Albemarle Corp. ALB

NYSE; chemicals; SIC 2821, Plastic Materials, Synth Resins & Nonvulcan Elastomers; CIK 0000915913

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weakest fifth of 331 graded peers in the pooled industrial gro...

rank 294 of 331; percentile 90.2; sampling error 2.7 points; lower is stronger

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E, the bear



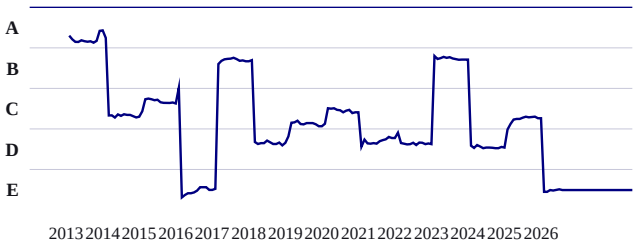
Scoreboard	
Profitability	D percentile 68.0
Solvency	D percentile 64.3
Growth and financing	D percentile 71.8
Reliability	0.94 AUC filers with over $2.67B assets; 95% interval 0.88 to 0.97; 61 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	0.52% a year Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	over $2.67B assets total assets $16.4B
Standard universe	inside revenue above $1M and assets above $10M
Warnings	none triggered not computable: dilution, distress
Inputs computable	8 of 14
Graded from	filings received through Mar 31, 2026 204 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Aug 5, 2026
Last close	$95.75 2026-10-20; market equity $0; 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 11, 2026

above, the Company has entered into definitive agreements to divest the controlling ownership interest in its Refining Solutions business, with the transactions expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2026. Upon completion of the transactions, the Company will still maintain a 49% ownership interest in the Refining Solutions business and all of its PCS business.

The fourteen inputs

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

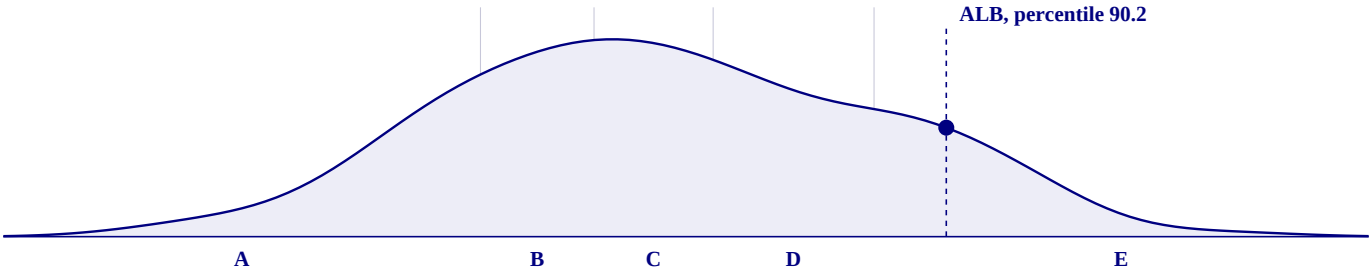
Input	Value	Peer median	Percentile, 0 to 100	Pct	Peers	Period end
Profitability, sleeve percentile 68.0						
Gross profitability	4.1%	21.3%		89.8	359	2025-12-31
Return on invested capital	not computable	9.5%				
latest aligned inputs end 2019-12-31; latest annual assets end 2025-12-31						
Accruals ratio	(10.9%)	(4.2%)		18.5	399	2025-12-31
Gross margin stability, five years	14.5 pts	2.2 pts		95.8	301	2025-12-31

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Solvency, sleeve percentile 64.3						
Twelve-month failure probability	not computable	0.04%				
firm-wide XBRL shares cannot be assigned to one ticker class						
Altman Z double-prime	not computable	3.41				
one or more required annual facts are missing						
Net debt to EBITDA	not computable	1.88x				
latest aligned inputs end 2019-12-31; latest annual assets end 2025-12-31						
Interest coverage	(1.77x)	4.16x		79.9	88	2025-12-31
Current ratio	2.23x	2.20x		48.8	422	2025-12-31
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 71.8						
Revenue growth, three-year compound	(11.1%)	1.3%		90.4	350	2025-12-31
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	2.3%	12.6%		68.3	179	2025-12-31
Reinvestment rate	not computable	24.3%				
pretax income must exceed the validity floor and imply a 0%-100% tax rate						
Asset growth, three years	1.9%	2.9%		56.8	368	2025-12-31
Net share issuance, one year	not computable	0.0%				
firm-wide XBRL shares cannot be assigned to one ticker class						

