Natural Harmonics

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Fractional Fret Harmonics

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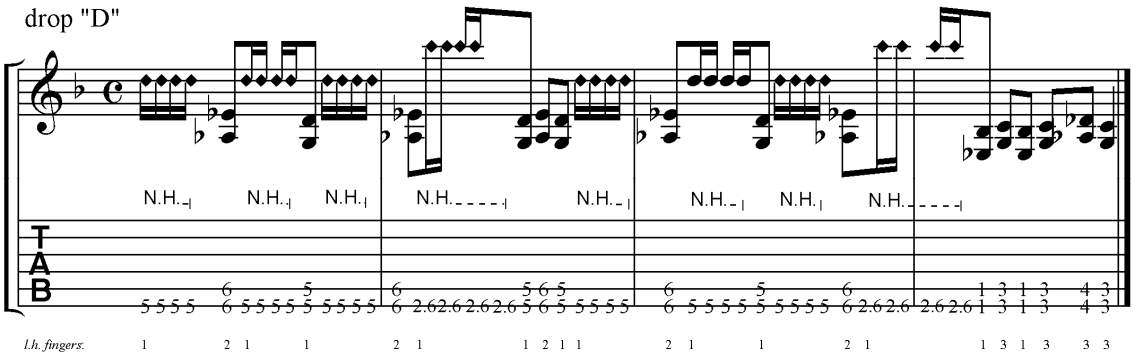
Fractional fret harmonics are natural harmonics that are not produced directly over the fret wire but between two fret wires. Our example has a fractional harmonic on the sixth string and at the 2.6th fret. This means that you would place your finger above the second fret approximately a little beyond half way or slightly less than half way below the third fret. You will have to experiment with finding just the right spot as it is hard to be precise with these small distances between frets. In addition, you will want to use lots of distortion and have your pickup selector on the bridge or treble pickup to help you "pull out" these types of harmonics.

Before you get started be sure to drop tune your low "E" string down to "D". Our example starts with a standard natural harmonic at the 5th on the sixth string repeated four times. As usual, the natural harmonics will be indicated by the "N.H." above the tablature. Use your left hand index finger for this harmonic. Follow this by fretting the 6th fret normally on the sixth and fifth strings with your second/middle finger. Follow this with four more harmonics at the 5th fret. Then normally fret the 5th fret sixth and fifth strings with your index finger followed by four more harmonics at the 5th fret. In measure two fret the 6th frets naturally again. After this is our first fractional harmonic at the 2.6th fret of the sixth string. Use your index finger to reach back to get this harmonic.



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