

Alternate Tunings

Many acoustic guitarists today are using alternate tunings to give their music a different sound. This page will outline some of the more common alternate tunings, and tell you a little about them. I hope this page is useful!

All tunings are listed from low strings to high strings.

EADGBE	standard tuning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how to tune to standard tuning
DADGBE	drop-D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tune 6th string down one whole step
DADGBD	double-drop-D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tune 6th string down one whole step • tune 1st string down one whole step
DADGAD	"Dad-Gad"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tune 6th string down one whole step • tune 2nd string down one whole step • tune 1st string down one whole step
DADF[#]AD	Open D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tune 6th string down one whole step • tune 3rd string down one half step • tune 2nd string down one whole step • tune 1st string down one whole step
DGDGBD	Open G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tune 6th string down one whole step • tune 5th string down one whole step

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• tune 1st string down one whole step
EBEG[#]BE	Open E	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• tune 5th string up one whole step• tune 4th string up one whole step• tune 3rd string up one half step <p>WARNING: this is a high-tension tuning! Consider using open D with capo 2nd fret</p>
CGCGCE	Open C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• tune 6th string down two whole steps• tune 5th string down one whole step• tune 4th string down one whole step• tune 2nd string up one half step
DADFAD	Open D Minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• tune 6th string down one whole step• tune 3rd string down one whole step• tune 2nd string down one whole step• tune 1st string down one whole step