## The True Cost of Paying the Minimum

What is your credit card balance?
What is the interest rate on your credit card?
How is your minimum payment calculated?
Your minimum payment:
What fixed payment could you make each month?

Select a payment schedule based on:


It will take you 172 months ( 14 years 4 months) to be rid of your debt. In that time, you will pay $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 1 5 0 . 9 6}$ in interest.

If you devoted $\$ 98.88$ to your debt every month, it would be paid off in 43 months ( $\mathbf{3}$ years 7 months), and would cost you $\$ 944.16$ in interest.

| Payment Schedule |  |  |  |  |
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| Month | Minimum Payment | Interest Paid | Principal Paid | Remaining Balance |
| 1 | $\$ 97.15$ | $\$ 40.21$ | $\$ 56.94$ | $\$ 3,181.25$ |
| 2 | $\$ 95.44$ | $\$ 39.50$ | $\$ 55.94$ | $\$ 3,125.32$ |
| 3 | $\$ 93.76$ | $\$ 38.81$ | $\$ 54.95$ | $\$ 3,070.36$ |
| 4 | $\$ 92.11$ | $\$ 38.12$ | $\$ 53.99$ | $\$ 3,016.38$ |
| 5 | $\$ 90.49$ | $\$ 37.45$ | $\$ 53.04$ | $\$ 2,963.34$ |
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| 168 | $\$ 10.00$ | $\$ 0.54$ | $\$ 9.46$ | $\$ 33.66$ |
| 169 | $\$ 10.00$ | $\$ 0.42$ | $\$ 9.58$ | $\$ 24.08$ |
| 170 | $\$ 10.00$ | $\$ 0.30$ | $\$ 9.70$ | $\$ 14.37$ |
| 171 | $\$ 10.00$ | $\$ 0.18$ | $\$ 9.82$ | $\$ 4.55$ |
| 172 | $\$ 4.61$ | $\$ 0.06$ | $\$ 4.55$ | $\$ 0.00$ |

