

# Bossa Chord and Bass



-Bass line is made up of alternating roots and 5ths

Be sure to feel the anticipated beat as it is the defining character of a bossa bass line

Dmaj7

E7

1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

TAB

5 5 5 5 5 7 7 7 7 7

Em7

A7

Dmaj7

TAB

7 2 7 7 7 5 7 5 7 7 7 7 4 5

-Adding chords between bass notes

Dmaj7 Dmaj7 Dmaj7 Dmaj7 E7 E7 E7 E7

TAB

7 7 7 7 7 6 6 7 6 7 7 7

Em7 Em7 Em7 Em7 A7 A7 A7 A7 Dmaj7

TAB

7 5 5 7 5 6 6 5 7 7 5 7 4 5

Notes:

- Practice feeling the rhythms of the bossa nova beat
- Once you can play a groove with this bass line, try to play chromatic movement or altered rhythms / bass lines / chords while maintaining the anticipated rhythm every other measure
- This is an outline for bossa bass, generally you want to introduce variety into your lines as to not be repetitive