Sonoco Products Co.

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NYSE; manufacturing; SIC 2650, Paperboard Containers & Boxes; CIK 0000091767

C/D

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

rank 156 of 255; percentile 61.0; sampling error 3.0 points; lower is stronger

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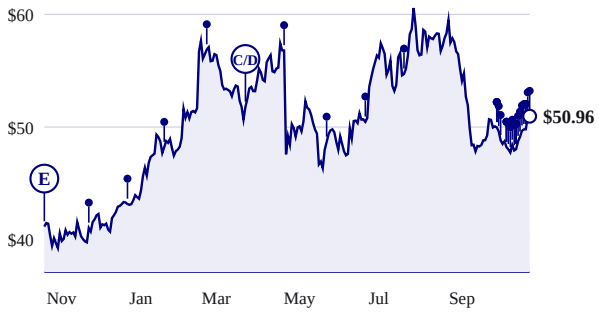
C/D, the tortoise



Scoreboard

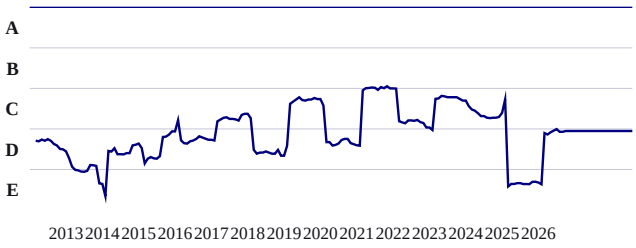
Profitability	C percentile 56.6
Solvency	D percentile 71.8
Growth and financing	B percentile 29.6
Reliability	0.94 AUC filers with over $2.67B assets; 95% interval 0.88 to 0.97; 61 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	0.52% a year Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	over $2.67B assets total assets $11.2B
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 26, 2026 238 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Jul 28, 2026
Last close	$51.00 2026-10-21; market equity $5.0B; 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 26, 2026

Sonoco Products Company ("Sonoco," "the Company," "we," "us," or "our") is a South Carolina corporation founded in Hartsville, South Carolina, in 1899 as the Southern Novelty Company with the guiding principle that People Build Businesses by doing the right things. At its beginnings in 1899, a team of 12 people worked from a rented warehouse to produce the Company's first product, a cone-shaped paper yarn carrier used for winding and transporting yarn. Since most of the textile cones of that day were wooden, paper cones were a novelty. The Company soon became the leading producer of cones in the United States.

The fourteen inputs

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

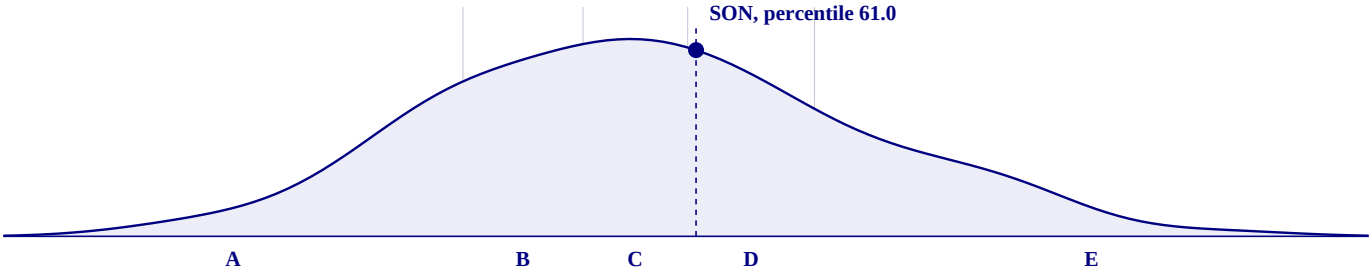
Input	Value	Peer median	Percentile, 0 to 100	Pct	Peers	Period end
Profitability, sleeve percentile 56.6						
Gross profitability	14.1%	21.9%		75.2	275	2025-12-31
Return on invested capital	11.2%	9.7%		43.4	100	2025-12-31
Accruals ratio	2.6%	(3.6%)		86.6	307	2025-12-31

