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Tom Petty, shown here in a file photo, broke his hand in an unthinking artistic pique Tuesday.

Ouch! Tom Petty breaks hand

LOS ANGELES — Rock star Tom Petty smashed his left hand into a wall during a recording session, breaking several bones and threatening his ability to play guitar, his publicist said Tuesday.

"The doctors don't know what is going to happen," publicist Paul Wasserman said. "They can't say whether he will be able to play the guitar professionally again."

Petty and his group, the Heartbreakers, were working on their first album in two years when he hit the wall "in an act of unthinking artistic pique following the playback of a track," according to a statement from Wasserman.