

Guitar Skills Auditor

Core Techniques Assessment

Rate yourself on these fundamental skills (1-5):

Chord Mastery

- Clean execution of major and minor chords _____
- Smooth transitions between chord changes _____
- Basic 7th chord formations _____
- Clear, buzz-free sound production _____

Barre Chord Proficiency

- Major barre chord formations _____
- Minor barre chord formations _____
- Power chord variations _____
- Basic chord inversions _____

Rhythm Foundations

- Consistent strumming patterns _____
- Basic fingerpicking control _____
- Steady tempo maintenance _____
- Dynamic control _____
- Palm muting execution _____

Essential Theory Knowledge Review

Scale Foundations

Take note of your comfort level with each:

- Minor pentatonic positions (how many do you know?)
- Major scale patterns in different keys
- Understanding of basic modes
- Interval recognition and application

Harmony Concepts Inventory

Can you confidently explain:

- How chords are built?
- What makes a key signature?
- Why certain chords work together?
- Basic harmony rules in your favorite songs?

Technical Skills Inventory

Playing Techniques Audit

Rate your proficiency (Beginner/Developing/Confident):

- String bending with accurate pitch _____
- Clean hammer-ons and pull-offs _____
- Basic tapping execution (if you dig it) _____
- Natural-sounding vibrato _____
- Smooth position shifts _____
- Speed playing _____

Performance Capabilities

Assess your ability to:

- Play comfortably with backing tracks
- Improvise basic solos
- Learn simple songs by ear
- Maintain timing with a metronome

Identifying Your Skills Gaps

Common Blind Spots

Check if you've mastered these often-overlooked areas:

- Proper string muting techniques
- Left-hand efficiency
- Right-hand picking accuracy
- Basic song structure understanding
- Reading foundational music notation

Where Most Players Need Work

Pay special attention to:

- Targeting chord tones in solos
- Basic voice leading
- Key changes recognition
- Rhythmic subdivision understanding
- Dynamic control in different contexts

Action Plan Based on Your Audit

1. Score Your Current Level

- Add up your ratings in each section
- Note areas below 3 stars or marked as "Developing"
- Identify your three weakest areas

2. Create Your Practice Focus

- Dedicate 15 minutes daily to your weakest skill
- Record yourself playing weekly
- Join an online community for feedback
- Use a metronome in your practice routine

Moving Forward After Your Audit

Once you've completed this skills audit, you'll have:

- A clear picture of your current abilities
- Identified areas needing improvement
- A structured plan for progress
- Confidence in your strengths
- Direction for your practice routine

Monthly Progress Tracking

Keep this skills audit handy and:

- Review it monthly
- Update your ratings
- Celebrate improvements
- Adjust your focus areas
- Set new goals based on progress