Sweep Picking

Riff# - 289

Added Two-Hand Tap

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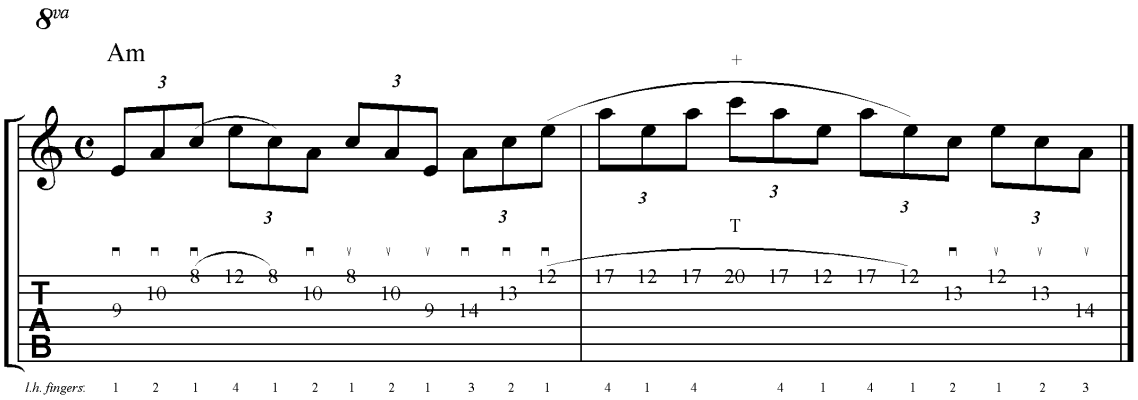
A cool element to add to our sweep picking is two-hand tapping, which is the sounding or fretting of a note with a right hand finger on the fret board. This adds to the upper range of notes we can put in our lick by playing notes with our right hand which are beyond the reach of normal left hand fretting.

Today's lick is based on two A minor triad arpeggios. We will start with our sweep picking technique of three consecutive down strokes across the 3rd to 1st strings. Then we will hammer-on and pull-off the 8th and 12th frets of the first string. To complete the first Am arpeggio shape down stroke the 2nd string tenth fret and then sweep pick with three upstrokes from the 1st to the 3rd string.

The second Am arpeggio starts on the 3rd string, 14th fret. We will sweep pick these strings with our usual three down strokes. After picking the 12th fret first string we will begin a series of legato hammer-ons, pull-offs and taps. Hammer-on the left hand pinky to the first string 17th fret, pull-off back to the 12th fret and then hammer-on back to the 17th fret.

At this point we will introduce our two hand tap by using our right hand middle or second finger to tap onto the first string 20th fret. With all the hammer-ons and pull-offs by our left hand, our right hand now has the time reach over the fret board and tap the 20th fret. After tapping with this finger it will then pull-off in a downward motion which will sound the 12th fret first string. Hammer-on back to the 17th with your left hand pinky and then pull-off back to your index finger which should still be on the 12th fret. Finish off the rest of the Am arpeggio with the picking directions indicated.



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1988 - Whitney Houston: "One Moment in Time" - UK 45
1988 - Chris de Burgh: ***Flying Colours*** - UK LP
1994 - Take That : "Sure" - UK single
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