

The Fixer Tab by Pearl Jam

Difficulty: intermediate

Tuning: E A D G B E

Pearl Jam - "The Fixer"
From "Backspacer" album
Standard Tuning
tabbed by jjhand

This song has tricky time changes between 5, 4 and 3 beats per bar.
I tried to note this so others can play along easier. Please rate or
comment.

Intro (5/4 time, beats noted below)

play this 3x					4th time (3/4 time)		
Lead							
1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3
e -----7-8-7-----					-----		
B -----8-8-8--9-10-9--					-----		
G -4---x-7-----x-----9-9--9--					-4---x-7-----		
D -4---x-7-----x-----					-4---x-7-----		
A -2---x-5-----x-----					-2---x-5-----		
E -----					-----		
					Both guitars play this		
Rhythm							
e -----							
B -----8-8-8-----							
G -4-----7-----7-7-7--9-9-9--							
D -4-----7-----5-5-5--9-9-9--							
A -2-----5-----7-7-7--							
E -----							

Verse (3/4 time) - Both Guitars, play 4x with some slight changes

1	2	3	1	2	3	
e -----			-----			
B -----			-----			
G -----			-----			
D -----			---7---7-----4---			
A ---5---5-----2---			-5---5-----2---0--			< last note can also
E -3---3---3---0-0-0--			-----			be '2p0'

on 3rd time through verse, Lead Guitar splits off and plays this 4x:

Swell Lick

e -----	
B ---3---3<-----	
G -2---2-2<-----	< is swell from
D -----	volume/wah possibly
A -----	
E -----	

Chorus (4/4 time)

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e|-3-----0-----|-----| -3-----|-----|
B|-3-----0-----| -3-----| -3-----| -3-----|
G|-0-----0-----| -2-----| -0-----4-----| -2-----|
D|-0-----2-----| -0-----| -0-----| -0-----|
A|-x-----2-----| -0-----| -x-----2-----0h2-| -0-----|
E|-3-----0-----|-----| -3-----|-----|
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For Verse 2, Rhythm is same,

Lead plays (0:46):

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e|-----|-----|
B|-12----10-----|-(10)-----|
G|-----|-----|
D|-9----7-----|-(7)-----|
A|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|
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Lead plays (0:56):

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e|-----|-----| -10-----|
B|-12----10-----|-(10)-----12\10-|-----|
G|-----|-----| -7-----|
D|-9----7-----|-(7)-----9\7--|-----|
A|-----|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|-----|
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Play Chorus again

3rd Verse, Lead plays 'Swell Lick' and synthesizer plays the chords.

(1:27) Music stops, Guitar fades in: Higher Lead Guitar part (played at ***)

5/4 time

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e|-0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|-----10-----10-----|
B|---3-----3-----3-----3-----3-----| -10-12-----10-12-----|
G|---2-----2-----2-----2-----2-----|-----|
D|-----*-----|-----|
A|-----*-----|-----|
E|-----*-----|-----|
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Bridge - 4/4 time

Rhythm

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e|-8-----|-----|-----| -5-----|
B|-8-----| -8-----| -7-----7---7-8-| -5-----|
G|-9-----9-10-12--| -8-----| -7-----7---7-7-| -6-----|
D|-10-----| -8-----| -9-----9---9-9-| -7-----|
A|-10-----| -6-----| -9-----9-----| -7-----|
E|-8-----|-----| -7-----7-----| -5-----|
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| Lead

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e|-----8-8-|-6-----8-7-|-7-----5-|-5---5-7---7-5-7-|
B|-----8-8-|-8-----8-7-|-7-----7-8---|-5-----|
G|-----9-9-|-8-----|-7-----|-6-----|
D|-----|-----|-----|-----|
A|-----|-----|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|-----|-----|

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for 'Bridge' repeat, Rhythm plays same chords. Lead changes.

Lead Bridge Repeat:

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e|-8-10-8-10-8-10-8-10-|-8-10-8-10-8-10-8-10-|-7-10-7-10-7-10-7-10-|-5-7-5-7-5-7-5-7-|
B|-----|-----|-----|-----|
G|-----|-----|-----|-----|
D|-----|-----|-----|-----|
A|-----|-----|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|-----|-----|

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Play Intro again

Play Chorus 4x and fade out

Fade out Chorus (2:35)

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e|-----|-----|-----|-----|
B|-----|-----|-----|-----|
G|-14-14-14-14-14-14-14---|-9-9-9-9-9-9-9---|-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-|-7-7-7-7-7-7-7/-|
D|-----|-----|-----|-----|
A|-12-12-12-12-12-12-12---|-7-7-7-7-7-7-7---|-5-5-5-5-5-5-5-5-|-5-5-5-5-5-5-5/-|
E|-----|-----|-----|-----|

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e|-----|-----|-----|
B|-----|-----|-----|
G|/14-14-14-14-14-14-14\---|-9-9-9-9-9-9-9---|-9/11-11-11-11-11-11-11-|
D|-----|-----|-----|
A|/12-12-12-12-12-12-12\---|-7-7-7-7-7-7-7---|-7/9--9--9--9--9--9--|
E|-----|-----|-----|

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e|-----|-----|-----|
B|-----|-----|-----|
G|-11-11-11-11-11-11-----|-12-12-12-12-12-12-----|-----|
D|-----12---|-----12-14-|-14/16\14-14-14-14-14-14---|
A|-9--9--9--9--9--9-----|-10-10-10-10-10-10-----|-----|
E|-----10---|-----10-12-|-12/14\12-12-12-12-12-12---|

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e|-----|-----|-----|
B|-----|-----|-----|
G|-----|-----|-14-14-14-14-14-14---|
D|-12-12-12-12-12-12-12-|-12-12-12-12-9-9-7---|-----|
A|-----|-----|-12-12-12-12-12-12---|
E|-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-|-10-10-10-10-7-7-5---|-----|

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fade out

key:

| / slide up

- | \ slide down
- | h hammer-on
- | p pull-off
- | ~ vibrato
- | x Mute note
- | < volume swell (back off volume knob, then turn up while playing)