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INTRODUCTION

In the jazz field everyone knows Jerry Bergonzi. If they haven’t heard him play they know his landmark books on improvising published by Advance Music; add that to his teaching of several generations of musicians. Jerry is a musician’s musician— a cliche maybe, but the term really means something significant. It translates to serious business, no fooling around or showing off in the areas of sound, technique, ideas, and passion. Musicians like this get it right all the time!!

Jerry has absorbed the playing of all the expected masters. In fact, I recall in the 1970s, a pronounced Wayne Shorter influence was evident at a time when most tenorists (myself included) were in to Coltrane.

Many of the tunes, while they contain conventional II-V progressions, are by no means predictable. Fast modulations and resolutions assure one’s attention. His encyclopedic knowledge is showcased on this collection of original compositions which will present a challenge to players on any level. The tune Red’s Blues has a Giant Steps color to it while parts of Wiggy, Invisible Light, Sound Advice, and I Ching Reading will challenge any improviser’s scale abilities. The compositions also encourage a “common tone” approach to melodic invention because of the nature of the unusual harmonic cycles. Quasi modal “The Ray” and the 7/4 “Windprints” further place demands of adaptability from the improviser.

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SOLOING

by Jamey Aebersold

1. Keep your place - don't get lost. If you do get lost LISTEN to the rhythm section. The drummer will often give a little crash at the beginning of new sections. If you hit a note that is not what you intended, move it up or down a half-step and you'll probably be back in the scale (or chord). Remember, jazz music usually moves in two, four and eight bar phrases. You're never far from a new phrase beginning.

2. Play right notes. This really means play the notes you hear in your head...the notes you would sing with your mouth. Having the scales and chords in front of you on a piece of paper is merely a guide. They don't provide the actual music that's going to be played. THAT comes from YOUR imagination. If you've got the scales, chords, and chord/scale progression MEMORIZED it provides courage to your imagination and allows you to operate from a more creative natural basis. It allows you to take some chances. It helps remove FEAR.

3. Using REPETITION and SEQUENCE is natural in music. It's found in all types and styles of music. The novice improvisor often feels that if they repeat an idea, everyone knows they are going to repeat it, so why do it; plus it's not original enough for your EGO so you don't play it. WRONG! The listener needs to hear some repetition and sequence or else they can't remember anything you play. Repetition and Sequence are the glue that holds solos together. The usual number of times something is repeated depends on you but the average is 2 or 3 and then your mind will tell you when to repeat and/or when to use sequence. It's a part of the way we hear music played by others.

4. CHORD TONES (the 1, 3, 5, & 7 of a scale) are great notes to begin and end a phrase with. Just sing a phrase and see if you don't follow this simple rule. Our ears HEAR chord tones first so it's natural to begin and end there. Plus, it gives us and the listener what we're listening for - harmonic stability.

5. SOUND: Be sure that you are getting a good, full sound on your instrument (or voice). Don't let the scales and chords or the progression or tempo intimidate you. Sound is foremost and is the FIRST thing a person latches onto when you sing or play. It leaves a lasting impression. So, be yourself and let your voice or instrument ring out. It's the main ingredient of your musical personality.

6. LISTENING: There's no way anyone is going to play jazz or improvise well without listening to those musicians who have come before. Through listening alone you can find ALL the answers. Each musician is a result of what they have listened to. It's easy to determine who people have listened to by listening to them play. We all tend to use imitation and it's good to do this. Some feel that if they listen to others they'll just sound like them. This is not true but your ego will try to convince you it's true. The ego hates competition or what it perceives to be competition. Don't let it fool you. If no one listened to anyone else, why play music? Music is for everyone and truly is a Universal Language.

