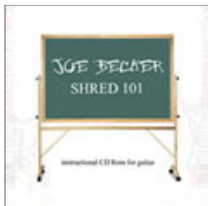


Joe Becker Shred 101 Instructional CD Rom

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Are you looking take your first steps into the world of extreme guitarplaying? Have you said to yourself, "man I wish I knew how shred." Well, this is your first class ticket to a smooth ride into the world that we all call shred guitar playing. Joe Becker is great guitar player that has the right idea when it comes to creating good instructional material.

Shred 101 is a great building block for guitarists who are looking to move from the early beginner stages to the more advanced. After working through each lesson I got the impression that this cd is geared more towards the beginner / intermediate level guitarist. Joe provides many examples of playing techniques for users to work through. Each lick is accompanied by mp3s that the listener can hear to help learn the lick. Along with that, each technique is displayed in tab format with an explanation of how to play it.

The areas of focus are: warm-ups, pentatonics, scale stacking, tapping, harmonic minor, sweep arpeggios and some bonus licks. Becker dives in depth to each topic area with rich media examples. The tapping section is one of the coolest sections because he provides some "outside-the-box" examples that many players may have not tried before. Becker will also put players' skills to the test with the arpeggios chapter. Guitarists' will get their first exposure to some finger wrenchin' stretching.

This CD Rom is a great instructional tool for guitar players who are looking to take their playing to the next level. *Shred 101* is knowledge packed with tons of great examples that help introduce guitarists into the world of shred. Becker also has a great sense of humor and cracks some funnies during the presentation as well. For more information regarding this release please visit www.chopsfromhell.com or www.joe-becker.com.



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