

Satisfaction (I Can't Get No) - riff

The Rolling Stones

Standard tuning

♩ = 144

E-Gt

mf

V

T

A

B

2 2 2-4-5 (5) 5-5-4-4-2

Playing Tip:

To get the feel of the riff right, be conscious of your picking direction, this will give you the best result for the quicker parts of the riff.

Use your first finger for the B note, your third finger for the C#, and your fourth finger for the D note.

Theory:

This simple riff starts on the 5th degree of the E major scale, (B note) moves up to the 6th degree (C#), and then throws a curve ball into the mix by using the flattened seventh degree, the note should be a D# but the D sounds great, and that is really in the end all that matters.