Azenta, Inc.

AZTA

Nasdaq; manufacturing; SIC 3559, Special Industry Machinery, NEC; CIK 0000933974

B/C

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

rank 110 of 255; percentile 42.9; sampling error 3.0 points; lower is stronger

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B/C, the elk



Scoreboard

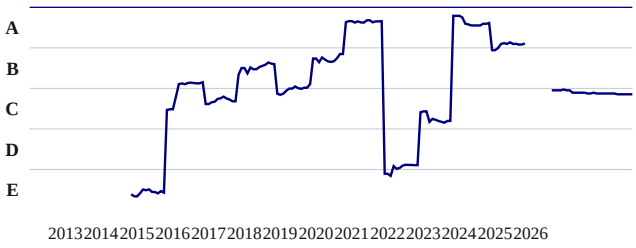
Profitability	C percentile 51.5
Solvency	B percentile 24.7
Growth and financing	C/D percentile 62.0
Reliability	0.91 AUC filers with $591M to $2.67B assets; 95% interval 0.88 to 0.94; 160 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	1.01% a year Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	$591M to $2.67B assets total assets $2.1B
Standard universe	inside revenue above $1M and assets above $10M
Warnings	late filer; fortress balance sheet
Inputs computable	7 of 14
Graded from	filings received through Dec 4, 2025 325 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Aug 6, 2026
Last close	$36.48 2026-10-23; market equity $1.6B; 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 Dec 4, 2025

We are a leading global provider of biological and chemical compound sample exploration and management solutions for the life sciences industry. We entered the life sciences market in 2011, leveraging our in-house precision automation and cryogenics capabilities that we were then applying in the semiconductor manufacturing market. This led us to develop and provide solutions for automated ultra-cold storage. Since then, we have expanded our life sciences offerings through internal investments and through a series of acquisitions.

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 51.5						
Gross profitability	13.1%	21.9%		78.8	275	2025-09-30
Return on invested capital	not computable	9.7%				

latest aligned inputs end 2021-09-30; latest annual assets end 2025-09-30

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Accruals ratio	not computable	(3.5%)			
prior assets observation is 92 days earlier					
Gross margin stability, five years	1.4 pts	2.1 pts	24.1	229	2025-09-30
Solvency, sleeve percentile 24.7					
Twelve-month failure probability	0.04%	0.04%	33.3	34	2026-06-30
Altman Z double-prime	9.11	3.66	9.1	243	2025-09-30
Net debt to EBITDA	not computable	1.78x			
EBITDA must exceed $100,000					
Interest coverage	not computable	5.09x			
latest aligned inputs end 2022-09-30; latest annual assets end 2025-09-30					
Current ratio	2.98x	2.25x	31.6	324	2025-09-30
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 62.0					
Revenue growth, three-year compound	2.2%	2.2%	49.3	269	2025-09-30
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	not computable	13.7%			
current FCF must be positive and base FCF must exceed $100,000					
Reinvestment rate	not computable	26.1%			
prior working capital is not one fiscal year earlier					
Asset growth, three years	not computable	4.3%			
four consecutive annual observations are required					
Net share issuance, one year	0.9%	0.01%	74.7	242	2025-12-01

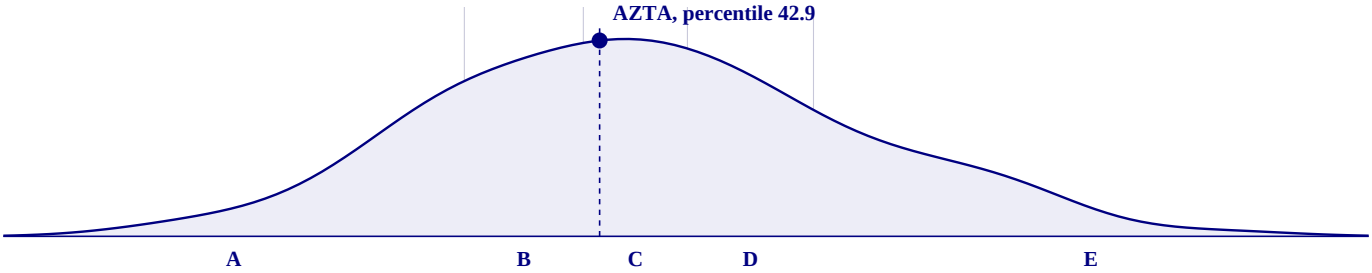
Warnings

2 of 7 checks triggered; none of them enters the letter

Check	Measured
Late filer	found 1 NT 10-K/Q filings in the last eight quarters
Fortress balance sheet	cash minus debt is 177,750,000 USD; Altman Z is not used