7. Everyone has the ability to improvise - from the youngest child to the senior citizen. You have to have desire and set aside time to work at it until moving your fingers becomes automatic and the distance between your mind and fingers grows smaller and smaller to where you think an idea and your fingers are already playing it. It's not magic. If it is, then magic equals hard work and perseverance. When asked, "What is the greatest obstacle to enlightenment?" the Buddha replied, "Laziness." I agree!
3. Different Places Together

Jerry Bergonzi

PLAY 5 CHORUSES (♩ = 138)

Latin Bossa

C -7    A7+9/F    BbΔ+5    AØ    D7♭9

F -7    Bb7    G -7    EØ    A7♭9

1. Eb -7/Ab    D -7    G7

E -7    A7    Eb -7    Ab7    D -7    G7

2. D -7    F♯Ø    B7♭9    E -7    A7    Eb -7    Ab7

D -7    G7    C -7    F7    BbΔ    G7

SOLOS

C -7    A7+9/F    BbΔ+5    AØ    D7♭9    F -7    Bb7    G -7    EØ    A7♭9

1. Eb -7/Ab    D -7    G7    E -7    A7    Eb -7    Ab7    D -7    G7

2. D -7    F♯Ø    B7♭9    E -7    A7    Eb -7    Ab7    D -7    G7    C -7    F7    BbΔ    G7

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5. Red's Blues

PLAY 12 CHORUSES (\( \dot{d} = 150 \))

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SOLOS

Bb7

Ab-7  Db7  Gb\( \Delta \)  F-7  Bb7

Eb\( \Delta \)

A-7  D7  GA  C#-7  F\#7

B\( \Delta \)

C\( \Omega \)  F7\( \text{b}9 \)  Bb7  A7

\( \Theta \)

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7. Con Brio

PLAY MELODY 1 TIME, THEN
PLAY 13 SOLO CHORUSES (♩ = 250)

LATIN

INTRO C –7/F

Eb –7/Ab

C# –7/F#

C –7/F

MELODY

Bb△ G7b9 C –7 F7 Bb△ G7b9 C –7 F7

Bb△ G7b9 C –7 F7 F –7 Bb7

1.

Eb△ C7b9 F –7 Bb7 Eb –7 Ab –7

Db△ Gb C7b9 Fa F# –7 B7

2.

Eb△ C7b9 F –7 Bb7 Eb△ Eb –7 Ab –7

Db△ Gb C7b9 Fa F# –7 B7

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8. Inside Out

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PLAY 7 CHORUSES (\( \frac{1}{4} = 178 \))

SOLOS

Eb\( \Delta \)  C\( 7b9 \)  F\(-7 \)  D\( 7b9 \)  Eb\( 7 \)  Ab\( \Delta \)

G\( 7+9 \)  C\( 7+9 \)  F\(-7 \)  Db\( 7 \)  Eb\( \Delta \)

1.  D\( \emptyset \)  G\( 7+9 \)

2.  C\( 7b9 \)  F\(-7 \)  B\( b7 \)

Fine
11. Invisible Light

PLAY 3 CHORUSES (d = 50)

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Ballad

F -7  C#-7  Bb-7  F#-7

F -7  C#-7  Bb-7  EΔ+4

Eb-7  B -7  Ab-7  F -7  EΔ+4

Eb-7  E -7  A7  DA  G -7  C7

FA  Bb-7  Eb7  EΔ+4  G7+9  C7+9

SOLOS

F -7  C#-7  Bb-7  F#-7

F -7  C#-7  Bb-7  EΔ+4

Eb-7  B -7  Ab-7  F -7  EΔ+4

Eb-7  E -7  A7  DA  G -7  C7

FA  Bb-7  Eb7  EΔ+4  G7+9  C7+9

G7+9  C7+9  F -7

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12. Sound Advice – Cont.

SOLOS

F-7  GbΔ  G-7  AbΔ  DbΔ  C7♭9  B-7

C-7  DbΔ  Eb-Δ  E-7/A  AbΔ  AØ  D7♭9  G♭Δ+4  G-7

D-7  D-7/G  F♭-7  B7  Eb-7  EΔ+4

F-7  F♭Δ  G-7  AbΔ  DbΔ  C7♭9

B-7  E-7  F-7  Eb-7  DbΔ  C7♭9

E♭-7  EΔ+4  F-7  F♭Δ+4

E♭-7  EΔ+4  F-7  F♭Δ+4  F-7
13. The Ray

PLAY 6 CHORUSES (\(\text{\bullet} = 240\))

INTRO

\(\text{Gb\Delta sus4}\)

\(\text{Gb\Delta sus4}\)

\(\text{Gb\Delta sus4}\)

\(\text{G\Delta +5/F\# F\Delta +5/E}\)

\(\text{C\# -7/F\#}\)

\(\text{Gb\Delta sus4}\)

\(\text{Gb\Delta sus4}\)

