

TURBO TAB

*the harmonica tablature of
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BACKGROUND

- The 10-hole diatonic harmonica is the world's most popular musical instrument.
- Harmonica players usually do not read standard music, but instead rely on a simplified type of notation known as “tablature.”
- But conventional tablature for the harmonica is very awkward and difficult to understand. (See inset.) The player has to translate a number to a particular hole on the harmonica, and letter “B” or “D” to “blow” or “draw.”

CONVENTIONAL TAB (Oh Suzanna)

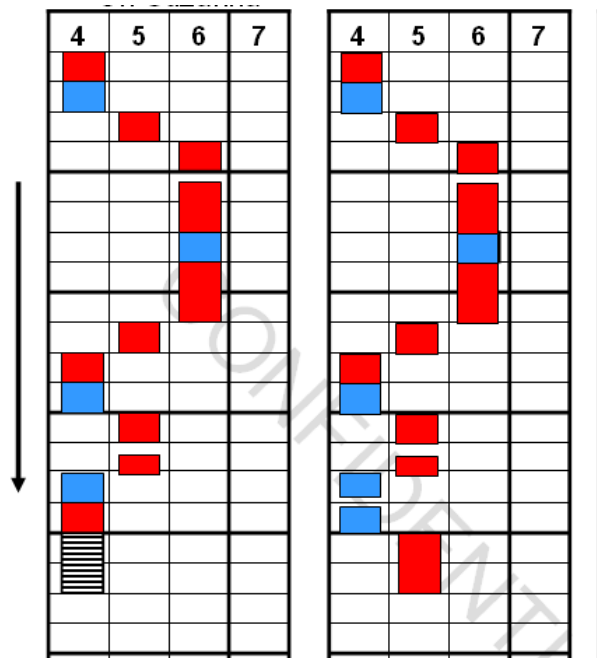
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- TurboTab is more intuitive. It represents exactly where your mouth needs to go, and indicates whether you need to blow or draw, and for how long.



GETTING STARTED WITH TURBOTAB

Step 1: Make sure you are holding the harmonica with the big end on the left, and the small end on the right.



Step 2: To make it easier to find the right holes, put a small piece of tape over the holes you don't need.

Step 3: Then blow and sip (suck) the holes according to the tablature.

RED MEANS BLOW

BLUE MEANS SIP

Start Here: Blow into hole #5

Then suck from hole #4.

	4	5	6
		Three	
blind			
mice			
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blind			
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Remember to move your head to the right and left to change holes. (It's a little like patting your head and rubbing your stomach at the same time.)

At first, don't worry if you cannot play single notes. Its ok to play two or three notes at the same time. But eventually, try to pucker your lips, like using a straw.