## Minor ii-V-i Guide Tone Lines Practice Routine

On minor ii-V-i's, there are a couple more variables than on major key ii-V-I's.
Bill Graham We need to know how to resolve to 3 different chord qualities on the i chord:

1) a Minor 6th chord (this is a real tonic minor sound)
2) a Minor 7th chord (for when you have a ii-V into the ii or iii chord in a major key, also used as a softer, more modern tonic minor sound)
3) a Minor/Major 7th chord (a more tense tonic minor sound.)

The voice leading for the ii to the V is the same as in a major ii-V. Let's look at each of our 3 i chord options in turn.

1) to resolve to a minor 6th chord, the 7th of the V will fall a whole step, to the minor 3rd of the i chord, and the 3rd of the V chord will also fall a whole step, to the 6th of the i chord.

2) To resolve to a minor 7th chord, the 7th of the $V$ will still fall a whole step, to the minor 3rd of the i chord, but the 3rd of the V will only fall a half step, to the minor 7th of the i .

3) To resolve to a minor-major 7th chord, the 7th of the V will still fall a whole step, to the minor 3rd of the i chord, and the 3rd of the V will stay put, becoming the major 7th of the i chord, just like in a major ii-V-I.


You should also practice resolving that major 7th down to the 6th, like this.


As always, we have to practice everything in every key. Let's start by resolving into a minor 6th chord, and then going down chromatically. Notice the voice leading when you go from one key to the next. The 3rd of the i chord will move up a half step to the 3 rd of the next ii chord, and the 6th of the i chord will move up a whole step to the 7th of the next ii chord. The bass note will of course move up a half step, just like when we did these in major keys.



## And the other set




Now lets do all of that again, this time resolving into minor 7th chords instead. The 3rd of the i chord will still move up a half step to the 3rd of the next ii chord, and the 7th of the i chord will move up a half step to the 7th of the next ii chord.



And the other set



This time, lets resolve into minor-major 7th chords. The 3rd of the i chord will still move up a half step to the 3 rd of the next ii chord, and the 7th of the i chord will stay put to become the 7th of the next ii chord.



And the other set



Let's also go ahead and practice resolving those minor-Major 7th chords down into minor 6th chords. The 3rd of the i chord will still move up a half step to the 3rd of the next ii chord, and the 6th of the i chord will move up a whole step to 7th of the next ii chord again.



And the other set



Now lets practice moving each of those options around the circle, starting with the minor 6th chords. The voice leading this time is going to be that the 3rd of the i chord will move up a whole step, to the 7th of the next ii chord, and the 6th of the i chord will move up a half step, to the 3 rd of the next ii.



And the other set



Now around the circle again, but resolving to minor 7th chords. The 3rd of the i chord will still move up a whole step, to the 7th of the next ii chord, but the 7th of the i chord will now stay put, to become the 3rd of the next ii chord.




Now around the circle again, but resolving to minor-major 7th chords. The 3rd of the i chord will still move up a whole step, to the 7th of the next ii chord, but the 7th of the i chord will now move down a half step, to the 3 rd of the next ii chord.




And once more around the circle, but resolving the minor-major 7ths down to minor 6th chords. The 3rd of the i chord will still move up a whole step, to the 7th of the next ii chord, and the 6th of the i chord will once again move up a half step, to the 3rd of the next ii chord.



And the other set.



Now lets practice all of those options, in descending whole steps this time.
Remember that since the whole tone scale repeats after 6 notes, we have to start over down a half step after we get through the first 6 keys in order
to get through all 12. The 6th of the i chord will move up a half step to the 7th of the next ii chord.



And the other set



Now lets do all of that again, this time resolving into minor 7th chords instead.
All of the voices will stay the same from the i chord to the next ii.



And the other set



This time, lets resolve into minor-major 7th chords. The 3rd of the i chord will still stay put to become the 3rd of the next ii chord, and the 7th of the i chord will move down a half step to the 7th of the next ii chord.



And the other set



Lastly, lets resolve those minor-major 7ths down to minor 6ths. Now the 6th of the i chord will resolve up a half step to the 7 th of the next ii chord.



And the other set.



Part two: Tritone Substitutions
Now that we've gotten through all of those variations, lets play all of that over again, but this time using the tritone substitution on all of the V chords.



## And the other set




Now lets do all of that again, this time resolving into minor 7th chords instead.



And the other set



Now resolving intominor-major 7ths.



And the other set.



Now let's go ahead and practice resolving those minor-Major 7th chords down into minor 6th chords.



## And the other set




Now lets practice moving each of those options around the circle, starting with the minor 6th chords.



And the other set.



Now around the circle again, but resolving to minor 7th chords.



And the other set.



Now around the circle again, but resolving to minor-major 7th chords.



And the other set



And once more around the circle, but resolving the minor-major 7ths down to minor 6th chords.



And the other set




And the other set.



Now lets do all of that again, this time resolving into minor 7th chords instead.
All of the voices will stay the same from the i chord to the next ii.



And the other set.




And the other set.



Lastly, lets resolve those minor-major 7ths down to minor 6ths. Now the 6th of the i chord will resolve up a half step to the 7 th of the next ii chord.



And finally, the other set.



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