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Gross margin stability, five years	1.3 pts	2.1 pts	21.1	229	2025-12-31
Solvency, sleeve percentile 71.8					
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	2.17	3.66	59.1	243	2025-12-31
Net debt to EBITDA	2.22x	1.78x	65.8	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	1.05x	2.25x	90.4	324	2025-12-31
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 29.6					
Revenue growth, three-year compound	11.8%	2.2%	16.8	269	2025-12-31
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	24.2%	13.9%	37.0	139	2025-12-31
Reinvestment rate	103.7%	26.4%	16.7	139	2025-12-31
Asset growth, three years	16.5%	4.4%	15.5	278	2025-12-31
Net share issuance, one year	0.3%	0.01%	61.8	242	2026-02-13

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
151	FreightCar America, Inc. (RAIL)	59.1	C/D	
152	Lockheed Martin Corp. (LMT)	59.4	C/D	
153	Nucor Corp. (NUE)	59.8	C/D	
154	Corning Inc. (GLW)	60.2	C/D	
155	DMC Global Inc. (BOOM)	60.6	C/D	
156	Sonoco Products Co. (SON)	61.0	C/D	
157	Lifetime Brands, Inc. (LCUT)	61.4	C/D	
158	Enpro Inc. (NPO)	61.8	C/D	
159	Tecogen Inc. (TGEN)	62.2	C/D	
160	Rocket Lab Corp. (RKLB)	62.6	C/D	fortress balance sheet
161	Materion Corp. (MTRN)	63.0	D	

What the price implies

at the 2026-10-21 close; none of these enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	33.5%	13.7%	67
Distance from 52-week high	(15.9%)	(24.1%)	71
EBIT to enterprise value	12.3%	4.0%	95
Free cash flow yield	6.9%	3.4%	81
Book value to price	0.71	0.35	76
Sales to price	1.49	0.55	81
Composite equity issuance, five years	(22.7%)	(9.5%)	16
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	0.16	(0.00)	67

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Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score 5 of 9, period end 2025-12-31	
Return on assets above zero	pass
Operating cash flow above zero	pass
Return on assets improved	pass
Operating cash flow exceeds net income	fail
Long-term leverage fell	pass
Current ratio improved	pass
No new shares issued	fail
Gross margin improved	fail
Asset turnover improved	fail
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	$224.5M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$529.9M
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	86 (10-Q received Jul 28, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$50.6M

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	$1.6B	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
2	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$11.2B	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
3	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$1.0B	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
4	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	$765.1M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
5	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$183.6M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
6	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebtAndCapitalLeaseObligations	$3.8B	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
7	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$3.6B	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
8	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$378.4M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
9	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebtAndCapitalLeaseObligations	$5.0B	2024-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
10	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$2.3B	2024-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
11	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$431.0M	2024-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
12	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	$1.0B	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
13	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$689.8M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
14	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$12.5B	2024-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
15	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$7.5B	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
16	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$1.1B	2024-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
17	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$5.3B	2024-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
18	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$1.2B	2023-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
19	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$5.4B	2023-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
20	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$1.2B	2022-12-31	2025-02-28	10-K	25-000014
21	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$5.4B	2022-12-31	2025-02-28	10-K	25-000014
22	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$1.1B	2021-12-31	2024-02-28	10-K	24-000012
23	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$5.6B	2021-12-31	2024-02-28	10-K	24-000012
24	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$2.6B	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
25	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$2.5B	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
26	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	$3.4B	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
27	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	$7.5B	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
28	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$519.4M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
29	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$589.0M	2023-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
30	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	$136.7M	2023-12-31	2024-02-28	10-K	24-000012
31	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$344.0M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008

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32	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$833.8M	2024-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$393.2M	2024-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
34	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$882.9M	2023-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
35	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$363.1M	2023-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
36	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$509.0M	2022-12-31	2025-02-28	10-K	25-000014
37	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$328.8M	2022-12-31	2025-02-28	10-K	25-000014
38	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$3.2B	2024-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
39	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$4.0B	2024-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
40	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$7.2B	2023-12-31	2025-02-28	10-K	25-000014
41	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$7.1B	2022-12-31	2024-02-28	10-K	24-000012
42	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	98,644,015	2026-02-13	2026-02-26	10-K	26-000008
43	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	98,313,581	2025-02-14	2025-02-28	10-K	25-000014

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