Autonation, Inc.

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NYSE; shops; SIC 5500, Retail-Auto Dealers & Gasoline Stations; CIK 0000350698

C/D

on the C/D boundary of 253 graded peers in shops

rank 149 of 253; percentile 58.7; sampling error 3.0 points; lower is stronger

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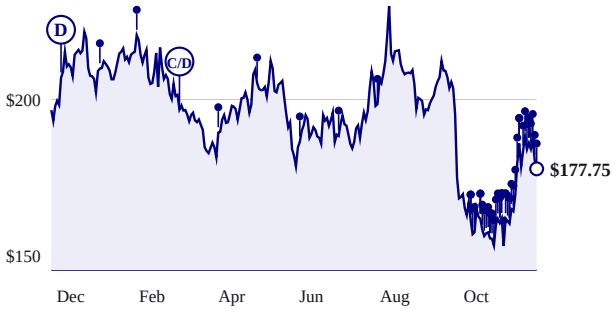
C/D, the tortoise



Scoreboard

Profitability	C percentile 53.7
Solvency	D/E percentile 81.2
Growth and financing	B percentile 23.1
Reliability	0.94 AUC 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 Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	over $2.67B assets total assets $14.4B
Standard universe	inside revenue above $1M and assets above $10M
Warnings	none triggered not computable: distress
Inputs computable	8 of 14
Graded from	filings received through Feb 12, 2026 276 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Oct 30, 2026
Last close	$177.82 2026-11-13; market equity $5.7B; 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 12, 2026

AutoNation, Inc., through its subsidiaries, is one of the largest automotive retailers in the United States. As of December 31, 2025, we owned and operated 323 new vehicle franchises from 245 stores located in the United States, predominantly in major metropolitan markets in the Sunbelt region. Our stores, which we believe include some of the most recognizable and well-known in our key markets, sell 30 different new vehicle brands.

The fourteen inputs

lower percentile is stronger; sleeves and inputs within a sleeve carry equal weight

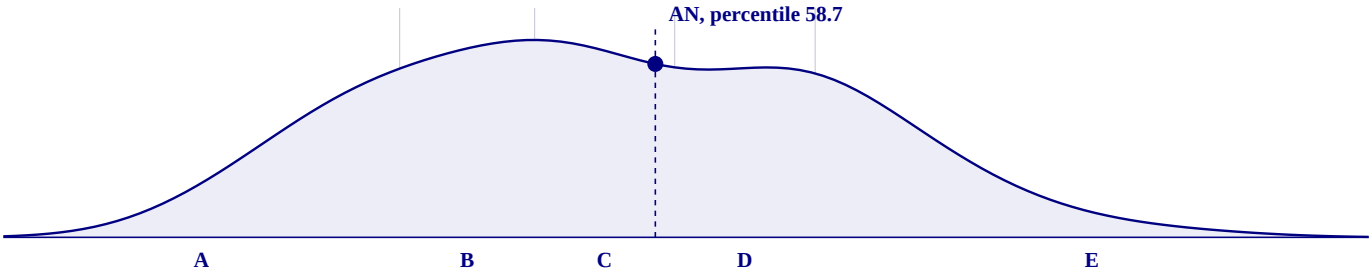
Input	Value	Peer median	Percentile, 0 to 100	Pct	Peers	Period end
Profitability, sleeve percentile 53.7						
Gross profitability	34.4%	42.9%		61.4	237	2025-12-31
Return on invested capital	16.5%	11.2%		31.7	83	2025-12-31
Accruals ratio	3.9%	(4.9%)		96.1	282	2025-12-31
Gross margin stability, five years	0.7 pts	1.3 pts		25.7	215	2025-12-31

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Solvency, sleeve percentile 81.2						
Twelve-month failure probability	not computable	0.03%				
liabilities and a nearby cover-page share count are required at 2026-09-30						
Altman Z double-prime	not computable	1.93				
one or more required annual facts are missing						
Net debt to EBITDA	not computable	1.38x				
latest aligned inputs end 2011-12-31; latest annual assets end 2025-12-31						
Interest coverage	not computable	3.27x				
one or more required annual facts are missing						
Current ratio	0.84x	1.37x		81.2	294	2025-12-31
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 23.1						
Revenue growth, three-year compound	0.8%	1.6%		54.0	264	2025-12-31
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	not computable	4.6%				
current FCF must be positive and base FCF must exceed $100,000						
Reinvestment rate	not computable	16.4%				
latest aligned inputs end 2011-12-31; latest annual assets end 2025-12-31						
Asset growth, three years	12.7%	3.1%		12.5	266	2025-12-31
Net share issuance, one year	(11.1%)	(0.6%)		2.9	210	2026-02-10

