

An example using the Bb minor pentatonic scale

As you recall, the Dameron turnaround can be analyzed as a phrygian progression. Since the Bb minor pentatonic scale is a subset of the Bb phrygian mode, it can be used over the last three chords of a Dameron turnaround in Bb major.

Ex.2-123 follows a 3-5-7-9 cell on Bbmaj7 with a descending Bb minor pentatonic sequence that forms cells that will fit any of the harmonic variations of the Dameron turnaround.

B^bMA⁷ D^b G^bMA⁷ C^b B^b

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Ex.2-124 uses an octave-displaced 1-3-5-b7 arpeggio to outline Db7.

B^bMA⁷ D^{b7} G^bMA⁷ C^b B^b

Ex.2-125 is basically the same line starting an octave higher and using octave-displacement on the Gbmaj7 cell.

B^bMA⁷ D^{b7} G^bMA⁷ C^b B^b

Ex.2-126 uses octave-displaced arpeggios on the first three chords and a 7-1-3-5 cell for the Cbmaj7.

B^bMA⁷ D^{b7} G^bMA⁷ C^bMA⁷ B^b

Ex.2-127 re-introduces the old “5-to-3” device in Gb major to outline Db7 to Gbmaj7.

B^bMA⁷ D^{b7} G^bMA⁷ C^b B^b

Ex.2-128 does the same with some octave-displacements and a permutation.

B^bMA⁷ D^{b7} G^bMA⁷ C^b B^b