Among 331 peers

chemicals; 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
289	CPI Aerostructures Inc. (CVU)	88.6	E	late filer
290	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. (GT)	89.0	E	
291	Greenbrier Companies Inc. (GBX)	89.4	E	
292	Boeing Co. (BA)	90.0	E	
293	Boeing Co. (BA-PA)	90.0	E	
294	Albemarle Corp. (ALB)	90.2	E	
295	Albemarle Corp. (ALB-PA)	90.2	E	
296	Metallus Inc. (MTUS)	90.6	E	fortress balance sheet
297	Celanese Corp. (CE)	90.6	E	
298	Greif, Inc. (GEF)	91.1	E	
299	Greif, Inc. (GEF-B)	91.1	E	

What the price implies

at the 2026-10-20 close; none of these enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	67.3%	13.8%	88
Distance from 52-week high	(55.6%)	(24.3%)	14
EBIT to enterprise value	not computable	3.9%	
Free cash flow yield	not computable	3.2%	
Book value to price	not computable	0.39	
Sales to price	not computable	0.56	

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Composite equity issuance, five years	not computable	(9.9%)	
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	0.34	(0.02)	85

Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score None of 9, period end 2025-12-31	
Return on assets above zero	fail
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	fail
Gross margin improved	pass
Asset turnover improved	pass
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	$1.6B
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$1.8B
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	77 (10-Q received Aug 5, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$260.9M

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	$668.7M	2025-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
2	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$16.4B	2025-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
3	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$666.1M	2019-12-31	2022-02-22	10-K	22-000027
4	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	$563.0M	2019-12-31	2022-02-22	10-K	22-000027
5	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$88.2M	2019-12-31	2022-02-22	10-K	22-000027
6	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$3.1B	2019-12-31	2021-02-19	10-K	21-000018
7	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$3.9B	2019-12-31	2021-02-19	10-K	21-000018
8	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$613.1M	2019-12-31	2020-02-26	10-K	20-000040
9	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$1.7B	2018-12-31	2020-02-26	10-K	20-000040
10	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$3.6B	2018-12-31	2020-02-26	10-K	20-000040
11	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$555.3M	2018-12-31	2020-02-26	10-K	20-000040
12	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	-$510.6M	2025-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
13	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$1.3B	2025-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
14	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$16.6B	2024-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
15	revenue	us-gaap:Revenues	$5.1B	2025-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
16	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$62.5M	2024-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
17	revenue	us-gaap:Revenues	$5.4B	2024-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
18	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$1.2B	2023-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
19	revenue	us-gaap:Revenues	$9.6B	2023-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
20	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$3.1B	2022-12-31	2025-02-12	10-K	25-000026
21	revenue	us-gaap:Revenues	$7.3B	2022-12-31	2025-02-12	10-K	25-000026
22	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$998.0M	2021-12-31	2024-02-15	10-K	24-000016
23	revenue	us-gaap:Revenues	$3.3B	2021-12-31	2024-02-15	10-K	24-000016
24	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$213.5M	2019-12-31	2022-02-22	10-K	22-000027
25	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	-$367.1M	2025-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
26	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestAndDebtExpense	$207.7M	2025-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
27	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$4.0B	2025-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
28	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$1.8B	2025-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
29	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$589.8M	2025-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018

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30	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$687.9M	2024-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
31	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$1.7B	2024-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
32	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$1.3B	2023-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$2.2B	2023-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
34	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$1.9B	2022-12-31	2025-02-12	10-K	25-000026
35	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$1.3B	2022-12-31	2025-02-12	10-K	25-000026
36	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$658.7M	2025-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
37	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	-$552.1M	2025-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
38	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$156.9M	2025-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
39	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$3.8B	2024-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
40	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$2.0B	2024-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
41	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$18.3B	2023-12-31	2026-02-11	10-K	26-000018
42	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$15.5B	2022-12-31	2025-02-12	10-K	25-000026

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