

The Pre-Bend

A pre-bend is played by first bending the string up to pitch, then, picking and releasing it. You shouldn't hear any of the original bend. (If you do, you are picking it too soon.) Pre-bends will be indicated by a "PB" with a bend arrow showing the release. There will not be an arrow bending up as with a normal bend. Listen for the difference between the normal bend and the pre-bend below.

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The diagram shows a guitar staff with three strings labeled T, A, and B. The A string has two notes: a 7th fret note and a 5th fret note. The 7th fret note is marked with a normal bend (upward arrow) and a pre-bend (downward arrow). The 5th fret note is marked with a pre-bend (downward arrow). The notation includes a 'P' above the 7th fret note and a 'PB' above the 5th fret note. A box with the letter 'H' is at the top left. Fingering numbers are provided below the staff: 3(2) for the 7th fret, 3 for the 7th fret, 1 for the 5th fret, 3(2) for the 7th fret, and 1 for the 5th fret. Small square symbols are placed above the staff at the 7th and 5th fret positions.

fingering: 3(2) 3 1 3(2) 1