Diatonic MODE Chart for MAJOR

Modal scales are derived from the Ionian (or Major) scale.

Mode/Name:notes of each mode (scale)C Ionian \underline{C} D E F G A B \underline{C} D DorianD E F G A B \underline{C} DE PhrygianE F G A B \underline{C} D EF LydianF G A B \underline{C} D E FG MixolydianG A B \underline{C} D E F G AA AeolianA B \underline{C} D E F G A BB LocrianB \underline{C} D E F G A B



For simplicity, we often use the "parent scale" approach and major scale patterns to help us find and learn the mode position for each key.

For example: In the Key of E minor 7th: You could play in Dorian Mode as Em (Key) = D Major Scale (Parent Scale)

Mode	degree of diatonic - commonly used chords	finding mode root from the song Key	Example
			Key = parent scale
IONIAN	1 - Major, ma6, ma6/9	Same as Key	C = C
DORIAN	2 – Minor, mi6, mi7	1 whole step down	Am = G major scale
PHRYGIAN	3 – mi(b9), mi7(b9)	2 whole steps down	Em = C major scale
LYDIAN	4 – Ma(#11), ma6/9	21/2 whole steps down Or 5 th string to 6 th string fr	C9 = G major scale et
MIXOLYDIAN	5 – Dominant chords Or All sus4 chords	31/2 whole steps down or 6 th string fre	Csus4 = F major et
AEOLIAN	6 – Minor, mi7, mi9	11/2 whole steps above	Em = G major scale
LOCRIAN	7 – Diminished, mi7(b5)	1/2 step above	Em7(b5) = F major

It's very helpful to use the most common major scale fingering patterns, and to remember the intervals for the major scale. W = Whole step, H = Half step

