Netscout Systems Inc.

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Nasdaq; business equipment; SIC 7373, Services-Computer Integrated Systems Design; CIK 0001078075

B/C

on the B/C boundary of 496 graded peers in business equipm...

rank 209 of 496; percentile 42.0; sampling error 2.2 points; lower is stronger

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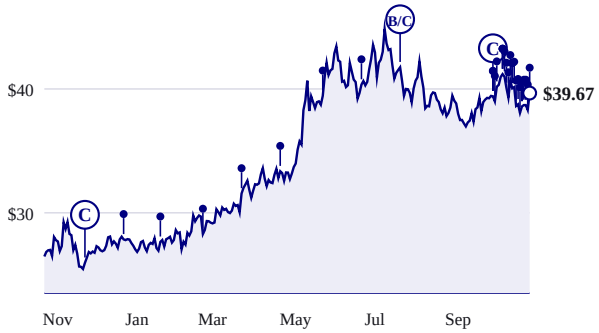
B/C, the elk



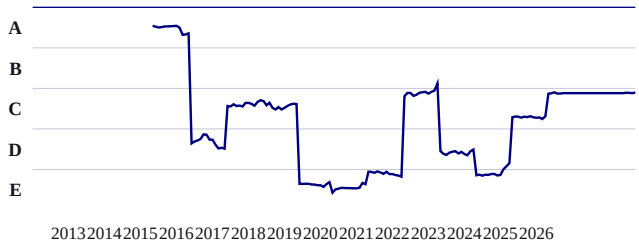
Scoreboard	
Profitability	C percentile 43.3
Solvency	B/C percentile 41.2
Growth and financing	C percentile 53.4
Reliability	0.91 AUC filers with $591M to $2.67B assets; 95% interval 0.88 to 0.94; 160 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	1.01% a year Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	$591M to $2.67B assets total assets $2.4B
Standard universe	inside revenue above $1M and assets above $10M
Warnings	none triggered not computable: distress
Inputs computable	10 of 14
Graded from	filings received through May 14, 2026 163 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Aug 6, 2026
Last close	$39.67 2026-10-23; market equity $2.9B; 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 May 14, 2026

NetScout is an industry leader with over four decades of experience in providing enterprise network observability, carrier service assurance, cybersecurity, and Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS), protection solutions. Our unique visibility platform and solutions are powered by our pioneering deep packet inspection, or DPI, technology at scale, which is used by many Fortune 500 companies to protect their digital business services against disruption.

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 43.3						
Gross profitability	29.0%	28.6%		45.7	557	2026-03-31
Return on invested capital	not computable	11.2%				
pretax income must exceed the validity floor and imply a 0%-100% tax rate						
Accruals ratio	(8.8%)	(7.3%)		47.7	620	2026-03-31

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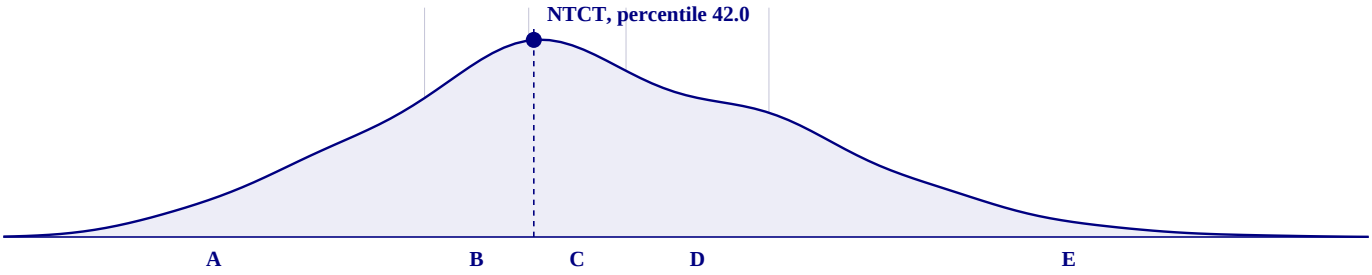
Gross margin stability, five years	1.6 pts	2.3 pts	36.7	426	2026-03-31
Solvency, sleeve percentile 41.2					
Twelve-month failure probability	not computable	0.05%			
latest liabilities, cash plus short-term investments, book equity, and shares are required					
Altman Z double-prime	3.95	2.15	28.8	567	2026-03-31
Net debt to EBITDA	not computable	1.11x			
latest aligned inputs end 2018-03-31; latest annual assets end 2026-03-31					
Interest coverage	not computable	3.77x			
latest aligned inputs end 2024-03-31; latest annual assets end 2026-03-31					
Current ratio	1.85x	2.01x	53.5	664	2026-03-31
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 53.4					
Revenue growth, three-year compound	(2.0%)	6.4%	72.3	536	2026-03-31
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	25.0%	18.1%	40.3	264	2026-03-31
Reinvestment rate	50.9%	14.3%	35.9	224	2026-03-31
Asset growth, three years	(5.8%)	5.1%	75.5	561	2026-03-31
Net share issuance, one year	0.2%	0.5%	42.9	409	2026-05-07

