

Title: Did I just get a discount using options to buy 100 shares? Someone thinks it's worth buying deep OTM \$0.50 puts... Why not deep ITM \$0.50 calls?

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FYI: This original post was removed from DDintogme by mods, not sure why. u/CR7isthegreatest reposted a screenshot of it to r/superstonk. Maybe deep ITM options can provide insurance that you get better, non-counterfeited, delivery of GME (or any stock for that matter)?...

This options contract allows you to buy 100 shares for \$50, settled at t+2. If this were a trading commission, it would be about 0.4%.

[Actually, this limit order was executed when the SP was somewhere above \$121, representing a possible discount!](<https://preview.redd.it/mztf1p3sza81.png?width=1772&format=png&auto=webp&s=e94ddef3f36a5d5942b1d1fd4b0a63c9ddb17206>)

Buying 100 shares through your broker, depending on your contract with them, settles at t+35, or longer, or maybe never, while you enjoy an IOU with 0% commissions.

Is this how smart money uses options and derivatives to "hedge"?

Currently deep ITM calls, near and far-dated, seem cheap enough to allow exercising 100 shares (at any time) close to the same net price as buying from a broker. So aren't deep ITM calls even better than far-dated ATM calls?

Does this represent a way to pay a small fee to get better terms on actual delivery when buying in 100 share lots?

Not financial advice...

Wrinkle-brains? Bueller?