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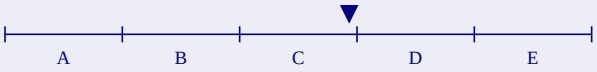
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Nasdaq; business equipment; SIC 7374, Services-Computer Processing & Data Preparation; CIK 0000008670

C/D

on the C/D boundary of 497 graded peers in business equip...

rank 292 of 497; percentile 58.7; sampling error 2.2 points; lower is stronger



C/D, the tortoise



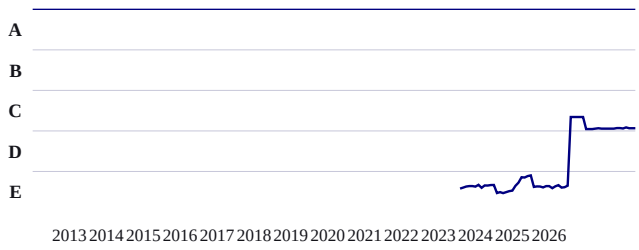
Scoreboard	
Profitability	C/D percentile 59.2
Solvency	C percentile 57.3
Growth and financing	B percentile 37.0
Reliability	0.94 AUC filers with over $2.67B assets; 95% interval 0.88 to 0.97; 61 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	0.52% a year Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	over $2.67B assets total assets $63.2B
Standard universe	inside revenue above $1M and assets above $10M
Warnings	none triggered; fortress balance sheet
Inputs computable	8 of 14
Graded from	filings received through Aug 5, 2026 75 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-K received Aug 5, 2026
Last close	$289.01 2026-10-16; market equity $114.8B; no price enters the letter

Share price, twelve months to the rescan



Split-adjusted close. Each lollipop is a rescan and carries the letter held then.

Letter at every rescan, 2012 to 2026



Sector percentile at each rescan, stronger toward the top; facts filed by each date only.

Business, in the company's words

opening of Item 1 of the 10-K received Aug 5, 2026

-Competition" of this Form 10-K for a discussion of the competitive environment in the markets in which we operate. Many risks affect more than one category, and the risks are not in order of significance or probability of occurrence because they have been grouped by categories. The risks described below are not the only risks we face and the occurrence of any of the following risks or other risks not presently known to us or that we currently believe to be immaterial could have a materially adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition or reputation.

The fourteen inputs

lower percentile is stronger; sleeves and inputs within a sleeve carry equal weight

Input	Value	Peer median	Percentile, 0 to 100	Pct	Peers	Period end
Profitability, sleeve percentile 59.2						
Gross profitability	16.1%	28.6%		69.6	557	2026-06-30
Return on invested capital	not computable	11.0%				
one or more required annual facts are missing						

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Accruals ratio	(1.8%)	(7.4%)	81.6	620	2026-06-30
Gross margin stability, five years	1.3 pts	2.3 pts	26.5	427	2026-06-30
Solvency, sleeve percentile 57.3					
Twelve-month failure probability	0.04%	0.05%	35.6	102	2026-06-30
Altman Z double-prime	not computable	2.16			
one or more required annual facts are missing					
Net debt to EBITDA	not computable	1.11x			
one or more required annual facts are missing					
Interest coverage	not computable	3.77x			
one or more required annual facts are missing					
Current ratio	1.05x	2.01x	79.0	664	2026-06-30
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 37.0					
Revenue growth, three-year compound	6.8%	6.4%	48.7	537	2026-06-30
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	not computable	17.7%			
four consecutive annual FCF observations are required; found 0					
Reinvestment rate	not computable	13.5%			
one or more required annual facts are missing					
Asset growth, three years	7.4%	5.0%	40.6	562	2026-06-30
Net share issuance, one year	(1.9%)	0.5%	21.8	410	2026-07-31

