# Element Solutions Inc.

**ESI**

NYSE; chemicals; SIC 2890, Miscellaneous Chemical Products; CIK 0001590714

**C**

**middle fifth of 330 graded peers in the pooled industrial group**

rank 167 of 330; percentile 53.8; sampling error 2.7 points; lower is stronger

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**C, the tortoise**



## Scoreboard

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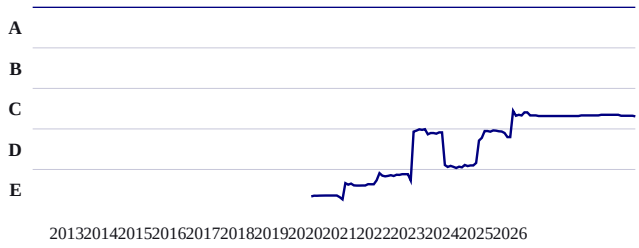
|---|---|
| **Profitability** | C<br>percentile 53.9 |
| **Solvency** | B/C<br>percentile 42.3 |
| **Growth and financing** | C<br>percentile 56.5 |
| **Reliability** | 0.94 AUC<br>filers with over $2.67B assets; 95% interval 0.88 to 0.97; 61 events, 2020 to 2025 |
| **Peer failure rate** | 0.52% a year<br>Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025 |
| **Size band** | over $2.67B assets<br>total assets $5.1B |
| **Standard universe** | inside<br>revenue above $1M and assets above $10M |
| **Warnings** | none triggered<br>not computable: distress |
| **Inputs computable** | 12 of 14 |
| **Graded from** | filings received through Feb 18, 2026<br>260 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Oct 22, 2026 |
| **Last close** | $33.44<br>2026-11-04; market equity $8.1B; 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 18, 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 53.9** | | | | | | |
| Gross profitability | 21.0% | 21.4% | | 48.7 | 358 | 2025-12-31 |
| Return on invested capital | 6.6% | 9.3% | | 62.1 | 125 | 2025-12-31 |
| Accruals ratio | (2.0%) | (4.2%) | | 69.4 | 397 | 2025-12-31 |
| Gross margin stability, five years | 1.8 pts | 2.2 pts | | 35.5 | 300 | 2025-12-31 |
| **Solvency, sleeve percentile 42.3** | | | | | | |
| Twelve-month failure probability | not computable | 0.04% | | | | |

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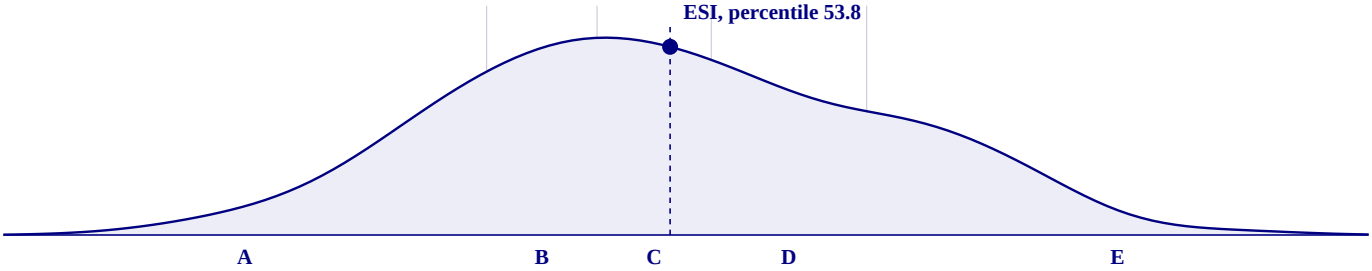
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *latest liabilities, cash plus short-term investments, book equity, and shares are required* | | | | | |
| Altman Z double-prime | 2.52 | 3.41 | 52.0 | 299 | 2025-12-31 |
| Net debt to EBITDA | 2.03x | 1.88x | 56.4 | 150 | 2025-12-31 |
| Interest coverage | not computable | 4.16x | | | |
| *one or more required annual facts are missing* | | | | | |
| Current ratio | 3.68x | 2.20x | 18.6 | 420 | 2025-12-31 |
| **Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 56.5** | | | | | |
| Revenue growth, three-year compound | 0.02% | 1.2% | 55.7 | 349 | 2025-12-31 |
| Free cash flow growth, three-year compound | (2.8%) | 12.5% | 75.1 | 182 | 2025-12-31 |
| Reinvestment rate | 70.4% | 21.8% | 25.4 | 170 | 2025-12-31 |
| Asset growth, three years | 1.3% | 2.9% | 59.7 | 366 | 2025-12-31 |
| Net share issuance, one year | 0.5% | 0.0% | 66.5 | 317 | 2026-02-12 |

## 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 162 | Linde plc (LIN) | 52.3 | C | |
| 163 | Agco Corp. (AGCO) | 52.4 | C | |
| 164 | General Dynamics Corp. (GD) | 52.8 | C | |
| 165 | Gorman Rupp Co. (GRC) | 53.1 | C | |
| 166 | Eastern Co. (EML) | 53.5 | C | |
| 167 | Element Solutions Inc. (ESI) | 53.8 | C | |
| 168 | Nucor Corp. (NUE) | 53.9 | C | |
| 169 | Owens Corning (OC) | 54.3 | C | |
| 170 | Edgewell Personal Care Co. (EPC) | 54.7 | C | |
| 171 | Greenland Technologies Holding Corp. (GTEC) | 54.7 | C | dilution, fortress balance sheet |
| 172 | Procter & Gamble Co. (PG) | 55.0 | C | |

