Access Newswire Inc.

ACCS

NYSE; other; SIC 8742, Services-Management Consulting Services; CIK 0000843006

D/E

on the D/E boundary of 334 graded peers in other

rank 276 of 334; percentile 82.6; sampling error 2.7 points; lower is stronger



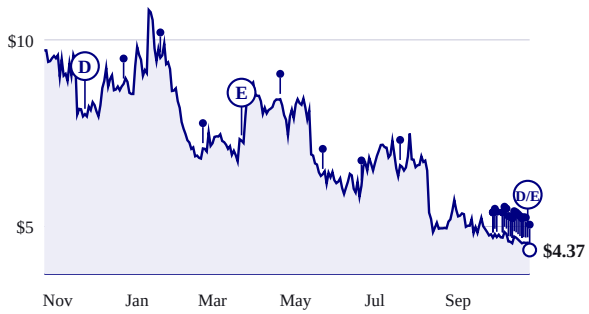
D/E, the sloth



Scoreboard

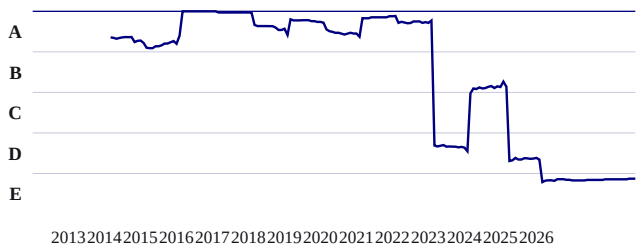
Profitability	C percentile 48.0
Solvency	C percentile 52.8
Growth and financing	D/E percentile 79.3
Reliability	0.83 AUC filers with $12.5M to $120M assets; 95% interval 0.79 to 0.86; 201 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	1.07% a year Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	$12.5M to $120M assets total assets $42.0M
Standard universe	inside revenue above $1M and assets above $10M
Warnings	none triggered not computable: distress, fortress balance sheet
Inputs computable	9 of 14
Graded from	filings received through Mar 19, 2026 219 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Aug 11, 2026
Last close	$4.50 2026-10-23; market equity $17.2M; 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 Mar 19, 2026

its subsidiaries are hereinafter collectively referred to as "ACCESS", "ACCESS Newswire", the "Company", formed in October 1988 under the name Docucon Incorporated. In December 2007, we changed our name to Issuer Direct Corporation, and then effective on January 27, 2025, we changed our name from Issuer Direct Corporation to ACCESS Newswire Inc. offices are located at One Glenwood Ave., Suite 1001, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27603, and our main telephone number is 888-808-ACCS (2227).

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 48.0						
Gross profitability	41.2%	27.1%		25.6	286	2025-12-31
Return on invested capital	not computable	10.0%				
one or more required annual facts are missing						
Accruals ratio	8.1%	(5.8%)		94.4	502	2025-12-31

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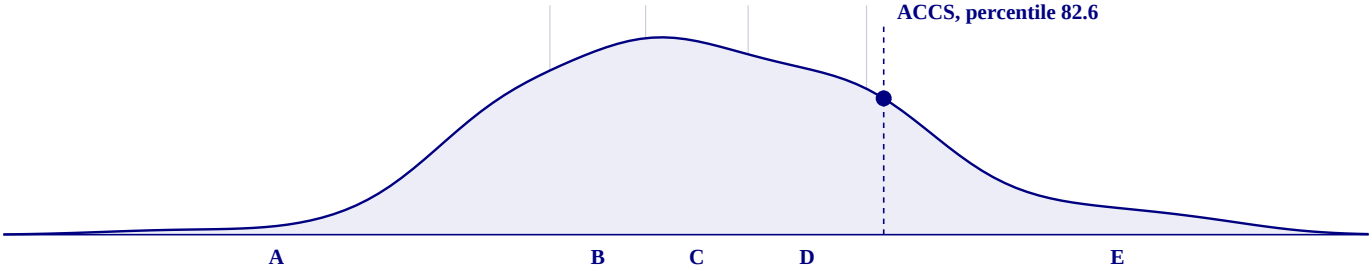
Gross margin stability, five years	1.2 pts	2.2 pts	24.0	205	2025-12-31
Solvency, sleeve percentile 52.8					
Twelve-month failure probability	not computable	0.04%			
latest liabilities, cash plus short-term investments, book equity, and shares are required					
Altman Z double-prime	2.68	2.05	34.7	384	2025-12-31
Net debt to EBITDA	not computable	2.52x			
one or more required annual facts are missing					
Interest coverage	not computable	2.18x			
latest aligned inputs end 2024-12-31; latest annual assets end 2025-12-31					
Current ratio	0.88x	1.33x	70.8	504	2025-12-31
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 79.3					
Revenue growth, three-year compound	(1.3%)	5.1%	72.4	399	2025-12-31
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	(48.6%)	8.9%	95.0	219	2025-12-31
Reinvestment rate	not computable	11.9%			
NOPAT must exceed $100,000					
Asset growth, three years	(14.1%)	4.1%	92.9	435	2025-12-31
Net share issuance, one year	0.5%	(0.5%)	56.9	354	2026-03-19

