

3-Octave Scale Fingerings

Fingering for upper strings, 3-octave scales, ascending, 2nd finger start (read this chart from the bottom going up, starting on the lowest string. Shifts are double slashes):

Highest string: 1-2//1-2//1-2-3-4-ext.4

Upper middle string: 1-2//1-2-3-4

Lower middle string: 1-2-3-4

Lowest string: 2-3-4

Descending fingering (read this from the top down):

Highest string: ext. 4-4-3-2-1//3-2-1//3-2-1 (now you're in your starting position)

Upper middle string: 4-3-2-1

Lower middle string: 4-3-2-1

Lowest string: 4-3-2

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/ means shift up

\ means shift down

Open string start (C Major, c minor):

ASCENDING:

A: 1-2 / 1-2-3-4-ext. 4

D: 0-1-2 / 1-2-3-4

G: 0-1-2-3

C: 0-1-2-3

DESCENDING:

A: ext. 4-4-3-2-1 \ 4-3-2-1 (stay in 1st position to finish)

D: 4-3-2-1

G: 4-3-2-1

C: 4-3-2-1-0

1st finger start (D Major, d minor):

ASCENDING:

A: 1-2 / 1-2 / 1-2-3-4

D: 0-1-2 / 1-2-3-4

G: 0-1-2-3

C: 1-2-3

DESCENDING:

A: 4-3-2-1 \ 3-2-1 \ 3-2-1 (stay in 1st position to finish)

D: 4-3-2-1

G: 4-3-2-1

C: 4-3-2-1

2nd finger start (E-flat and higher—start on 2nd finger in higher positions too):

ASCENDING:

A: 1-2 / 1-2 / 1-2-3-4-ext. 4

D: 1-2 / 1-2-3-4

G: 1-2-3-4

C: 2-3-4

DESCENDING:

A: ext. 4-4-3-2-1 \ 3-2-1 \ 3-2-1 (stay in this position to finish)

D: 4-3-2-1

G: 4-3-2-1

C: 4-3-2

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Open string start (G Major, g minor):

ASCENDING:

E: 1-2 / 1-2-3-4-ext. 4

A: 0-1-2 / 1-2-3-4

D: 0-1-2-3

G: 0-1-2-3

DESCENDING:

E: ext. 4-4-3-2-1 \ 4-3-2-1 (stay in 1st position to finish)

A: 4-3-2-1

D: 4-3-2-1

G: 4-3-2-1-0

1st finger start (A Major, a minor):

ASCENDING:

E: 1-2 / 1-2 / 1-2-3-4

A: 0-1-2 / 1-2-3-4

D: 0-1-2-3

G: 1-2-3

DESCENDING:

E: 4-3-2-1 \ 3-2-1 \ 3-2-1 (stay in 1st position to finish)

A: 4-3-2-1

D: 4-3-2-1

G: 4-3-2-1

2nd finger start (B-flat and higher—start on 2nd finger in higher positions too):

ASCENDING:

E: 1-2 / 1-2 / 1-2-3-4-ext. 4

A: 1-2 / 1-2-3-4

D: 1-2-3-4

G: 2-3-4

DESCENDING:

E: ext. 4-4-3-2-1 \ 3-2-1 \ 3-2-1 (stay in this position to finish)

A: 4-3-2-1

D: 4-3-2-1

G: 4-3-2