, C7+11, C9; or G-7 or G \flat 13, etc. You use these chords for improvising on the basic chord also.

There are many different fingerings for playing the same line. Everyone has his own ideas and habits about which note gets played on which string with what finger. Rather than try to present one way of fingering, all solos in this book are in one of three basic chord positions (with related fingerings). For example, in the key of F, use the first position from the 1st to the 5th frets, the fifth position from the 5th to the 8th frets, the eighth position from the 8th to the 12th frets, and so forth. Keep in mind that in most cases, your fingering will extend an extra fret or two in either direction beyond the normal three or four frets for each position.

It is very important for notes to be played within the related chord position across the strings. You can move from one chord position to the next on any string. I try to move so that when I arrive at a new position, there is a chord form under my fingers, i.e. the chord I am playing on, or the following chord.

This book is intended for study use and should not merely be used to memorize solos. Play and compare the solos with the basic chord patterns so that you can see their relationship in improvising. When you improvise, do not limit your playing to only notes in the chord. Good improvisation contains many different passing notes that normally don't fit in the chord. For example:

C7 \flat 9 is C, E, G, B \flat and D \flat . When I improvise, I keep the basic chord sound in my mind, but use additional chromatic passing notes (i. e., D, E \flat , F, G \flat , A, B) for melodic flow. Refer to JOE PASS GUITAR STYLE for additional study along these lines.

This book has been written to assist the interested musician in the rewarding field of improvising. I hope it provides some pleasurable study.

JOE PASS

FORWARD PASS

Recorded on Pass Guitar
Written up by

Basic Changes

Dm7 Em7b5 A7 Dm7 Em7b5 A7 Dm7

Em7b5 A7 Dm7 Em7b5 A7 Bridge Am7b5 D9 D7b9

Fine

Gm7 Gm7 Gm7 C7 Fmaj7 Em7 A7

D.C. al Fine

Dm

Dm

D7 Gm7

C7 F6 A7

Dm

Dm

1st Chorus

The 1st Chorus section consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily eighth-note based, with some quarter notes and rests. The second staff continues the melodic line, featuring a sharp sign (#) above a note. The third staff includes two triplet markings, each labeled with the number '3'. The fourth staff concludes the chorus with a final note and a sharp sign (#) above it.

Bridge

The Bridge section consists of four staves of music. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It features a melodic line with several sharp signs (#) and flat signs (b). The second staff continues the melody, including a triplet marked '3'. The third staff also contains a triplet marked '3'. The fourth staff concludes the bridge with a sharp sign (#) above the final note.

2nd Chorus

The 2nd Chorus section consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is composed of eighth notes and quarter notes. The second staff continues the melodic line, featuring a sharp sign (#) above a note.



