

GREATEST ROCK GUITAR RIFFS

65 Essential Riffs from Legendary Songs



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20th CENTURY BOY **RIFF**

by T. REX

Words and Music by
MARC BOLAN

Moderately ♩ = 128

Intro:



Elec. Gtr. (w/dist.)

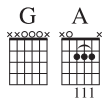
First system of music and guitar tablature. The staff shows a melodic line in E major with a dynamic marking of *f*. The guitar tablature below it shows the fretting for the electric guitar part, including a 1/2 bar rest and a 3-fret bend.



Acous. Gtr.

mf

Second system of music and guitar tablature. The staff continues the melodic line. The guitar tablature includes a 1/2 bar rest and a 3-fret bend.



Third system of music and guitar tablature. The staff continues the melodic line. The guitar tablature includes a 1/2 bar rest and a 3-fret bend.



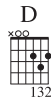
(I CAN'T GET NO) SATISFACTION

RIFF

by **THE ROLLING STONES**

Words and Music by
MICK JAGGER and KEITH RICHARDS

Moderate rock ♩ = 135



Acous. Gtr.

mf

Elec. Gtr. (w/fuzz-tone)

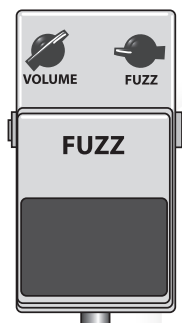
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Tablature for the guitar riff:

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7 7 7 9 10 | 10 10 9 9 7 | 7 7 7 9 10 | 10 10 9 9 7
  
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Consistently voted as "the greatest guitar riff of all time," Keith Richards groggily sang this melodic fragment into an early cassette recorder one morning just before falling asleep in a Clearwater, Florida motel. The fuzz-drenched three notes that kick off "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" can legitimately be called the fountainhead of all subsequent rock guitar riffs. Ironically, the guitar riff heard on the record was only intended as a guide for what Richards intended to be a saxophone part, but The Rolling Stones' record company rush-released the song before the horns could be added.

