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C.A.G.E.D. Chords & Scales

For Intermediate and Advanced Students



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*Exploring chord construction and scales through the
C.A.G.E.D. System*

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Students will learn the many ways to play chords through the popular C.A.G.E.D. system. Unlike many methods that cover the C.A.G.E.D. system, this publication also includes the many ways to play scales and ties the scales to the chords.

This method begins with the open chords and explains how to expand these chords throughout the entire neck of the guitar.

This text is intended for intermediate and/or advanced guitar students. This may be used as a supplement to teach chords and scales in the guitar classroom.

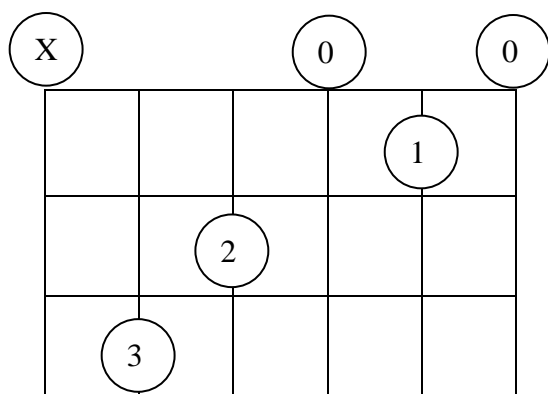
THE C.A.G.E.D. SYSTEM PART 1-THE LOWER REGISTER SCALES

The C.A.G.E.D. system is an approach to guitar playing using only five chord shapes. These five chord shapes are first learned in first or open position. The next step is to make each of the five shapes movable.

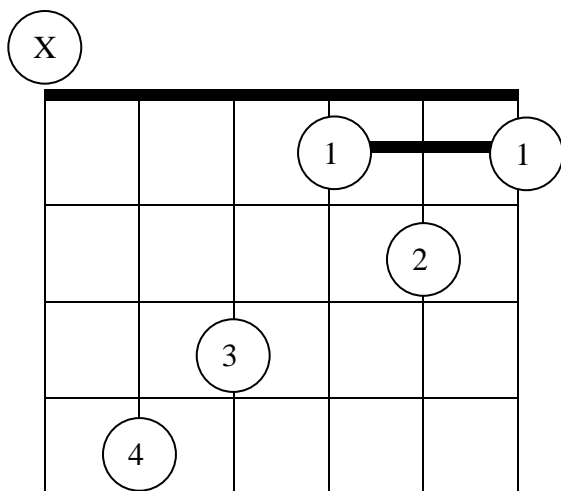
Each of the five chord shapes also provides a scale shape. These scales shapes are also movable.

The **Swickster Fingerboard System** makes it easy to see these shapes. It is easier to learn the five chord shapes in the key of C and then transpose the shapes as they become movable.

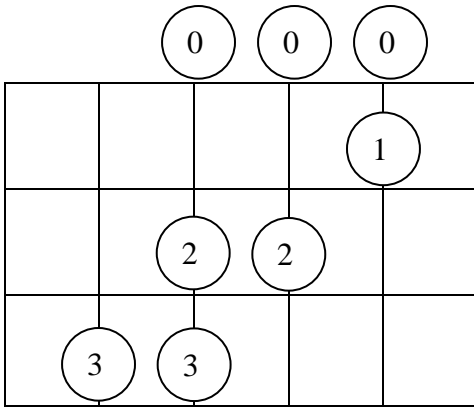
THE "C" SHAPE



The "C" Shape Chord becomes movable by moving all of the notes and maintaining the same shape.



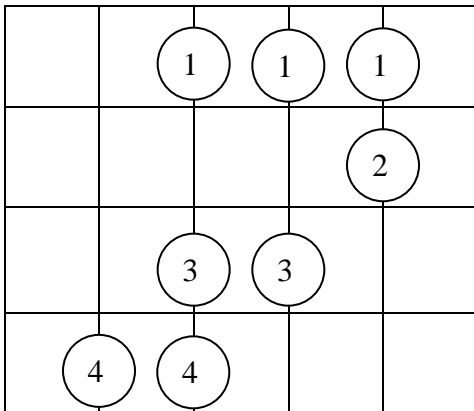
The "C" Shape also provides a scale pattern in open position.



This scale will be labeled as "C" 5 4-strings. The abbreviation will be C-5.

This label may seem confusing at first. The "C" means the scale is created from the "C" chord shape. The number 5 inside the circle means the scale starts on the fifth string. The "4-strings" means the scale requires a total of four strings to play the scale in one octave.

The following is the movable form of the C scale.



Even though the above scale is movable, it will still be labeled the same as the open C scale. This scale will be labeled as "C" 5 4-strings. (C-5)