Among 253 peers

shops; 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
144	Autozone Inc. (AZO)	56.7	C	
145	Starbucks Corp. (SBUX)	57.1	C/D	
146	Natural Health Trends Corp. (NHTC)	57.5	C/D	
147	Kroger Co. (KR)	57.9	C/D	
148	Distribution Solutions Group, Inc. (DSGR)	58.3	C/D	
149	Autonation, Inc. (AN)	58.7	C/D	
150	United Natural Foods Inc. (UNFI)	59.1	C/D	
151	Papa Johns International Inc. (PZZA)	59.5	C/D	
152	Genuine Parts Co. (GPC)	59.9	C/D	
153	Kohls Corp. (KSS)	60.3	C/D	
154	Albertsons Companies, Inc. (ACI)	60.7	C/D	

What the price implies

at the 2026-11-13 close; none of these enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	(21.2%)	(0.7%)	30
Distance from 52-week high	(22.7%)	(20.3%)	44
EBIT to enterprise value	13.3%	5.1%	91
Free cash flow yield	(3.5%)	3.8%	17
Book value to price	0.40	0.34	54

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Sales to price	4.86	1.51	82
Composite equity issuance, five years	(94.4%)	(16.9%)	1
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	(0.15)	0.08	30

Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score 5 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	fail
Long-term leverage fell	fail
Current ratio improved	pass
No new shares issued	pass
Gross margin improved	pass
Asset turnover improved	fail
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	$51.2M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$310.9M
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	16 (10-Q received Oct 30, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$89.1M

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	$4.9B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
2	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$14.4B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
3	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$1.2B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
4	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	$884.5M	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
5	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$235.4M	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
6	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebtAndCapitalLeaseObligations	$3.7B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
7	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$2.3B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
8	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$58.6M	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
9	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebtAndCapitalLeaseObligations	$2.6B	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
10	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$2.5B	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
11	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$59.8M	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
12	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	$649.1M	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
13	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$111.9M	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
14	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$13.0B	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
15	revenue	us-gaap:Revenues	$27.6B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
16	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$4.8B	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
17	revenue	us-gaap:Revenues	$26.8B	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
18	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$5.1B	2023-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
19	revenue	us-gaap:Revenues	$26.9B	2023-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
20	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$5.3B	2022-12-31	2025-02-14	10-K	25-000029
21	revenue	us-gaap:Revenues	$27.0B	2022-12-31	2025-02-14	10-K	25-000029
22	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$5.0B	2021-12-31	2024-02-16	10-K	24-000021
23	revenue	us-gaap:Revenues	$25.8B	2021-12-31	2024-02-16	10-K	24-000021
24	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebtAndCapitalLeaseObligations	$1.6B	2011-12-31	2013-02-15	10-K	13-000021
25	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$86.6M	2011-12-31	2015-02-11	10-K	15-000045
26	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$572.0M	2011-12-31	2014-02-13	10-K	14-000018
27	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$83.7M	2011-12-31	2012-02-13	10-K	12-000016

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28	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$4.6B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
29	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$5.5B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
30	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$309.4M	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
31	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$314.7M	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
32	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$328.5M	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
33	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$724.0M	2023-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
34	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$410.3M	2023-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
35	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$1.7B	2022-12-31	2025-02-14	10-K	25-000029
36	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$329.0M	2022-12-31	2025-02-14	10-K	25-000029
37	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$149.1M	2011-12-31	2012-02-13	10-K	12-000016
38	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	$461.3M	2011-12-31	2014-02-13	10-K	14-000018
39	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$177.1M	2011-12-31	2014-02-13	10-K	14-000018
40	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$2.7B	2011-12-31	2013-02-15	10-K	13-000021
41	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$2.5B	2011-12-31	2013-02-15	10-K	13-000021
42	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$2.6B	2010-12-31	2012-02-13	10-K	12-000016
43	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$2.4B	2010-12-31	2012-02-13	10-K	12-000016
44	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$12.0B	2023-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
45	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$10.1B	2022-12-31	2025-02-14	10-K	25-000029
46	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	34,710,538	2026-02-10	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007800
47	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	39,056,586	2025-02-12	2025-02-14	10-K	25-000029

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