\(\text{Gb\Delta sus4}\)

\(\text{Gb\Delta sus4}\)

SOLOS

\(\text{Gb\Delta sus4}\)

\(\text{Gb\Delta sus4}\)

\(\text{Gb\Delta sus4}\)

\(\text{Gb\Delta sus4}\)

\(\text{Gb\Delta sus4}\)

_LAST TIME REPEAT AND FADE_
NOMENCLATURE

+ or # = raise 1/2 step  - or b = lower 1/2 step  H = Half step  W = Whole step

Because jazz players, composers, educators and authors haven’t agreed on a common nomenclature for writing chord and scale symbols, the novice will have to become familiar with several different ways of writing the same scale sound.

Listed below are the most common symbols in order of usage—most-used to least-used. The symbol that is boldface is the one I use most often. Notice that throughout this book you will see CΔ and C to designate a major chord/scale sound. I am doing this so you can begin to get better acquainted with various nomenclature.

Δ = major scale/chord or major seventh (CΔ). A (7) after a letter means to lower the 7th note of the scale, making it a Dominant 7th quality (C7). A dash (-) when located beside a letter means to lower the third and seventh of the scale 1/2 step, thus making it a minor tonality (Dorian minor) (C-). ⊙ means half-diminished (C⊙). C-Δ means a minor scale/chord with a major 7th. -3 means 3 half-steps (a minor 3rd).

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<th>CHORD/SCALE TYPE</th>
<th>ABBREVIATED CHORD/SCALE SYMBOL</th>
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<tr>
<td>*MAJOR (Ionian) (WWWWWW)</td>
<td>C, Cmaj, Cma, Cm7, Cm7, CM, CM7, Cmaj9, Cmaj13, C7</td>
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<td>*DOMINANT SEVENTH (Mixolydian) (WWWWW)</td>
<td>C, C7, C9, C11, C13</td>
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<tr>
<td>*MINOR SEVENTH (Dorian) (WWWwww)</td>
<td>C, C-7, Cmi, Cm7, Cmin, Cmin7, Cm9, Cm11, Cm13</td>
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<td>LYDIAN (Major scale with #4) (WWWwww)</td>
<td>CΔ+4, Cmaj+4, CM+4, CΔ+11, CΔb5, Cmajb5</td>
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<td>*HALF-DIMINISHED (Locrian) (HWWWWW)</td>
<td>C, Cmi7(b5), C-7b5</td>
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<td>HALF-DIMINISHED #2 (Locrian #2) (HWWWWW)</td>
<td>CΔ#2, C9+2, C9</td>
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<td>DIMINISHED (WHWWWW)</td>
<td>C, Cdim, C7, Cdim7, C9</td>
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<td>LYDIAN DOMINANT (Dom. 7th with #4) (WWWwww)</td>
<td>C7+4, C7+11, C7b5, C9+11, C13+11</td>
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<td>WHOLE-TONE (WWWwww)</td>
<td>C, C7+, Caug+, C7+5, C7+5</td>
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<td>DOMINANT SEVENTH Using a Dim. Scale (HWWWWW)</td>
<td>C, C7b9, C7b9+4, C13b9+11</td>
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<td>DIMINISHED WHOLE-TONE (Altered scale) (HWWWWW)</td>
<td>C, C7+9, C7alt, C7b9+4, C7b9+11</td>
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<td>LYDIAN AUGMENTED (Major with #4 &amp; #5) (WWWwww)</td>
<td>CΔ+4, CΔ+5</td>
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<tr>
<td>MELODIC MINOR (ascending only) (WWWwww)</td>
<td>CΔ, C7maj7, CmiΔ, CΔ (Melodic), Cm6</td>
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<tr>
<td>HARMONIC MINOR (WHWWWW-3H)</td>
<td>C, CmiΔ, CΔ (Har), CΔb6</td>
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<tr>
<td>SUSPENDED 4th (W-3WWW) or (WWWwww)</td>
<td>G-7, C7sus4, C7sus, C4, C11</td>
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<tr>
<td>BLUES SCALE (use at player’s discretion) (-3WWH-3W)</td>
<td>There is no chord symbol for the Blues scale</td>
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* These are the most common chord/scales in Western music.

