NLI Holdings, Inc.

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NYSE; chemicals; SIC 2810, Industrial Inorganic Chemicals; CIK 0000072162

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second fifth of 330 graded peers in the pooled industrial group

rank 109 of 330; percentile 35.3; sampling error 2.7 points; lower is stronger

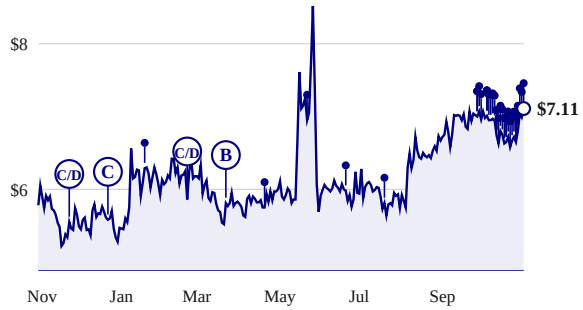
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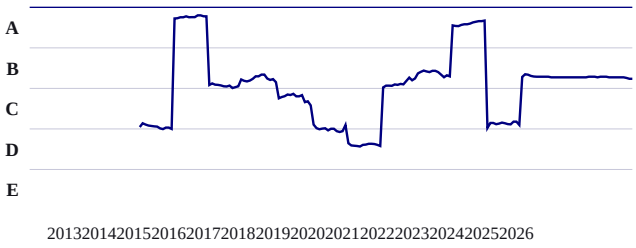
Scoreboard	
Profitability	C percentile 56.4
Solvency	A percentile 6.9
Growth and financing	D percentile 72.5
Reliability	0.87 AUC filers with $120M to $591M assets; 95% interval 0.83 to 0.90; 206 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	1.03% a year Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	$120M to $591M assets total assets $464.2M
Standard universe	inside revenue above $1M and assets above $10M
Warnings	none triggered; fortress balance sheet not computable: distress
Inputs computable	8 of 14
Graded from	filings received through Mar 9, 2026 236 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Aug 5, 2026
Last close	$6.93 2026-10-29; market equity $338.9M; 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 9, 2026

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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 56.4						
Gross profitability	10.4%	21.4%		81.0	359	2025-12-31
Return on invested capital	not computable	9.3%				

latest aligned inputs end 2013-12-31; latest annual assets end 2025-12-31

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Accruals ratio	(0.3%)	(4.2%)	79.6	398	2025-12-31
Gross margin stability, five years	0.8 pts	2.2 pts	8.5	300	2025-12-31
Solvency, sleeve percentile 6.9					
Twelve-month failure probability	not computable	0.04%			
liabilities and a nearby cover-page share count are required at 2026-06-30					
Altman Z double-prime	not computable	3.41			
one or more required annual facts are missing					
Net debt to EBITDA	not computable	1.88x			
EBITDA must exceed $100,000					
Interest coverage	not computable	4.16x			
latest aligned inputs end 2023-12-31; latest annual assets end 2025-12-31					
Current ratio	7.77x	2.20x	6.9	421	2025-12-31
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 72.5					
Revenue growth, three-year compound	(1.7%)	1.2%	62.2	349	2025-12-31
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	not computable	12.5%			
current FCF must be positive and base FCF must exceed $100,000					
Reinvestment rate	(101.8%)	21.8%	91.1	170	2025-12-31
Asset growth, three years	(8.7%)	2.9%	85.5	366	2025-12-31
Net share issuance, one year	0.03%	0.0%	51.3	317	2026-02-27

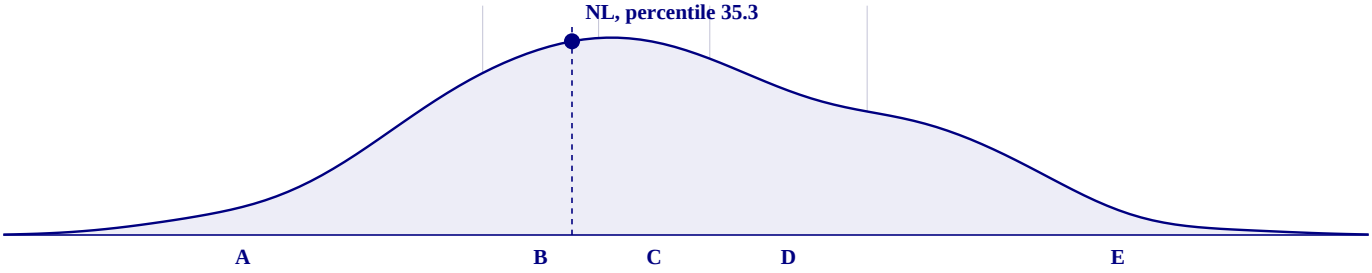
Warnings

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

Check	Measured
Fortress balance sheet	cash minus debt is 52,609,000 USD; Altman Z is not used

