Steel Dynamics Inc.

STLD

Nasdaq; manufacturing; SIC 3312, Steel Works, Blast Furnaces & Rolling Mills (Coke Ovens); CIK 0001022671

C/D

on the C/D boundary of 255 graded peers in manufacturing

rank 149 of 255; percentile 58.3; sampling error 3.0 points; lower is stronger



C/D, the tortoise



Scoreboard	
Profitability	D percentile 69.6
Solvency	B percentile 32.6
Growth and financing	C percentile 50.9
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 $16.4B
Standard universe	inside revenue above $1M and assets above $10M
Warnings	none triggered not computable: distress
Inputs computable	12 of 14
Graded from	filings received through Feb 27, 2026 235 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Jul 28, 2026
Last close	$244.79 2026-10-19; market equity $35.1B; 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 Feb 27, 2026

Steel Dynamics, Inc. is a leading industrial metals solutions company, with facilities located throughout the United States and Mexico. The company operates a circular manufacturing model, producing high-quality, lower-carbon-emission products with recycled scrap as the primary input.

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 69.6						
Gross profitability	14.6%	21.9%		73.0	275	2025-12-31
Return on invested capital	9.8%	9.7%		48.5	100	2025-12-31
Accruals ratio	(1.7%)	(3.6%)		68.6	307	2025-12-31
Gross margin stability, five years	6.2 pts	2.1 pts		88.2	229	2025-12-31
Solvency, sleeve percentile 32.6						

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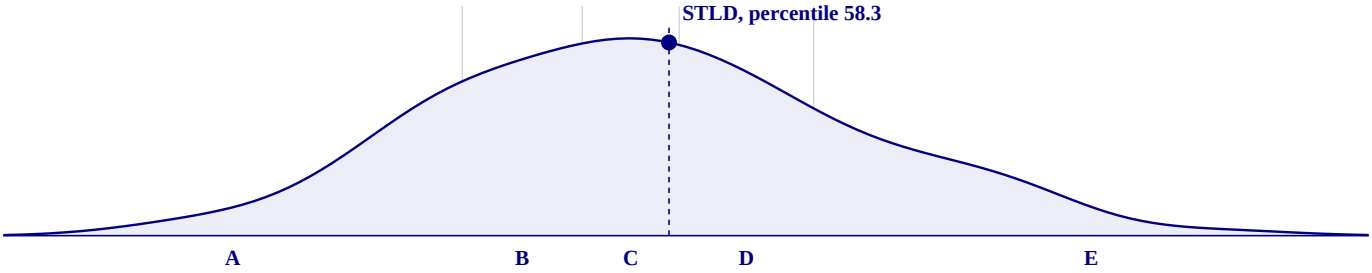
Twelve-month failure probability	not computable	0.04%				
latest liabilities, cash plus short-term investments, book equity, and shares are required						
Altman Z double-prime	6.72	3.66	19.0	243	2025-12-31	
Net debt to EBITDA	1.70x	1.78x	48.3	121	2025-12-31	
Interest coverage	not computable	5.09x				
latest aligned inputs end 2023-12-31; latest annual assets end 2025-12-31						
Current ratio	3.06x	2.25x	30.3	324	2025-12-31	
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 50.9						
Revenue growth, three-year compound	(6.5%)	2.2%	85.8	269	2025-12-31	
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	(47.9%)	13.9%	100.0	139	2025-12-31	
Reinvestment rate	125.9%	26.4%	13.0	139	2025-12-31	
Asset growth, three years	5.1%	4.4%	44.4	278	2025-12-31	
Net share issuance, one year	(3.5%)	0.01%	11.2	242	2026-02-25	

Among 255 peers

manufacturing; 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
144	Pentair plc (PNR)	56.3	C	
145	Trio-Tech International (TRT)	56.7	C	fortress balance sheet
146	Northern Technologies International Corp. (NTIC)	57.1	C/D	
147	RBC Bearings Inc. (RBC)	57.5	C/D	
148	Kaiser Aluminum Corp. (KALU)	57.9	C/D	fortress balance sheet
149	Steel Dynamics Inc. (STLD)	58.3	C/D	
150	Ingersoll Rand Inc. (IR)	58.7	C/D	
151	Nucor Corp. (NUE)	59.1	C/D	
152	FreightCar America, Inc. (RAIL)	59.4	C/D	
153	Lockheed Martin Corp. (LMT)	59.8	C/D	
154	Corning Inc. (GLW)	60.2	C/D	

What the price implies

at the 2026-10-19 close; none of these enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	68.2%	13.7%	85
Distance from 52-week high	(13.3%)	(24.8%)	79
EBIT to enterprise value	3.8%	4.0%	47
Free cash flow yield	1.4%	3.5%	29
Book value to price	0.27	0.36	36
Sales to price	0.52	0.55	47
Composite equity issuance, five years	(47.2%)	(9.5%)	2
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	0.39	(0.00)	85

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Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score 6 of 9, period end 2025-12-31	
Return on assets above zero	pass
Operating cash flow above zero	pass
Return on assets improved	fail
Operating cash flow exceeds net income	pass
Long-term leverage fell	fail
Current ratio improved	pass
No new shares issued	pass
Gross margin improved	fail
Asset turnover improved	pass
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	$567.7M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$1.6B
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	84 (10-Q received Jul 28, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$232.4M

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	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$2.4B	2025-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
2	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$16.4B	2025-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
3	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$1.5B	2025-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
4	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	$1.5B	2025-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
5	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$305.7M	2025-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
6	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$4.2B	2025-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
7	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$9.0B	2025-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
8	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$769.9M	2025-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
9	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$3.2B	2024-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
10	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$8.9B	2024-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
11	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$589.5M	2024-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
12	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	$1.2B	2025-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
13	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$1.4B	2025-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
14	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$14.9B	2024-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
15	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$18.2B	2025-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
16	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$2.8B	2024-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
17	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$17.5B	2024-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
18	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$4.0B	2023-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
19	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$18.8B	2023-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
20	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$6.1B	2022-12-31	2025-02-28	10-K	25-001886
21	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$22.3B	2022-12-31	2025-02-28	10-K	25-001886
22	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$5.4B	2021-12-31	2024-02-29	10-K	24-002152
23	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$18.4B	2021-12-31	2024-02-29	10-K	24-002152
24	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$6.5B	2025-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
25	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$2.1B	2025-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
26	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	$15.7B	2025-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
27	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	$7.5B	2025-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
28	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$551.4M	2025-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
29	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$3.2B	2023-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
30	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	$76.5M	2023-12-31	2024-02-29	10-K	24-002152
31	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$948.0M	2025-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395

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32	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$1.8B	2024-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$1.9B	2024-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
34	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$3.5B	2023-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
35	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$1.7B	2023-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
36	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$4.5B	2022-12-31	2025-02-28	10-K	25-001886
37	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$908.9M	2022-12-31	2025-02-28	10-K	25-001886
38	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$5.4B	2024-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
39	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$2.2B	2024-12-31	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
40	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$14.9B	2023-12-31	2025-02-28	10-K	25-001886
41	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$14.2B	2022-12-31	2024-02-29	10-K	24-002152
42	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	144,882,401	2026-02-25	2026-02-27	10-K	26-021395
43	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	150,163,986	2025-02-24	2025-02-28	10-K	25-001886

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