Jazz Blues in All 12 Keys

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The basic 12-bar blues, the jazz blues and the minor blues, with every key in concert pitch and the written key for E♭ and B♭ saxophones.

BLUES KEYS AT A JAM

F blues	alto plays in D	tenor plays in G
B♭ blues	alto plays in G	tenor plays in C

Concert key first. Every grid in this PDF is in concert pitch.

The three blues forms

Roman numerals work in any key. Each box is one bar of 4/4.

Basic 12-bar blues

Bar 2 is the 'quick change' to IV7. Some blues stay on I7 instead.

1 **I7**	2 **IV7**	3 **I7**	4 **I7**
5 **IV7**	6 **IV7**	7 **I7**	8 **I7**
9 **V7**	10 **IV7**	11 **I7**	12 **V7**

Jazz blues

ii–Vs lead into bar 5, bar 9 and back to the top.

1 **I7**	2 **IV7**	3 **I7**	4 **v m7** | **I7**
5 **IV7**	6 **♯iv°7**	7 **I7**	8 **iii m7** | **VI7**
9 **ii m7**	10 **V7**	11 **I7** | **VI7**	12 **ii m7** | **V7**

Minor blues

Bars 9–10 replace the ii–V with ♭VI7 to V7.

1 **i m7**	2 **i m7**	3 **i m7**	4 **i m7**
5 **iv m7**	6 **iv m7**	7 **i m7**	8 **i m7**
9 **♭VI7**	10 **V7**	11 **i m7**	12 **ii m7♭5** | **V7**

What key do I play in?

Find the concert key the band calls, then read across

CONCERT KEY	E♭ INSTRUMENTS PLAY IN	B♭ INSTRUMENTS PLAY IN
F blues	D (alto, baritone)	G (tenor, soprano, clarinet, trumpet)
B♭ blues	G (alto, baritone)	C (tenor, soprano, clarinet, trumpet)
E♭ blues	C (alto, baritone)	F (tenor, soprano, clarinet, trumpet)
A♭ blues	F (alto, baritone)	B♭ (tenor, soprano, clarinet, trumpet)
D♭ blues	B♭ (alto, baritone)	E♭ (tenor, soprano, clarinet, trumpet)
G♭ blues	E♭ (alto, baritone)	A♭ (tenor, soprano, clarinet, trumpet)
B blues	G♯ (alto, baritone)	C♯ (tenor, soprano, clarinet, trumpet)
E blues	C♯ (alto, baritone)	F♯ (tenor, soprano, clarinet, trumpet)
A blues	F♯ (alto, baritone)	B (tenor, soprano, clarinet, trumpet)
D blues	B (alto, baritone)	E (tenor, soprano, clarinet, trumpet)
G blues	E (alto, baritone)	A (tenor, soprano, clarinet, trumpet)
C blues	A (alto, baritone)	D (tenor, soprano, clarinet, trumpet)

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Jazz blues in every key

Concert pitch. F and B♭ are the jam-session keys.

F blues

alto/bari: D · tenor/soprano: G

1 F7	2 B♭7	3 F7	4 Cm7 F7
5 B♭7	6 B°7	7 F7	8 Am7 D7
9 Gm7	10 C7	11 F7 D7	12 Gm7 C7

B♭ blues

alto/bari: G · tenor/soprano: C

1 B♭7	2 E♭7	3 B♭7	4 Fm7 B♭7
5 E♭7	6 E°7	7 B♭7	8 Dm7 G7
9 Cm7	10 F7	11 B♭7 G7	12 Cm7 F7

E♭ blues

alto/bari: C · tenor/soprano: F

1 E♭7	2 A♭7	3 E♭7	4 B♭m7 E♭7
5 A♭7	6 A°7	7 E♭7	8 Gm7 C7
9 Fm7	10 B♭7	11 E♭7 C7	12 Fm7 B♭7

A♭ blues

alto/bari: F · tenor/soprano: B♭

1 A♭7	2 D♭7	3 A♭7	4 E♭m7 A♭7
5 D♭7	6 D°7	7 A♭7	8 Cm7 F7
9 B♭m7	10 E♭7	11 A♭7 F7	12 B♭m7 E♭7

D♭ blues

alto/bari: B♭ · tenor/soprano: E♭

1 D♭7	2 G♭7	3 D♭7	4 A♭m7 D♭7
5 G♭7	6 G°7	7 D♭7	8 Fm7 B♭7
9 E♭m7	10 A♭7	11 D♭7 B♭7	12 E♭m7 A♭7

G♭ blues

alto/bari: E♭ · tenor/soprano: A♭

1 G♭7	2 B7	3 G♭7	4 D♭m7 G♭7
5 B7	6 C°7	7 G♭7	8 B♭m7 E♭7
9 A♭m7	10 D♭7	11 G♭7 E♭7	12 A♭m7 D♭7

B blues

alto/bari: G♯ · tenor/soprano: C♯

1 B7	2 E7	3 B7	4 F♯m7 B7
5 E7	6 F°7	7 B7	8 D♯m7 G♯7
9 C♯m7	10 F♯7	11 B7 G♯7	12 C♯m7 F♯7

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Jazz blues in every key (continued)

E blues

alto/bari: C♯ · tenor/soprano: F♯

1 **E7**	2 **A7**	3 **E7**	4 **Bm7** | **E7**
5 **A7**	6 **A♯°7**	7 **E7**	8 **G♯m7** | **C♯7**
9 **F♯m7**	10 **B7**	11 **E7** | **C♯7**	12 **F♯m7** | **B7**