I believe in a reduced chord/scale notation that allows our creative side, our natural side (right brain function) to have direction and guidance without feeling inhibited or limited.

When we speak of “quality” we mean whether it is Major, Minor, Dim., or whatever.

I have tried to standardize the chord/scale symbol notation in my books. Since some have been out many years there are instances where I may have used a different chord symbol in one book than I used in this one.

I feel the improviser needs as little notation as possible in order to transcend the actual nomenclature on the page. The more numbers, letters and alterations that appear on the page, the less chance they will have to remove their thoughts from the written page and express what is being heard in their mind. That is why I prefer C, C7, C-7, CΔ, C7+9, C7b9. Remember, we are playing a music called jazz, and it contains many altered tones. Once we learn the various alterations and their corresponding abbreviated chord symbol, why keep writing all the alterations beside the chord symbol? Check out carefully the Scale Syllabus! Listen to Volume 26 “The Scale Syllabus.”

Remember: 2nd’s are the same as 9th’s, 4th’s are the same as 11th’s, 13th’s are the same as 6th’s. Example: Key of C... the 2nd, D, is the same as the 9th, D. Often a composer will simply write their preferred name of the scale beside the chord symbol, such as Eb-Δ (melodic minor), F- (phrygian), F- (phrygian).
INTRODUCTION to the SCALE SYLLABUS

Each chord/scale symbol (C7, C-, CΔ+4, etc.) represents a series of tones which the improvisor can use when improvising or soloing. These series of tones have traditionally been called scales. The scales listed here are the ones I most often hear musicians play. I have listed the Scale Syllabus in the key of C Concert so you can have a frame of reference and can compare the similarities and differences between the various chords/scales.

This SCALE SYLLABUS is intended to give the improvisor a variety of scale choices which may be used over any chord—major, minor, dominant 7th, half-diminished, diminished and sus 4. Western music, especially jazz and pop, uses major, dominant 7th, dorian minor and Blues scales and chords more than any other. Scales and chords used less often are the half-diminished, diminished and sus 4. If we agree on these five chord/scale families as being the most predominant, then we can set them up as categories and list substitute scales beneath each heading...see the Scale Syllabus page. You should also check out Volume 26 "The Scale Syllabus" for more help with scales.

Each category begins with the scale most closely resembling the chord/scale symbol given to the left. The scales are arranged according to the degree of dissonance they produce in relation to the basic chord/scale sound. Scales near the top of each category will sound mild or consonant and scale choices further down the list will become increasingly tense or dissonant. Each player is urged to start with the scales at the top and with practice and experimentation gradually work his way down the list to the more dissonant or tension-producing scales. You should work with a new scale sound on your instrument until your ears and fingers become comfortable with all the tones in the scale. Also try singing the scale with your voice. Improvise with your voice over the scale you are learning and then play on your instrument what your voice sang.

Music is made of tension and release. Scale tones produce tension or they produce relaxation. The improvisor's ability to control the amount and frequency of tension and release will in large measure determine whether he is successful in communicating to the listener. Remember—you, the player, are also a listener! Read pages 43 to 45 in Volume 1 JAZZ: How To Play And Improvise (product code V01DS) for a more detailed explanation of tension and release in melodic development.

Any of the various practice procedures and patterns listed in Volumes 1, 2, 3, 21, 24 or 84 can be applied to the learning and assimilation of any of the scale choices listed in this Scale Syllabus. Needless to say, any Scale you want to learn should be transposed and practiced in all twelve keys. The column on whole and half step construction I listed for each scale on the syllabus should prove helpful when transposing a scale to any of the twelve keys.

For additional information on scale substitution, I recommend Scales for Jazz Improvisation (product code SC) by Dan Haerle, Jazz Improvisation (product code JI) by David Baker, Patterns for Jazz (product code P-T or P-B) and Complete Method for Jazz Improvisation (product code C) by Jerry Coker, and Repository of Scales & Melodic Patterns (product code YL) by Yusef Lateef. These books are available from Jamey Aebersold Jazz, Inc., PO Box 1244, New Albany, IN 47151-1244 USA, your local music store, or www.jazzbooks.com.

