Tension Vamp Chord Progression Chart

I – V7 · in C major: 2 bars

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The progression in C major

I	V7
C	G7

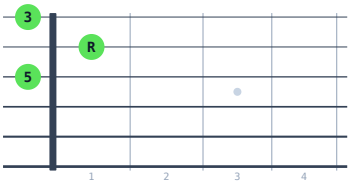
Why it works: One chord rests and one leans: the V7 pulls back to I each time. Every loop is a question and an answer.

Songs built on it: Jambalaya

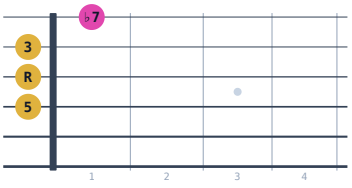
Heard in: Texas blues · Blues rock · Funk · Soul · Gospel

How to play it in C major

I · C · D shape



V7 · G7 · A shape



Tension Vamp in every key

Key	I	V7
C major	C	G7
D♭ major	D♭	A♭7
D major	D	A7
E♭ major	E♭	B♭7
E major	E	B7
F major	F	C7
F♯ major	F♯	C♯7
G major	G	D7
A♭ major	A♭	E♭7
A major	A	E7
B♭ major	B♭	F7
B major	B	F♯7

What to play over it

Over the whole progression: C Major · C Major pentatonic

Chord by chord: C: C Major · G7: G Mixolydian