

**Tuning the Bass**

The open strings of the electric bass (E, A, D, G) may be tuned using a pitch pipe or by sounding the appropriate notes on a piano. Carefully adjust the correct tuning key until the string matches the desired pitch. In addition, the pitch of the strings may be checked against each other by comparing the open string with the same note played on the 5th fret of the next larger string. Other tuning techniques include comparing harmonics (sounds produced by plucking the string while barely touching the string at the 5th or 7th fret) and use of electronic tuners.

- o = open string
- i = index finger
- m = middle finger
- r = ring finger
- l = little finger

Most notes on the electric bass may be played in higher positions using a different finger and/or different string.

All electric bass notes sound one octave lower than written.

E      F      F#      Gb      G      G#      Ab      A

A#      Bb      B      C      C#      Db      D

D#      Eb      E      F      F#      Gb      G

G#      Ab      A      A#      Bb      B      C

C#      Db      D      D#      Eb      E      F      F#      Gb      G