Several play-a-long sets offer you an opportunity to practice the various scales in all twelve keys. They are: Vol. 24 Major & Minor; Vol. 84 Dominant 7th Workout; Vol.21 Gettin' It Together; and Vol.16 Turnarounds, Cycles & II/V7's. You might also check out the play-a-longs which have tunes in all keys: Vol. 42 Blues In All Keys; Vol. 47 Rhythm In All Keys; Vol. 57 Minor Blues In All Keys; and two more volumes, Vol. 67 Tune Up and Vol. 68 Giant Steps—each has several classic tunes in all twelve keys.

Scales and chords are the backbone of our music and the better you equip yourself, the more fun you will have playing music.

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# Scale Syllabus

**Legend:**
- **H** = Half Step
- **W** = Whole Step
- **Δ** = Major 7th
- **+ or #** = raise H or - = lower H
- **o** = Half-Diminished
- **3 = 3H** (Minor Third)

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## 1. Major Scale

### SCALE NAME

- **W & H Construction**

### SCALE IN KEY OF C

### BASIC CHORD IN KEY OF C

**CΔ (Can be written C)**

- Major (don’t emphasize the 4th)
- C
- CΔ +4
- CΔ
- CΔ +6
- CΔ +5, +4
- C
- CΔ +6
- C
- CΔ +5, +4
- C
- CΔ +6
- C
- CΔ +5, +4
- C
- CΔ +6
- C

**Cdim**

- Diminished (begin with H step)
- C
- CΔ +6
- C
- CΔ +5, +4
- C
- CΔ +6
- C
- CΔ +5, +4
- C
- CΔ +6
- C
- CΔ +5, +4
- C
- CΔ +6
- C

## 2. Dominant 7th

### SCALE CHOICES

- **W & H Construction**

### SCALE IN KEY OF C

### BASIC CHORD IN KEY OF C

### SUSPENDED 4th

**C7sus 4**

- Major Pentatonic built on b7
- W W W W W W
- C D E F G A B B C
- C E G B B D

**C7sus 4 G/C**

- Major Pentatonic built on C
- W W W W W W
- C D E F G A B B C
- C E G B B D

## 3. Minor Scale

### SCALE NAME

### W & H Construction

### SCALE IN KEY OF C

### BASIC CHORD IN KEY OF C

**C- or C-7**

- Minor (Dorian)
- W W W W W W
- C D E F G A B B C
- C E G B B D

**C- or C-7**

- Pentatonic (Minor Pentatonic)
- W W W W W W
- C D E F G A B B C
- C E G B B D

**C- or C-7**

- Bebop (Minor)
- W W W W W W
- C D E F G A B B C
- C E G B B D

**CΔ (maj. 7th)**

- Melodic Minor (ascending)
- W W W W W W
- C D E F G A B B C
- C E G B B D

**C- or C-0 or C-**

- Bebop Minor No. 2
- W W W W W W
- C D E F G A B B C
- C E G B B D

**C- or C-7**

- Blues Scale
- W W W W W W
- C D E F G A B B C
- C E G B B D

**C- (b6 & maj. 7th)**

- Diminished (begin with W step)
- W W W W W W
- C D E F G A B B C
- C E G B B D

**C- or C-b9b6**

- Phrygian
- W W W W W W
- C D E F G A B B C
- C E G B B D

**C- or C-b6**

- Aeolian
- W W W W W W
- C D E F G A B B C
- C E G B B D

## 4. Half Diminished

### SCALE CHOICES

### SCALE NAME

### W & H Construction

### SCALE IN KEY OF C

### BASIC CHORD IN KEY OF C

**C0**

- Half Diminished (Locrian)
- W W W W W W
- C D E F G A B B C
- C E G B B D

**C0#2 (C09)**

- Half Diminished #2 (Locrian #2)
- W W W W W W
- C D E F G A B B C
- C E G B B D