Among 330 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
104	Forum Energy Technologies, Inc. (FET)	33.5	B	
105	NOV Inc. (NOV)	33.9	B	
106	Masco Corp. (MAS)	34.3	B	
107	Littelfuse Inc. (LFUS)	34.6	B	late filer
108	Crocs, Inc. (CROX)	35.0	B	fortress balance sheet
109	NLI Holdings, Inc. (NL)	35.3	B	fortress balance sheet
110	Astec Industries Inc. (ASTE)	35.4	B	
111	Veeco Instruments Inc. (VECO)	35.8	B	
112	Sensient Technologies Corp. (SXT)	35.9	B	
113	Perma-Pipe International Holdings, Inc. (PPIH)	36.2	B	late filer, fortress balance sheet
114	Axalta Coating Systems Ltd. (AXTA)	36.5	B	

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What the price implies

at the 2026-10-29 close; none of these enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	12.4%	13.9%	48
Distance from 52-week high	(16.5%)	(24.7%)	66
EBIT to enterprise value	4.4%	3.8%	56
Free cash flow yield	(11.5%)	3.4%	11
Book value to price	1.04	0.38	89
Sales to price	0.46	0.55	41
Composite equity issuance, five years	(38.7%)	(10.0%)	6
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	(0.05)	(0.02)	44

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	fail
Return on assets improved	fail
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	$107.0M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$11.2M
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	87 (10-Q received Aug 5, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$158,217

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	$48.2M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
2	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$464.2M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
3	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	-$68.3M	2013-12-31	2016-03-10	10-K	16-014434
4	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	-$96.5M	2013-12-31	2016-03-10	10-K	16-014434
5	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	-$41.9M	2013-12-31	2016-03-10	10-K	16-014434
6	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$0	2013-12-31	2014-03-12	10-K	14-000697
7	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$355.4M	2013-12-31	2015-03-12	10-K	15-001611
8	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$52.6M	2013-12-31	2016-03-10	10-K	16-014434
9	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$18.5M	2012-12-31	2014-03-12	10-K	14-000697
10	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$374.8M	2012-12-31	2014-03-12	10-K	14-000697
11	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	-$78.0M	2012-12-31	2016-03-10	10-K	16-014434
12	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	-$37.8M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
13	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	-$36.4M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
14	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$578.3M	2024-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
15	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$158.3M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
16	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$41.4M	2024-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
17	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$145.9M	2024-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
18	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$49.2M	2023-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290

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19	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$161.3M	2023-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
20	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$48.8M	2022-12-31	2025-03-06	10-K	25-002417
21	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$166.6M	2022-12-31	2025-03-06	10-K	25-002417
22	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$42.7M	2021-12-31	2024-03-06	10-K	24-002620
23	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$140.8M	2021-12-31	2024-03-06	10-K	24-002620
24	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$3.3M	2013-12-31	2016-03-10	10-K	16-014434
25	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$14.1M	2023-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
26	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	$746,000	2023-12-31	2024-03-06	10-K	24-002620
27	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$159.9M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
28	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$20.6M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
29	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$3.7M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
30	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$25.6M	2024-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
31	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$1.4M	2024-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
32	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$37.0M	2023-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$1.1M	2023-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
34	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$26.9M	2022-12-31	2025-03-06	10-K	25-002417
35	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$3.7M	2022-12-31	2025-03-06	10-K	25-002417
36	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$3.7M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
37	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$10.7M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
38	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	-$51.4M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
39	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	-$16.1M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
40	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$238.0M	2024-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
41	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$91.1M	2024-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
42	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$576.7M	2023-12-31	2025-03-06	10-K	25-002417
43	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$609.9M	2022-12-31	2024-03-06	10-K	24-002620
44	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	48,862,734	2026-02-27	2026-03-09	10-K	26-025290
45	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	48,847,734	2025-02-28	2025-03-06	10-K	25-002417

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