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
105	Fuel Tech, Inc. (FTEK)	40.9	B/C	
106	Standex International (SXI)	41.3	B/C	
107	Generac Holdings Inc. (GNRC)	41.7	B/C	
108	Friedman Industries Inc. (FRD)	42.1	B/C	
109	CPS Technologies (CPSH)	42.5	B/C	fortress balance sheet
110	Azenta, Inc. (AZTA)	42.9	B/C	late filer, fortress balance sheet
111	Honeywell International Inc. (HON)	43.3	C	
112	Belden Inc. (BDC)	43.7	C	
113	Packaging Corp. OF America (PKG)	44.1	C	dilution
114	Apogee Enterprises, Inc. (APOG)	44.5	C	
115	Terex Corp. (TEX)	44.9	C	dilution

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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	13.7%	13.7%	50
Distance from 52-week high	(14.6%)	(26.9%)	76
EBIT to enterprise value	(1.8%)	4.3%	16
Free cash flow yield	2.4%	3.4%	36
Book value to price	0.94	0.36	88
Sales to price	0.37	0.54	33
Composite equity issuance, five years	(52.8%)	(9.5%)	2
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	(0.00)	(0.00)	50

Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score None of 9, period end 2025-09-30	
Return on assets above zero	fail
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	fail
No new shares issued	fail
Gross margin improved	fail
Asset turnover improved	fail
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	$189.7M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$38.0M
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	80 (10-Q received Aug 6, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$25.7M

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	$270.3M	2025-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
2	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.1B	2025-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
3	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	-$31.1M	2021-09-30	2023-11-21	10-K	23-019262
4	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	-$49.0M	2021-09-30	2023-11-21	10-K	23-019262
5	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	-$20.1M	2021-09-30	2023-11-21	10-K	23-019262
6	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$49.7M	2021-09-30	2021-11-24	10-K	21-016314
7	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$1.3B	2021-09-30	2024-11-27	10-K	24-036289
8	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$227.4M	2021-09-30	2023-11-21	10-K	23-019262
9	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$50.4M	2020-09-30	2020-11-18	10-K	20-013971
10	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquityIncludingPortionAttributableT...	$1.2B	2020-09-30	2023-11-21	10-K	23-019262
11	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$250.6M	2020-09-30	2022-11-25	10-K	22-018195
12	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	-$55.8M	2025-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
13	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$72.2M	2025-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
14	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.0B	2025-06-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
15	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$593.8M	2025-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
16	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$254.6M	2024-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
17	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$573.4M	2024-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
18	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$239.2M	2023-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931

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19	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$551.5M	2023-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
20	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$255.6M	2022-09-30	2024-11-27	10-K	24-036289
21	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$555.5M	2022-09-30	2024-11-27	10-K	24-036289
22	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$243.8M	2021-09-30	2023-11-21	10-K	23-019262
23	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$513.7M	2021-09-30	2023-11-21	10-K	23-019262
24	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$708.3M	2025-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
25	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$237.7M	2025-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
26	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	$1.4B	2025-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
27	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	-$26.8M	2025-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
28	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$1.7B	2025-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
29	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	$332.6M	2025-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
30	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:Depreciation	$19.5M	2021-09-30	2023-11-21	10-K	23-019262
31	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	-$24.7M	2022-09-30	2024-11-27	10-K	24-036289
32	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	$4.6M	2022-09-30	2023-11-21	10-K	23-019262
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$33.9M	2025-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
34	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$49.7M	2024-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
35	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$37.4M	2024-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
36	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$5.8M	2023-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
37	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$39.4M	2023-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
38	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	-$466.0M	2022-09-30	2024-11-27	10-K	24-036289
39	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$73.4M	2022-09-30	2024-11-27	10-K	24-036289
40	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:Depreciation	$32.0M	2025-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
41	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	-$7.1M	2025-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
42	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	-$31.6M	2025-09-30	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
43	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.0B	2025-03-31	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
44	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.0B	2024-12-31	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
45	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	45,989,285	2025-12-01	2025-12-04	10-K	25-036931
46	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	45,583,205	2024-11-19	2024-11-27	10-K	24-036289

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