Among 334 peers

other; 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
271	Atlas Lithium Corp. (ATLX)	81.1	D/E	dilution
272	Allegiant Travel Co. (ALGT)	81.4	D/E	
273	Omnicom Group Inc. (OMC)	81.7	D/E	dilution
274	Uranium Energy Corp. (UEC)	82.0	D/E	fortress balance sheet
275	Seacor Marine Holdings Inc. (SMHI)	82.3	D/E	
276	Access Newswire Inc. (ACCS)	82.6	D/E	
277	NextTrip, Inc. (NTRP)	82.9	E	dilution, short runway
278	MP Materials Corp. DE (MP)	83.2	E	fortress balance sheet
279	Stagwell Inc. (STGW)	83.5	E	
280	Delek Logistics Partners, L.P. (DKL)	83.8	E	
281	Travelzoo (TZOO)	84.1	E	

What the price implies

at the 2026-10-23 close; none of these enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	(49.2%)	2.0%	10
Distance from 52-week high	(59.5%)	(25.2%)	13
EBIT to enterprise value	not computable	4.3%	
Free cash flow yield	3.2%	4.1%	42
Book value to price	1.75	0.34	96
Sales to price	1.35	0.72	70

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Composite equity issuance, five years	1.5%	(8.8%)	69
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	(0.82)	(0.13)	10

Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score 7 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	pass
Asset turnover improved	pass
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	$3.0M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$720,000
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	74 (10-Q received Aug 11, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$57,590

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	$17.3M	2025-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
2	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$42.0M	2025-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
3	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	$4.3M	2025-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
4	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$558,000	2025-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
5	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$50.6M	2024-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
6	revenue	us-gaap:Revenues	$22.6M	2025-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
7	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$17.4M	2024-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
8	revenue	us-gaap:Revenues	$23.1M	2024-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
9	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$18.9M	2023-12-31	2025-03-25	10-K	25-000012
10	revenue	us-gaap:Revenues	$24.5M	2023-12-31	2025-03-25	10-K	25-000012
11	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$17.8M	2022-12-31	2024-03-07	10-K	24-002824
12	revenue	us-gaap:Revenues	$23.5M	2022-12-31	2024-03-07	10-K	24-002824
13	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$16.1M	2021-12-31	2023-03-02	10-K	23-002330
14	revenue	us-gaap:Revenues	$21.9M	2021-12-31	2023-03-02	10-K	23-002330
15	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$8.4M	2025-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
16	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$9.5M	2025-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
17	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	$5.4M	2025-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
18	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	-$1.9M	2025-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
19	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$30.3M	2025-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
20	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	$11.6M	2025-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
21	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	-$16.3M	2024-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
22	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestAndDebtExpense	$1.1M	2024-12-31	2025-03-25	10-K	25-000012
23	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$20,000	2025-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
24	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$3.2M	2024-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
25	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$19,000	2024-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
26	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$3.1M	2023-12-31	2025-03-25	10-K	25-000012
27	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$25,000	2023-12-31	2025-03-25	10-K	25-000012
28	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$4.0M	2022-12-31	2024-03-07	10-K	24-002824
29	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$66,000	2022-12-31	2024-03-07	10-K	24-002824

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30	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$3.0M	2025-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
31	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	-$2.0M	2025-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
32	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	-$395,000	2025-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
33	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$10.0M	2024-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
34	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$12.8M	2024-12-31	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
35	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$65.2M	2023-12-31	2025-03-25	10-K	25-000012
36	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$66.3M	2022-12-31	2024-03-07	10-K	24-002824
37	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	3,859,211	2026-03-19	2026-03-19	10-K	26-002018
38	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	3,838,743	2025-03-25	2025-03-25	10-K	25-000012

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