
Subject: Renegade Alert Socket Wrench

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K9TrooperFYI, one of my hobbies is auto racing. I was a mechanic for a racing team for many years before I got married.

\$300.00 is a very good price for a tool that gets abused and used. Lifetime warranty and they can stand up to almost any kind of abuse you could think of. Drop one of my ratchets and a "\$40.00" ratchet from a 3rd floor window to the concrete below. Which one do you think will work afterwards? Not to mention the fact mine are made in the good ole US of A and in my home state of Wisconsin

Rubber grips are a lot better. Your hands will not slip off if they are wet and you are less likely to rip your palms apart because of slipping. Rubber handles are just as much a safety device as they are for comfort

Hey, I'm also from WI!

Well, I had typed up a reply a couple hours ago, but the internet ate it, and then I couldn't connect to the site again for a while, so I'll try to remember what I'd said....

I have in fact dropped socket wrenches and things from second and third story windows & roofs before, sometimes onto concrete, and none of them have ever broken. In fact, I think the only tool I've ever broken (apart from drill bits and Sawzall blades and other such things that inevitably wear out with use) is a tape measure and some really crappy screwdrivers (both were free though, so I guess you get what you pay for....) It's been my experience that tools generally don't break as long as you use them how they're intended to be used.

Also, while I agree that a rubber grip is a bit nicer, I don't see it as necessary in any way. I've never had problems with metal hurting my hands, and I've never had problems with a wrench slipping out of my hands. (On something like a hammer, though, I'd agree that a rubber grip is quite beneficial. You do NOT want a hammer to slip out of your sweaty hands while you're swinging it.)

As far as auto racing stuff goes, maybe the rubber grip is actually better. Maybe if your hands are always covered in oil it becomes a lot harder to hold onto a wrench that doesn't have a rubber grip. I wouldn't know, because I've never done that stuff.

If you (and Blazer, and anyone else) think it's worth the money to get good (though expensive) tools with a lifetime warranty, then go for it. For me, though, it just doesn't make sense. I've never had any problems with more affordable tools breaking. Sure, the super-cheap ones are shit and break in 5 minutes, but there's a middle range where tools are affordable but still don't break easily. (And even *if* they did, I could replace them a couple times and still not be spending all that much money.) And for me, that's the kind of tools that make sense.

In any case, though, that's not really the issue. The real issue is this: Is it more important to have a rubber grip on the socket wrench, or is it more important to have tires on the humvee? Or boots

on the soldier? Or belts keeping the tanks' engines running? In times of war, supplies are always limited. And that rubber can only be used for one thing.
