

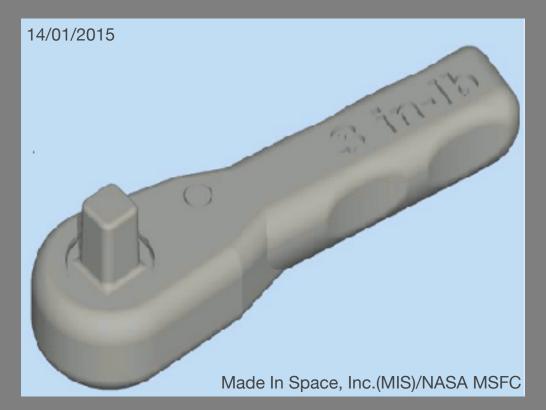


3D Printing Final Assignment

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What was the first tool 3D printed in space?



When International Space Station Commander Barry Wilmore needed a (torque) wrench, NASA knew just what to do.

They e-mailed him one. (Imagine the cost of shipping...)

Why: Because they are useful.

Why do we need one:

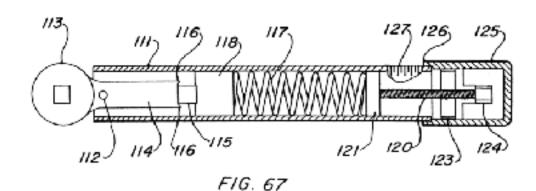
Because they are so useful, they always go missing.



SMA Torque wrenches (RF essential) are expensive!







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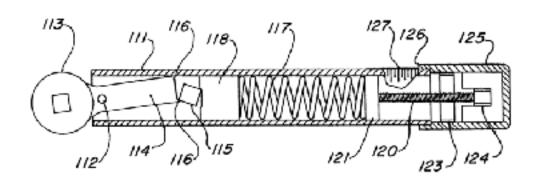
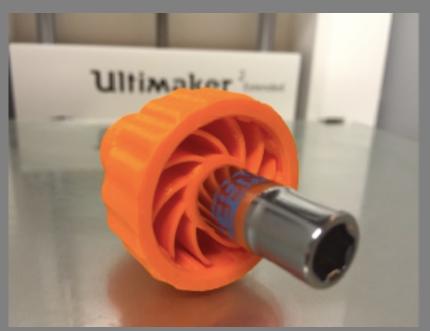


FIG. 68
Electromechanical releasing
torque wrench
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Should be possible to make?







https://www.youmagine.com/designs/ nozzle-torque-wrench

https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:2069847



Estimated savings?

Cost to buy (LTL): $20 \times 200 \text{ USD} = 4000 \text{ USD} + \text{tax}$ and shipping

Potential userbase: anybody working with RF, including drone / FPV users, engineers, etc. >1000 people.

Having a tool when you need it, rather than having to scour an unruly physics department to find one: priceless.