A Locrian Scale Guitar Chart

notes A B♭ C D E♭ F G · formula 1 ♭2 ♭3 4 ♭5 ♭6 ♭7 · steps H W W H W W W

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Formula

H	W	W	H	W	W	W
1	♭2	♭3	4	♭5	♭6	♭7

A Locrian is the 7th mode of the Major family.

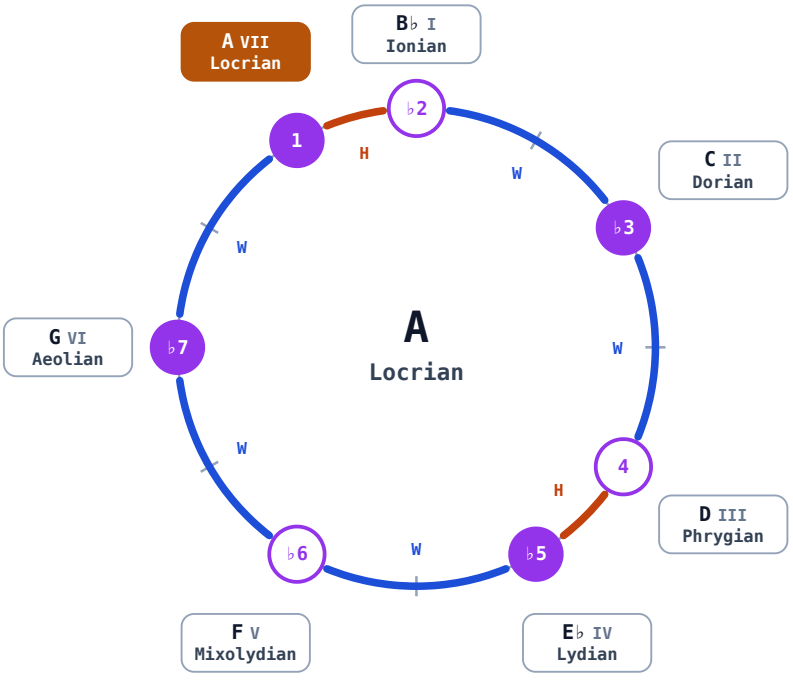
Sound: Unstable, no firm home: tense and dark

Where it is used: The darkest mode, built on a diminished chord: over m7♭5 chords in jazz and in some metal riffs. Rarely a home key.

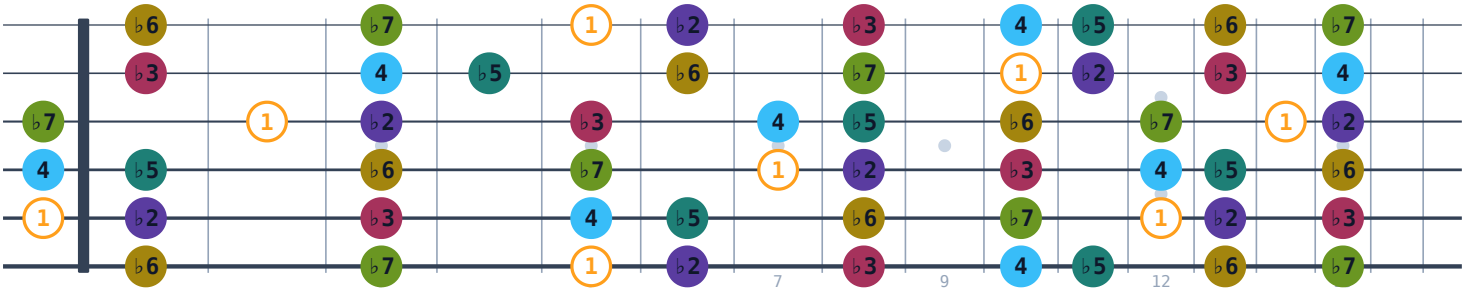
Chords in the scale: i° Am7♭5 · ♭II B♭maj7 · ♭iii Cm7 · iv Dm7 · ♭V E♭maj7 · ♭VI F7 · ♭vii Gm7

Same notes, other modes: A Locrian · B♭ Major · C Dorian · D Phrygian · E♭ Lydian · F Mixolydian · G Natural minor

A Locrian on the chromatic circle



The whole neck



Each dot is named by its degree; the root is drawn as a ring.