2nd Bridge



D.S. al Coda



CODA
3rd Bridge



FOR DJANGO

Basic Changes

C#m7 F#7sus4 Am7 D9 F#7 b9+5 F#m7 B7+9 Emaj7

D#m7 G#7 C#m7 F#7 Am7 D9(A^bbass)G13 F#7 b9+5

F#7sus4 F13 Emaj7 D9 Db9 C9 B7b5 F#7

B13 B13b9 B13 Em7 A13 C#m7 F#7

Am7 D9 F#7b9+5 F#m7sus4 B7+9 Emaj7 G#7+5

♩ = 138 C#m7 F#7sus4 Am7 D9 F#7b9+5 F#m7B7+9

Emaj7 D#m7G#7 C#m7 F#7 Am7 D9 G13 A^b

F#7b9+5 F#7sus4 F13 Emaj7 D9 Db9 C9

B7b5 F#7 B13 (b9) B13 Em7 A 13

C#m7 F#7 Am7 D9 F#7b9+5 F#7sus B7+9

⊕ E maj7 G#7+5 2nd Chorus

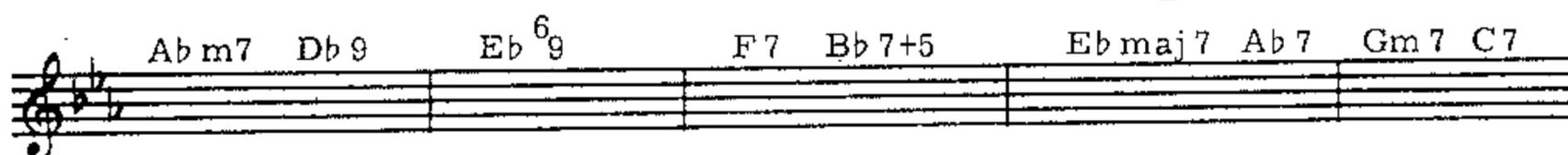
The main musical score consists of seven staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The music is a complex melodic line featuring numerous triplets and slurs. The first staff begins with a triplet of eighth notes. The second staff continues the melodic flow with various rhythmic values. The third staff features a triplet of eighth notes. The fourth staff has a triplet of eighth notes. The fifth staff includes a triplet of eighth notes. The sixth staff has a triplet of eighth notes. The seventh staff concludes with a triplet of eighth notes. The notation is dense and technical, typical of a jazz guitar solo.

D.C. al Coda

⊕ CODA

The coda section consists of two staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The second staff continues the melodic line with a long slur over several notes, ending with a final note. The notation is simpler than the main score, focusing on a clear melodic conclusion.

NOBODY ELSE



The image displays seven staves of musical notation for guitar solos. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The notation includes various chord symbols and technical markings:

- Staff 1:** Chords: E7, Bb7, Eb. Includes a triplet marking over the first three notes.
- Staff 2:** Chords: Gm7, C7, Fm7, Bb7. Includes a triplet marking over the last three notes.
- Staff 3:** Chords: Bb7, Bm7, E7, Bbm7, Eb7, Em7, A7, Abmaj7.
- Staff 4:** Chords: Abm7, Db7, Eb, F7, Bb7+5, Ebmaj7.
- Staff 5:** Chords: Gm7, C7, Fm7, Am7, D7, Gm7, C7. Includes a triplet marking over the first three notes of the Am7 chord.
- Staff 6:** Chords: Fm7, Bb7, Eb.
- Staff 7:** No chord symbols are explicitly labeled on this staff.



WHAT A SHAME

Basic Changes

C7 F7 C7 Gm7 C7 C+ F7 C C A7

D9 G9 C13 C+

F7 C A7 Dm7 Dm7 G7 C7 Dm7 b5

♩ = 124 C7 F7 C7 Gm7

C7 C+ F7 C

C A7 D9 G9

C13 (Bend)

C+ F7 Dm7

C Dm7 G7 C7 Dm7 b5

Dm7 G7 C7 Dm7 b5

CAVALERIE

Basic Changes

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat major/D-flat minor). It consists of ten staves. The first two staves are empty, serving as a guide for guitar chords. The third staff begins with a tempo marking of $\text{♩} = 195$. The melodic line is characterized by eighth-note patterns, often with triplets. Chord changes are indicated by letters above the staff: Db7, Gb7, A13, Ab13, Db, G13, Gb7, and A13.

Chord changes: Db7, Gb7, A13, Ab13, Db, G13, Gb7, A13.

This page contains ten staves of musical notation for guitar solos. The music is written in a key with three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The notation includes various rhythmic patterns, accidentals, and technical markings such as triplets and fingering numbers (1, 3). The staves are arranged vertically, showing a progression of musical ideas. The first staff begins with a series of eighth notes and quarter notes. The second staff features a triplet of eighth notes. The third staff has a series of quarter notes with accidentals. The fourth staff continues with eighth notes and quarter notes. The fifth staff has a series of eighth notes with accidentals. The sixth staff has a series of eighth notes with accidentals and a fingering number '1'. The seventh staff has a series of eighth notes with accidentals and a fingering number '3'. The eighth staff has a series of eighth notes with accidentals and a fingering number '3'. The ninth staff has a series of eighth notes with accidentals and a fingering number '1'. The tenth staff has a series of eighth notes with accidentals and a fingering number '1'.

The image displays ten staves of musical notation for guitar solos. The music is written in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The notation includes various rhythmic patterns, accidentals, and triplets. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. There are several instances of triplets, indicated by a '3' over a group of notes. Accidentals, including flats and naturals, are used throughout to modify the notes. The notation is dense and complex, typical of a jazz guitar solo. The page number '15' is located in the top right corner.