Among 496 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
204	Ciena Corp. (CIEN)	41.0	B/C	fortress balance sheet
205	Advanced Energy Industries Inc. (AEIS)	41.2	B/C	fortress balance sheet
206	Vertex, Inc. (VERX)	41.4	B/C	
207	F5, Inc. (FFIV)	41.6	B/C	
208	BOX Inc. (BOX)	41.8	B/C	
209	Netscout Systems Inc. (NTCT)	42.0	B/C	
210	Clearfield, Inc. (CLFD)	42.2	C	fortress balance sheet
211	Nutanix, Inc. (NTNX)	42.4	C	
212	Intelligent Protection Management Corp. (IPM)	42.6	C	fortress balance sheet
213	Everspin Technologies Inc. (MRAM)	42.8	C	
214	Ondas Inc. (ONDS)	43.0	C	dilution, fortress balance sheet

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	50.3%	2.2%	80
Distance from 52-week high	(11.5%)	(32.8%)	78
EBIT to enterprise value	3.7%	1.6%	70
Free cash flow yield	9.9%	2.9%	87
Book value to price	0.58	0.26	76
Sales to price	0.30	0.32	49
Composite equity issuance, five years	(1.4%)	4.2%	40

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Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	0.12	(0.26)	80

Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score None of 9, period end 2026-03-31	
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	fail
Gross margin improved	pass
Asset turnover improved	pass
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	$552.8M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$271.8M
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	79 (10-Q received Aug 6, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$20.9M

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	$682.5M	2026-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
2	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.4B	2026-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
3	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	-$4.1M	2018-03-31	2020-05-20	10-K	20-008116
4	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	-$18.7M	2018-03-31	2020-05-20	10-K	20-008116
5	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	-$98.5M	2018-03-31	2020-05-20	10-K	20-008116
6	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$600.0M	2018-03-31	2018-05-22	10-K	18-007035
7	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$2.1B	2018-03-31	2021-05-20	10-K	21-010740
8	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$369.8M	2018-03-31	2021-05-20	10-K	21-010740
9	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$300.0M	2017-03-31	2018-05-22	10-K	18-007035
10	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$2.4B	2017-03-31	2020-05-20	10-K	20-008116
11	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$304.9M	2017-03-31	2020-05-20	10-K	20-008116
12	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	$95.5M	2026-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
13	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$294.5M	2026-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
14	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.2B	2025-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
15	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$859.5M	2026-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
16	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$643.9M	2025-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
17	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$822.7M	2025-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
18	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$642.0M	2024-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
19	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$829.5M	2024-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
20	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$691.4M	2023-03-31	2025-05-15	10-K	25-025982
21	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$914.5M	2023-03-31	2025-05-15	10-K	25-025982
22	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$641.4M	2022-03-31	2024-05-16	10-K	24-023777
23	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$855.6M	2022-03-31	2024-05-16	10-K	24-023777
24	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$867.9M	2026-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
25	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$470.1M	2026-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
26	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	$51.1M	2026-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
27	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$109.8M	2026-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
28	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$1.6B	2026-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
29	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	$705.3M	2026-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
30	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$153.5M	2018-03-31	2020-05-20	10-K	20-008116

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31	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	-$149.8M	2024-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
32	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	$8.7M	2024-03-31	2024-05-16	10-K	24-023777
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$9.1M	2026-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
34	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$217.7M	2025-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
35	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$5.4M	2025-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
36	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$58.8M	2024-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
37	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$6.4M	2024-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
38	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$156.7M	2023-03-31	2025-05-15	10-K	25-025982
39	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$10.5M	2023-03-31	2025-05-15	10-K	25-025982
40	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$56.5M	2026-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
41	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	$118.5M	2026-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
42	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$23.0M	2026-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
43	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$713.2M	2025-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
44	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$407.9M	2025-03-31	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
45	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.6B	2024-03-31	2025-05-15	10-K	25-025982
46	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.8B	2023-03-31	2024-05-16	10-K	24-023777
47	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	71,495,215	2026-05-07	2026-05-14	10-K	26-000050
48	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	71,328,733	2025-05-07	2025-05-15	10-K	25-025982

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