**C0 (with or without #2)**

- Bebop Scale
- W W W W W W
- C D E F G A B B C
- C E G B B D

## 5. Diminished Scale

### SCALE CHOICES

### SCALE NAME

### W & H Construction

### SCALE IN KEY OF C

### BASIC CHORD IN KEY OF C

**C0**

- Diminished (8 tone scale)
- W W W W W W
- C D E F G A B B C
- C E G B G A

### Notes:

1. The above chord symbol guide is my system of notation. I feel it best represents the sounds I hear in jazz.
2. The player should be aware that each chord symbol represents a series of tones called a scale.
3. Even though a C7+9 would appear to have only a raised 9th, it also has a b9, +4 and +5. So the entire C7+9 scale would look like: Root, b9, +9, 3rd, +4, +5, b7 & root (C, Db, D# E, F#, G#, Bb, C).
4. My chord symbol C7+9 is therefore an abbreviation, while the complete name of this scale is Diminished Whole Tone (sometimes called Super Locrian or Altered Scale). Similarly, C7#9 also appears to have only one altered tone (b9) but in actually have three: b9, +9 and +4. The entire scale looks like this: Root, b9, +9, 3rd, +4, 5th, 6th, 7th & root (C, Db, D# E, F#, G, A, Bb, C).
5. All scales under the Dominant 7th category are scales that embellish the basic Diminished 7th sound. Some scales provide much more tension than the basic dominant 7th sound and require practice and patience to grasp the essence of their meaning.
6. I encourage you to work with the first side of Volume 3 "The 11-V7-1 Progression" since it emphasizes Diminished and Diminished Whole Tone scales and chords.
7. * In category #3, MINOR SCALE CHOICES, the PURE MINOR scale choice is not used very often. I have found the order of preference to be Dorian, Bebop, Melodic, Blues, Pentatonic, and then any of the remaining Minor scale choices.
THE DOMINANT 7th TREE of SCALE CHOICES

The two most important notes in any scale are the 3rd and 7th. They tell the listener what the quality is and indicate the harmonic motion. The 3rd tells us if it’s major or minor. The 7th tells whether the sound is stable (doesn’t want to move to another chord) or if it wants to move on to a chord of resolution. Dominants typically want to resolve to a chord up a perfect 4th (C7 wants to resolve to F, F-, F7 etc.). The root or tonic is taken for granted. If it wasn’t there we wouldn’t be able to identify the sound.

Any of these scales (qualities/sounds/sonorities) may be played when a dominant 7th chord/scale RESOLVES to a chord/scale whose ROOT lies a perfect 4th (5 half-steps) above the root of the dominant 7th chord.

**EXAMPLE:** || C7 | C7 | F | F | Ab7 | Ab7 | Db | Db |
Embellish the measures with these chords: C7 and Ab7

The altered tones are in **bold type**. Those tones usually resolve by half-step to a scale or chord tone. This amounts to **tension then release**. It’s a natural occurrence in music. The 3rd’s and 7th’s are underlined.

**SCALES**

1. **DOM.7th** = C7 = C D E F G A Bb C
   This is the basic dominant 7th sound. Be careful how you treat the 4th tone. Use it as a passing tone.

2. **BEBOB** = C7 = C D E F G A Bb B C
   Play B natural as a passing tone. It should always appear on an upbeat never on the downbeat.

3. **LYDIAN DOM.** = C7#4 = C D E F# G A Bb C
   The #4 was/is a favorite note. It used to be called a b5.

4. **WHOLE-TONE** = C7+ = C D E F# G# Bb C
   This scale only has 6 tones. It is a symmetrical scale used often in cartoon music and by DeBussy and Ravel. [Has a #4 and #5]

5. **DIMINISHED** = C7b9 = C Db D# E F# G A Bb C
   This scale has 8 different tones. It is symmetrical and is also used in cartoon music. Michael Brecker is a master of this scale sound. [Has a b9, #9 and #4]

6. **DIM. WHOLE-TONE** = C7+9 = C Db D# E F# G# Bb C
   This scale has four altered tones which help create tension. [Has a b9, #9, #4 and #5]

7. **SPANISH or JEWISH SCALE** = C7 (b9) = C Db E F G Ab Bb C
   This scale is used often when playing in a minor key. It’s the same as F harmonic minor. [Has a b9 and b6]

8. **CHROMATIC SCALE** = C7 = C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B B C
   (the Musical Alphabet) C Db D Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb B C
   Any time there is a dominant 7th, you may want to experiment with these scales. The proper use of these various scales is part of what makes jazz so appealing. Endless variety in the hands of a master makes beautiful music. Don’t be afraid to try these sounds. It may take some time for your ears to become accustomed to the sound and the fingerings. The book called Patterns For Jazz (Aebersold product code “P-T” for treble clef instruments, “P-B” for bass clef lists jazz phrases based on many of the scales above.