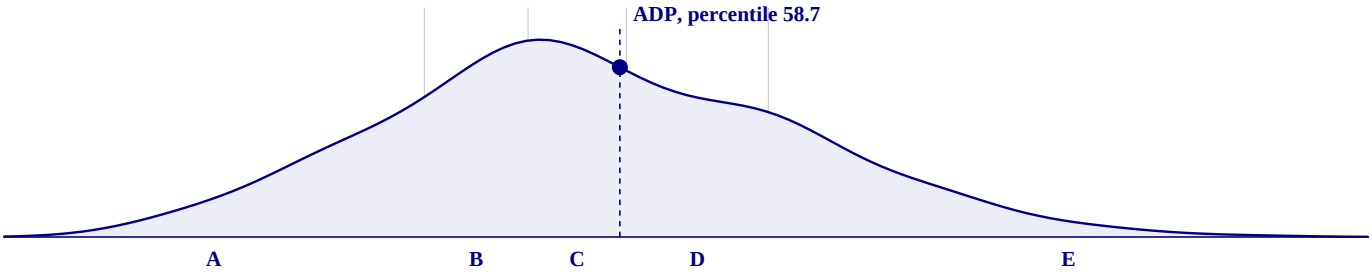
Warnings

1 of 7 checks triggered; none of them enters the letter

Check	Measured
Fortress balance sheet	cash minus debt is 1,352,400,000 USD; Altman Z is not used

Among 497 peers

business equipment; letters are fifths of this list



Composite score of every graded peer, smoothed; vertical rules are the letter band edges; stronger to the left.

Rank	Company	Percentile	Letter	Warnings
287	Mesa Laboratories Inc. (MLAB)	57.7	C	
288	Viavi Solutions Inc. (VIAV)	57.9	C/D	fortress balance sheet
289	Ss&C Technologies Holdings Inc. (SSNC)	58.1	C/D	
290	Q2 Holdings, Inc. (QTWO)	58.3	C/D	
291	Kimball Electronics, Inc. (KE)	58.5	C/D	
292	Automatic Data Processing Inc. (ADP)	58.7	C/D	fortress balance sheet
293	Expensify, Inc. (EXFY)	58.9	C/D	fortress balance sheet
294	Airwa Inc. (YYAI)	59.1	C/D	dilution, late filer
295	Frequency Electronics Inc. (FEIM)	59.3	C/D	
296	Next Technology Holding Inc. (NXTT)	59.5	C/D	dilution, late filer
297	Northrop Grumman Corp. (NOC)	59.7	C/D	

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What the price implies

at the 2026-10-16 close; none of these enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	(0.9%)	2.2%	48
Distance from 52-week high	0.0%	(33.4%)	99
EBIT to enterprise value	not computable	1.5%	
Free cash flow yield	not computable	2.9%	
Book value to price	0.05	0.26	14
Sales to price	0.19	0.32	36
Composite equity issuance, five years	(17.3%)	4.2%	16
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	(0.29)	(0.26)	48

Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score 8 of 9, period end 2026-06-30	
Return on assets above zero	pass
Operating cash flow above zero	pass
Return on assets improved	pass
Operating cash flow exceeds net income	pass
Long-term leverage fell	fail
Current ratio improved	pass
No new shares issued	pass
Gross margin improved	pass
Asset turnover improved	pass
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	$4.2B
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$5.4B
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	75 (10-K received Aug 5, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$528.3M

Sources

every fact behind the inputs; each row links to its filing index on sec.gov

#	Concept	XBRL tag	Value	Period end	Received	Form	Accession
1	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$21.9B	2026-06-30	2026-08-05	10-K	26-000030
2	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$11.8B	2026-06-30	2026-08-05	10-K	26-000030
3	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$63.2B	2026-06-30	2026-08-05	10-K	26-000030
4	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	$4.4B	2026-06-30	2026-08-05	10-K	26-000030
5	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$5.4B	2026-06-30	2026-08-05	10-K	26-000030
6	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$53.4B	2025-06-30	2026-08-05	10-K	26-000030
7	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$20.6B	2025-06-30	2026-08-05	10-K	26-000030
8	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$11.1B	2025-06-30	2026-08-05	10-K	26-000030
9	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$19.2B	2024-06-30	2026-08-05	10-K	26-000030
10	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$10.5B	2024-06-30	2026-08-05	10-K	26-000030
11	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$18.0B	2023-06-30	2025-08-06	10-K	25-000037
12	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$10.0B	2023-06-30	2025-08-06	10-K	25-000037
13	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$16.5B	2022-06-30	2024-08-07	10-K	24-000024
14	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$9.5B	2022-06-30	2024-08-07	10-K	24-000024
15	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$52.6B	2026-06-30	2026-08-05	10-K	26-000030
16	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$50.0B	2026-06-30	2026-08-05	10-K	26-000030
17	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$54.4B	2024-06-30	2026-08-05	10-K	26-000030
18	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$51.0B	2023-06-30	2025-08-06	10-K	25-000037

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19	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	397,262,737	2026-07-31	2026-08-05	10-K	26-000030
20	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	405,043,142	2025-08-01	2025-08-06	10-K	25-000037