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Al-Farabi 25-tone/10-Fret Oud

Tuning by Al-Farabi (d. c. 950) devised by using 10 frets on the oud.

Source: Forster, C. (2010) Musical Mathematics: On the Art and Science of Acoustic Instruments. San Francisco, Calif: Chronicle Books. Section 11.53

Al-Kindi 6-Fret Oud

Al-Kindi (d. c. 874) 12-tone/6-Fret Oud tuning.

Source: Forster, C. (2010) Musical Mathematics: On the Art and Science of Acoustic Instruments. San Francisco, Calif: Chronicle Books. Section 11.46

Al-Urmawi 17-tone (First 'Ud Tuning)

Safī al-Dīn al-Urmawī's 17-tone tuning system (13th C.)

Source: Forster, C. (2010) Musical Mathematics: On the Art and Science of Acoustic Instruments. San Francisco, Calif: Chronicle Books, pp. 712.

Al-Urmawi 17-tone (Second 'Ud Tuning)

Safī al-Dīn al-Urmawī's 17-tone tuning system

Source: Forster, C. (2010) Musical Mathematics: On the Art and Science of Acoustic Instruments. San Francisco, Calif: Chronicle Books, pp. 716.

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Greater Perfect System (Diatonic)

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Greater Perfect System (Enharmonic)

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Ibn Sīnā 18-tone/8-Fret Oud

Ibn Sīnā's (980-1037) tuning systems created by using 8 frets on the Oud. Only 7 frets were needed for the main divisions but an extra 8th fret was used to allow reaching certain divisions in the upper octave.

Source: Forster, C. (2010) Musical Mathematics: On the Art and Science of Acoustic Instruments. San Francisco, Calif: Chronicle Books, pp. 671.