



Guitar Tabs Reference Sheet

Hi there, hope you enjoyed the lesson. So now that tabs will become your best friend, you'll want to be able to decipher them at a moment's notice. You'll learn all of the symbols soon enough, but until then, you might want to print out this reference guide, so you'll have it on hand whenever you need it. If you missed the video guitar lesson, make sure you watch it here:

<http://www.theguitarlesson.com/guitar-lessons/how-to-read-guitar-tabs/>

Tab symbol	Technique
h	hammer on
p	pull off
b or ^	bend
r	release
~ or v	vibrato
/ or s	slide up
\ or s	slide down
t	right hand tap
x	dampened note
P.M.	palm mute
< >	harmonics

Remember that there aren't any super-unified standards for tablature, it'll depend a lot on the person creating the tabs. For this reason, some tabs will be a bit different, but thankfully if you find really awful tabs, you can just search for another one.



Recommended tablature sites:

- [Google](#) - just search for “desired song tabs”
- [TheGuitarLesson.com Guitar Pro tabs database](#) (if you have GP6)
- [Ultimate Guitar](#)
- [911tabs](#)
- [Chordie](#)

Take care!

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And remember:

- Check out the rest of our [beginner guitar lessons](#) as well, all of our [guitar lessons on songs](#) were designed to improve your guitar skills through playing popular songs.
- When you feel like learning a bit more theory, have a look at the [guitar theory](#) section of the site.