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Current bond price \$ 1,14

Explanation:

Note: Intermediate answers are shown below as rounded, but the full answer was used to complete the calculation.

To find the price of this bond, we need to realize that the maturity of the bond is 12 years. The bond was issued 1 year ago, with 13 years to maturity, so there are 12 years left on the bond. Also, the coupons are semiannual, so we need to use the semiannual interest rate and the number of semiannual periods. The price of the bond is:

 $P = $36.50(PVIFA_{2.80\%,24}) + $1,000(PVIF_{2.80\%,24})$ P = \$1.147.10

Calculator Solution:

Enter	24		5.6%/2					±\$73/2		±\$1,000		
	N		I/Y			PV			PMT	FV		
Solve for		П				\$1.147.10						