## What the price implies

*at the 2026-11-04 close; none of these enters the grade*

| Measure | Value | Peer median | Percentile |
|---|---|---|---|
| Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month | 36.8% | 11.0% | 76 |
| Distance from 52-week high | (31.9%) | (23.2%) | 34 |
| EBIT to enterprise value | 3.4% | 3.8% | 45 |
| Free cash flow yield | 2.8% | 3.3% | 44 |
| Book value to price | 0.35 | 0.38 | 47 |
| Sales to price | 0.31 | 0.55 | 27 |
| Composite equity issuance, five years | (9.1%) | (10.0%) | 53 |
| Relative strength against the sector, log excess return | 0.17 | 0.00 | 70 |

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## Diagnostics

*shown on every report; none enters the grade*

| Measure | Value |
|---|---|
| **Piotroski F-score 6 of 9, period end 2025-12-31** | |
| Return on assets above zero | pass |
| Operating cash flow above zero | pass |
| Return on assets improved | fail |
| Operating cash flow exceeds net income | pass |
| Long-term leverage fell | pass |
| Current ratio improved | pass |
| No new shares issued | fail |
| Gross margin improved | fail |
| Asset turnover improved | pass |
| **Cash, filings, liquidity** | |
| Cash and equivalents | $224.9M |
| Operating cash flow, four quarters | $283.3M |
| Months of runway | not finite |
| Days since last periodic filing | 14 (10-Q received Oct 22, 2026) |
| Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions | $132.2M |

## 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 | $1.1B | 2025-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 2 | assets | us-gaap:Assets | $5.1B | 2025-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 3 | operating income | us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss | $342.2M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 4 | pretax income | us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc... | $265.6M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 5 | income tax | us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit | $74.6M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 6 | total debt | us-gaap:LongTermDebtAndCapitalLeaseObligations | $1.6B | 2025-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 7 | book equity | us-gaap:StockholdersEquity | $2.7B | 2025-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 8 | cash | us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue | $626.5M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 9 | total debt | us-gaap:LongTermDebtAndCapitalLeaseObligations | $1.8B | 2024-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 10 | book equity | us-gaap:StockholdersEquity | $2.4B | 2024-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 11 | cash | us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue | $359.4M | 2024-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 12 | net income | us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss | $190.8M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 13 | operating cash flow | us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivitiesC... | $289.8M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 14 | assets | us-gaap:Assets | $4.9B | 2024-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 15 | revenue | us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA... | $2.6B | 2025-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 16 | gross profit | us-gaap:GrossProfit | $1.0B | 2024-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 17 | revenue | us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA... | $2.5B | 2024-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 18 | gross profit | us-gaap:GrossProfit | $918.5M | 2023-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 19 | revenue | us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA... | $2.3B | 2023-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 20 | gross profit | us-gaap:GrossProfit | $952.7M | 2022-12-31 | 2025-02-19 | 10-K | 25-000022 |
| 21 | revenue | us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA... | $2.5B | 2022-12-31 | 2025-02-19 | 10-K | 25-000022 |
| 22 | gross profit | us-gaap:GrossProfit | $960.8M | 2021-12-31 | 2024-02-21 | 10-K | 24-000054 |
| 23 | revenue | us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA... | $2.4B | 2021-12-31 | 2024-02-21 | 10-K | 24-000054 |
| 24 | current assets | us-gaap:AssetsCurrent | $1.6B | 2025-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 25 | current liabilities | us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent | $429.9M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 26 | retained earnings | us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit | -$904.6M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 27 | liabilities | us-gaap:Liabilities | $2.4B | 2025-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 28 | depreciation amortization | us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization | $151.2M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 29 | capital expenditure | us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment | $62.2M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 30 | operating cash flow | us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivitiesC... | $362.0M | 2024-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 31 | capital expenditure | us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment | $68.4M | 2024-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |

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| 32 | operating cash flow | us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivitiesC... | $333.6M | 2023-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 33 | capital expenditure | us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment | $52.7M | 2023-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 34 | operating cash flow | us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities | $295.9M | 2022-12-31 | 2023-02-22 | 10-K | 23-000027 |
| 35 | capital expenditure | us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment | $47.8M | 2022-12-31 | 2025-02-19 | 10-K | 25-000022 |
| 36 | current assets | us-gaap:AssetsCurrent | $1.3B | 2024-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 37 | current liabilities | us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent | $379.7M | 2024-12-31 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 38 | assets | us-gaap:Assets | $5.0B | 2023-12-31 | 2025-02-19 | 10-K | 25-000022 |
| 39 | assets | us-gaap:Assets | $4.9B | 2022-12-31 | 2024-02-21 | 10-K | 24-000054 |
| 40 | shares outstanding | dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding | 243,578,414 | 2026-02-12 | 2026-02-18 | 10-K | 26-000018 |
| 41 | shares outstanding | dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding | 242,452,327 | 2025-02-14 | 2025-02-19 | 10-K | 25-000022 |

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