Aeolian Dark Chord Progression Chart

i – ♭VI – ♭VII – i · in A minor: 4 bars

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The progression in A minor

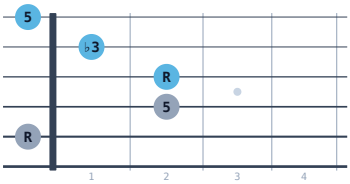
i	♭VI	♭VII	i
Am	F	G	Am

Why it works: Pure natural minor with no dominant. With no leading tone nothing pulls up to the tonic, so it stays dark and grounded. bVI to bVII to i is the classic rock cadence in minor.

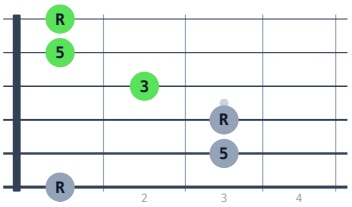
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How to play it in A minor

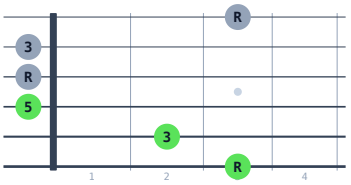
i · Am · A shape



♭VI · F · E shape



♭VII · G · G shape



Aeolian Dark in every key

Key	i	♭VI	♭VII
C minor	Cm	A♭	B♭
C♯ minor	C♯m	A	B
D minor	Dm	B♭	C
D♯ minor	D♯m	B	C♯
E minor	Em	C	D
F minor	Fm	D♭	E♭
F♯ minor	F♯m	D	E
G minor	Gm	E♭	F
G♯ minor	G♯m	E	F♯
A minor	Am	F	G
B♭ minor	B♭m	G♭	A♭
B minor	Bm	G	A

What to play over it

Over the whole progression: A Natural minor · A Minor pentatonic

Chord by chord: Am: A Natural minor · F: F Lydian · G: G Mixolydian