

## 2010 43QGP Allegro Bus

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## 85 - FYI - PRECISION INSTRUMENTS 1 INCH DRIVE TORQUE

**WRENCH.** What can I say other than another expensive boy toy for my tool box.

Waited years for the tooth fairy to bring me one of these however it never appeared under my pillow. So I finally gave up began researching the various brands and manufactures based on my needs until what was needed was found at a reasonable price yet also meeting all of my needs.



This torque wrench comes in the above blow-molded case with a manual and certificate of calibration from the manufacture Precision Instruments.



The case easily carries the three disassembled pieces of the torque wrench. Those three pieces snap together and the lug nuts 33MM 1" drive socket snaps on the 1 inch drive with a spring loaded pin to prevent the socket detaching from the wrench. Overall assembled length of the wrench is a shade under 48 inches and around 17 pounds.



This split beam click torque wrench does not require the torque setting to be reset to zero after use like many torque wrenches. The Precision Instruments Company is based in the USA been building torque wrench's since 1938. Most torque wrenches in 1 inch drive with a 200 - 600 Ft. Lb. limit are cost prohibitive to the occasional backyard mechanic, costing near \$ 1,000.00. Waiting while continuing to research led me to this company after making inquiries of the specific torque wrench I was satisfied it would meet all of my needs. Now I needed to find a distributor selling this wrench at a reasonable price. Found a distributor at <u>http://www.thetoolwarehouse.net/p-4619-precision-instruments-c5d600f.aspx</u>

The Tool Warehouse on-line price was \$ 364.75 however as a new customer they allowed me a 10% discount given when your CC was charged, making the total cost \$ 328.28 that INCLUDED SHIPPING from California. While obtaining the Internet address for this FYI file, I see the Tool Warehouse is currently "Out of Stock" that being the case I do not know when they will have this wrench back in stock or what the price will be. I doubt there will be many TRVN members making this purchase, however if one member does this FYI file served its purpose by informing them.