A blues

alto/bari: F♯ · tenor/soprano: B

1 **A7**	2 **D7**	3 **A7**	4 **Em7** | **A7**
5 **D7**	6 **D♯°7**	7 **A7**	8 **C♯m7** | **F♯7**
9 **Bm7**	10 **E7**	11 **A7** | **F♯7**	12 **Bm7** | **E7**

D blues

alto/bari: B · tenor/soprano: E

1 **D7**	2 **G7**	3 **D7**	4 **Am7** | **D7**
5 **G7**	6 **G♯°7**	7 **D7**	8 **F♯m7** | **B7**
9 **Em7**	10 **A7**	11 **D7** | **B7**	12 **Em7** | **A7**

G blues

alto/bari: E · tenor/soprano: A

1 **G7**	2 **C7**	3 **G7**	4 **Dm7** | **G7**
5 **C7**	6 **C♯°7**	7 **G7**	8 **Bm7** | **E7**
9 **Am7**	10 **D7**	11 **G7** | **E7**	12 **Am7** | **D7**

C blues

alto/bari: A · tenor/soprano: D

1 **C7**	2 **F7**	3 **C7**	4 **Gm7** | **C7**
5 **F7**	6 **F♯°7**	7 **C7**	8 **Em7** | **A7**
9 **Dm7**	10 **G7**	11 **C7** | **A7**	12 **Dm7** | **G7**

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Minor blues in every key

Concert pitch. C minor and F minor are the common ones.

C minor blues

alto/bari: A · tenor/soprano: D

1 Cm7	2 Cm7	3 Cm7	4 Cm7
5 Fm7	6 Fm7	7 Cm7	8 Cm7
9 A♭7	10 G7	11 Cm7	12 Dm7♭5 | G7

F minor blues

alto/bari: D · tenor/soprano: G

1 Fm7	2 Fm7	3 Fm7	4 Fm7
5 B♭m7	6 B♭m7	7 Fm7	8 Fm7
9 D♭7	10 C7	11 Fm7	12 Gm7♭5 | C7

B♭ minor blues

alto/bari: G · tenor/soprano: C

1 B♭m7	2 B♭m7	3 B♭m7	4 B♭m7
5 E♭m7	6 E♭m7	7 B♭m7	8 B♭m7
9 G♭7	10 F7	11 B♭m7	12 Cm7♭5 | F7

E♭ minor blues

alto/bari: C · tenor/soprano: F

1 E♭m7	2 E♭m7	3 E♭m7	4 E♭m7
5 A♭m7	6 A♭m7	7 E♭m7	8 E♭m7
9 B7	10 B♭7	11 E♭m7	12 Fm7♭5 | B♭7

G♯ minor blues

alto/bari: F · tenor/soprano: A♯

1 G♯m7	2 G♯m7	3 G♯m7	4 G♯m7
5 C♯m7	6 C♯m7	7 G♯m7	8 G♯m7
9 E7	10 D♯7	11 G♯m7	12 A♯m7♭5 | D♯7

C♯ minor blues

alto/bari: A♯ · tenor/soprano: D♯

1 C♯m7	2 C♯m7	3 C♯m7	4 C♯m7
5 F♯m7	6 F♯m7	7 C♯m7	8 C♯m7
9 A7	10 G♯7	11 C♯m7	12 D♯m7♭5 | G♯7

F♯ minor blues

alto/bari: D♯ · tenor/soprano: G♯

1 F♯m7	2 F♯m7	3 F♯m7	4 F♯m7
5 Bm7	6 Bm7	7 F♯m7	8 F♯m7
9 D7	10 C♯7	11 F♯m7	12 G♯m7♭5 | C♯7

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Minor blues in every key (continued)

B minor blues

alto/bari: G♯ · tenor/soprano: C♯

1 **Bm7**	2 **Bm7**	3 **Bm7**	4 **Bm7**
5 **Em7**	6 **Em7**	7 **Bm7**	8 **Bm7**
9 **G7**	10 **F♯7**	11 **Bm7**	12 **C♯m7♭5** | **F♯7**

E minor blues

alto/bari: C♯ · tenor/soprano: F♯

1 **Em7**	2 **Em7**	3 **Em7**	4 **Em7**
5 **Am7**	6 **Am7**	7 **Em7**	8 **Em7**
9 **C7**	10 **B7**	11 **Em7**	12 **F♯m7♭5** | **B7**

A minor blues

alto/bari: F♯ · tenor/soprano: B

1 **Am7**	2 **Am7**	3 **Am7**	4 **Am7**
5 **Dm7**	6 **Dm7**	7 **Am7**	8 **Am7**
9 **F7**	10 **E7**	11 **Am7**	12 **Bm7♭5** | **E7**

D minor blues

alto/bari: B · tenor/soprano: E

1 **Dm7**	2 **Dm7**	3 **Dm7**	4 **Dm7**
5 **Gm7**	6 **Gm7**	7 **Dm7**	8 **Dm7**
9 **B♭7**	10 **A7**	11 **Dm7**	12 **Em7♭5** | **A7**

G minor blues

alto/bari: E · tenor/soprano: A

1 **Gm7**	2 **Gm7**	3 **Gm7**	4 **Gm7**
5 **Cm7**	6 **Cm7**	7 **Gm7**	8 **Gm7**
9 **E♭7**	10 **D7**	11 **Gm7**	12 **Am7♭5** | **D7**

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