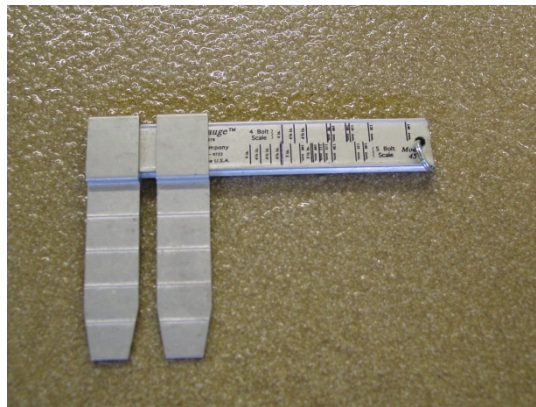


The Preventive Maintenance Series

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I would like to share my review of a couple of products that work as advertised and are both **made in the U.S.A.**

For those who are interested in checking wheels at swap meets, there is a great little pocket tool called the **WheelLugGauge** which instantly tells you the mounting pattern (bolt circle) of wheels with four or five lug bolts. I have one and it works as advertised, eliminating guesswork. The price for one (S & H included) is \$21.95 but the price comes down rapidly if several people order together. The tool is made by DJ Edman & Company and the website is www.wheeltool.com.



If you are interested in doing alignments on your Corvair (or other cars) at home, there is a very good caster and camber gauge available that will work on wheels that are 13 to 18 inches in diameter. This unit is adjustable for an uneven surface so you can use it on driveways, garage floors or the race track. I had been using a home made device for years that uses the tangent function to determine degrees, so this unit is a pleasure to use particularly since it can be leveled and reads degrees directly. It is available from the manufacturer, Specialty Products Company www.specprod.com at \$183.55 or from others such as Eastwood (\$189.99 includes S & H) www.eastwood.com. They also sell a toe gauge but I much prefer my home made device that the late Fred Johnson illustrated in his booklet: Corvair Alignment. If interested, you can take a look at my toe gauge or I can email you a copy of Fred's design.

