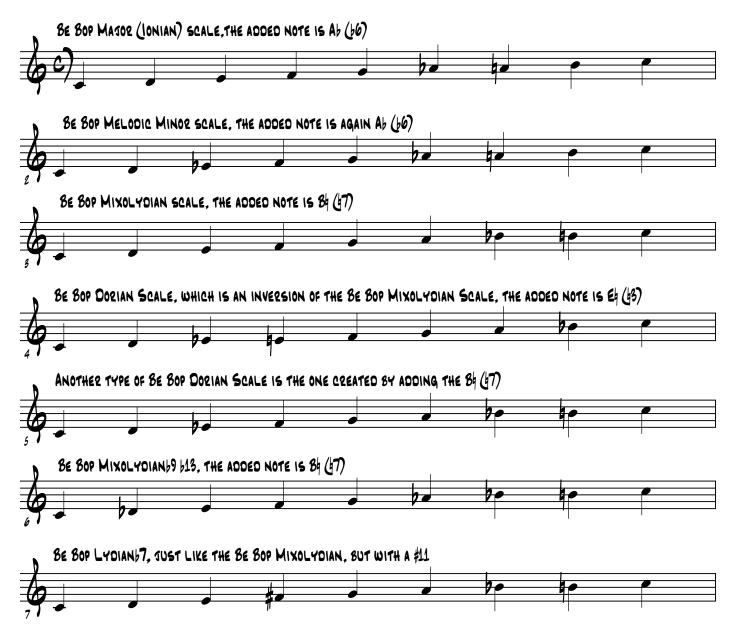
BE BOP SCALES

BE BOP SCALES, ARE BASED ON REGULAR THOSE SCALES (IONIAN, DORIAN, MIXO ETC.), BUT WITH ONE ADDED NOTE. THANKS TO THIS ADDED NOTE, WHEN THESE SCALES ARE PLAYED LINEARLY, USING CONSTANT 8THS AND STARTING THE LINE ON A CHORD TONE, ALL CHORD TONES (AND IN SOME CASES AVAILABLE TENSIONS AS WELL) WILL BE FOUND ON STRONG BEATS, WHILE ALL OTHER TONES WILL SHOW UP ON THE WEAKER BEATS.



ALL SEVEN NOTE SCALES CAN HAVE A "BE BOP" VERSION, BY ADDING A CHROMATIC PASSING TONE TO THEM. THE PURPOSE OF THESE SCALES IS TO PROJECT ALL THE CHORD TONES (OR ANY OTHER DESIRED TENSIONS) ON THE DOWNBEATS, AND THE NON-CHORD TONES OR "AVOID" NOTES ON THE UPBEAT.

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THE BE BOP SCALES ARE OVER-EMPHASIZED IN THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR EFFECT. THEY SHOULD NORMALLY BE MIXED WITH OTHER MATERIAL (APPERGIOS, PENTATONICS ETC.) IN ORDER TO WORK MORE MUSICAL.



More notes can be added, bringing all the available tensions into the downbeats as well as the chord notes. This example shows the major scale with added chromatic passing notes. Use it carefully, too much chromatisism can hide the function of the chord scale-unless if that is the desired effect.