I AM WAITING

Basic Changes

C9 Eb7 C9 Ab13 Db9 C9

♩=112 C9

Eb13 C9

Ab13 Db9

C9

DJANGO

Basic Changes

Fm7 Gm7b5 C7 F7 Bb7 Eb7 Ab7 Db7 Gm7b5 C7

Fm7 Gm7b5 C7 F7 Bb7 Eb7 Ab7 Gm7b5 C7b9 Fm7

F7 F7b9 Bbm Bbm F7 Bbm F7b9 F7b9 Bbm Fm

F Pedal Bass-----

C7 F7 F7 Bbm7 C7 F7 Bb7 Eb7 Ab7 Db7 Gb7

Gb7 Db7 Db7 Gb7 Gb7 Db7 C7

♩ = 128 Fm7 Gm7b5 C7 F7 Bb7 Eb7 Ab7

Db7 Gm7b5 C7 Fm7 Gm7b5 C7

F7 Bb7 Eb7 Ab7 Gm7b5 C7b9

Fm7 F7 F7b9

This page contains ten staves of musical notation for guitar solos. The notation is written in a key signature of two flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor) and includes various chords and rhythmic patterns. The chords are: Bbm, F7, F7b9, Bbm, Fm, C7, F7, Bbm7, C7, F7, Bb7, Eb7, Ab7, Db7, Gb7, Db7, Gb7, C7, and Db7. The music features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and various rhythmic values including eighth and sixteenth notes. The notation is presented in a standard staff format with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats.

This page of musical notation for a jazz guitar solo consists of ten staves. The music is written in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The notation includes various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes). The final staff concludes with a chord labeled 'Db13' (D-flat 13th chord), which is a dominant chord with a tritone and a major 13th interval.

SIMPLICITY

JOE PASS (A.S.C.A.P.)

The musical score for "Simplicity" by Joe Pass is presented in a single system with two staves. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes a variety of jazz guitar chords and fret positions.

Staff 1 (Upper): Chords include C#m7, C13, C7+5, G#13, G#7+5, C#13, C#7+5, F#13, F#7+5, and A#13. Fret positions are indicated as 5th, 8th, 4th, and 9th.

Staff 2 (Lower): Chords include B13, B7+5, E maj 7, D#m11, G#7, D#m7, C13, C7+5, G#13, G#7+5, C#13, C#7+5, F#13, F#7+5, B13, B7+5, Bm7, E7, E7b9, A maj 7, A maj 6/9, G#dim (A bass), G#dim (Abass), A maj 7, A maj 7, D7b5, D#m11, D7b5, C#m7, C13, C7+5, G13, G7+5, C13, C7+5, F13, F7+5, B13, B7+5, E maj 7, C#m7, C7 9+9, G#7 9+9, C#7 9+9, F#7 9+9, B7 9+9, E maj 7, D#m7, and C#7. Fret positions are indicated as 5th, 8th, 4th, 9th, 2nd, and 7th.

Annotations: A counter line is provided for the first sixteen bars. The score includes various chord voicings such as triads, dyads, and full chords with extensions (9ths, 11ths, 13ths).

C. E. D.

Basic Changes

C Bm7 E7 Am7 D7 Gm7 C7 F7 Bb7 Eb7 Ab7 Db9(b5)

Fm7 Abm7 Bm7 Bm7 E7 Ebmaj7

Bm7 Dm7 Fm7 Fm7 Bb7 Ebmaj7 Ab7 G7 G+

C Bm7 E7 Am7 D7 Gm7 F7 Bb7 Eb7 Ab7 Db9(b5)

♩ = 120

Horns 2x

Am7 D7 Gm7 C7 F7 Bb7 Eb7 Ab7

5th Fret 3rd Fret 8th Fret 6th Fret 6th Fret 4th Fret

1. 2.

Db9(b5) Db9(b5)

Fm7 Abm7

Guitar solo

Bm7 Bm7 E7 Ebmaj7

Bm7 Dm7

Fm7 Fm7 Bb7 Ebmaj7 Ab7 G7 G+

C Bm7 E7 Am7 D7 Gm7

F7 Bb7 Eb7 Ab7 Db9(b5)

tr
p *cresc.*

Guitar solo

Guitar only

b *b* *b* *b*

This page contains 12 staves of musical notation for guitar solos. The notation is written in treble clef and includes various notes, accidentals (sharps, flats, and naturals), and triplets. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. Several staves contain triplets, indicated by a bracket with the number '3' above or below the notes. The notation is dense and technical, typical of a jazz guitar solo. The page concludes with a double bar line at the end of the final staff.

The musical score consists of 11 staves of music. The first seven staves contain the main body of the solo, featuring complex rhythmic patterns and various accidentals. The eighth staff is marked "Drum solo" and contains a few notes. The ninth staff is marked "D.S. al Coda". The tenth and eleventh staves are part of the "CODA" section, which begins with a circled "C" and ends with a double bar line.