American Eagle Outfitters Inc.

AEO

NYSE; shops; SIC 5651, Retail-Family Clothing Stores; CIK 0000919012

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strongest fifth of 240 graded peers in shops

rank 38 of 240; percentile 15.5; sampling error 3.0 points; lower is stronger

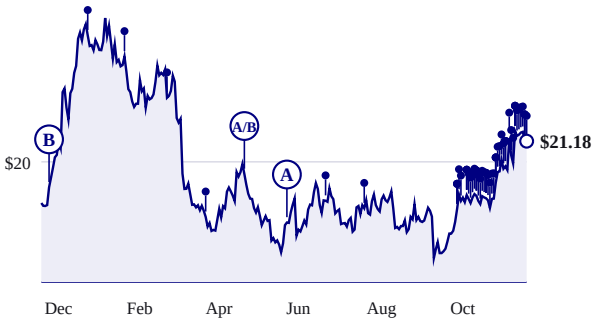
A B C D E

A, the bull



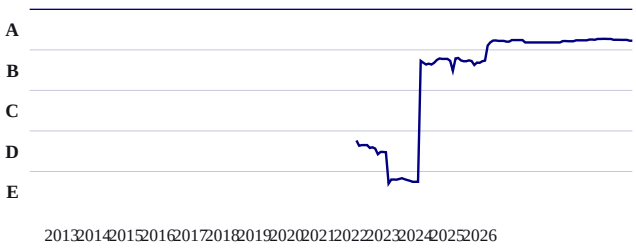
Scoreboard	
Profitability	C percentile 46.4
Solvency	B percentile 24.6
Growth and financing	B/C percentile 38.9
Reliability	0.94 AUC filers with over $2.67B assets; 95% interval 0.88 to 0.97; 61 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	0.52% a year Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	over $2.67B assets total assets $4.0B
Standard universe	inside revenue above $1M and assets above $10M
Warnings	none triggered; fortress balance sheet not computable: distress
Inputs computable	11 of 13
Graded from	filings received through Mar 30, 2026 233 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Sep 10, 2026
Last close	$21.18 2026-11-17; market equity $3.6B; 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 Mar 30, 2026

American Eagle Outfitters, Inc. (the "Company," "AEO," "we," "us," and "our") is a leading global specialty retailer with a portfolio of beloved apparel brands. We operate and license nearly 1,500 retail stores worldwide and are online at www.ae.com and www.aerie.com in the U.S. and internationally. Rooted in optimism, inclusivity, and authenticity, AEO's brands empower every customer to celebrate their unique personal style. We offer casual, comfortable, timeless outfitting and high-quality products that are made to last under the American Eagle ("AE") brand, and intimates, apparel, activewear, and swim collections under the Aerie and OFFLINE by Aerie brands.

The thirteen 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 46.4						
Gross profitability	50.5%	43.7%		37.2	224	2026-01-31
Return on invested capital	11.6%	11.5%		48.6	75	2026-01-31

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Accruals ratio	(6.7%)	(4.9%)	38.8	269	2026-01-31
Gross margin stability, five years	1.8 pts	1.2 pts	60.9	203	2026-01-31
Solvency, sleeve percentile 24.6					
Altman Z double-prime	not computable	1.92			
one or more required annual facts are missing					
Net debt to EBITDA	(0.53x)	1.46x	9.0	90	2026-01-31
Interest coverage	not computable	2.70x			
one or more required annual facts are missing					
Current ratio	1.51x	1.34x	40.1	275	2026-01-31
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 38.9					
Revenue growth, three-year compound	3.6%	1.8%	39.6	251	2026-01-31
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	10.2%	4.7%	39.4	138	2026-01-31
Reinvestment rate	8.1%	13.3%	53.9	142	2026-01-31
Asset growth, three years	5.4%	3.1%	37.8	252	2026-01-31
Net share issuance, one year	(3.4%)	(0.6%)	23.7	208	2026-03-30

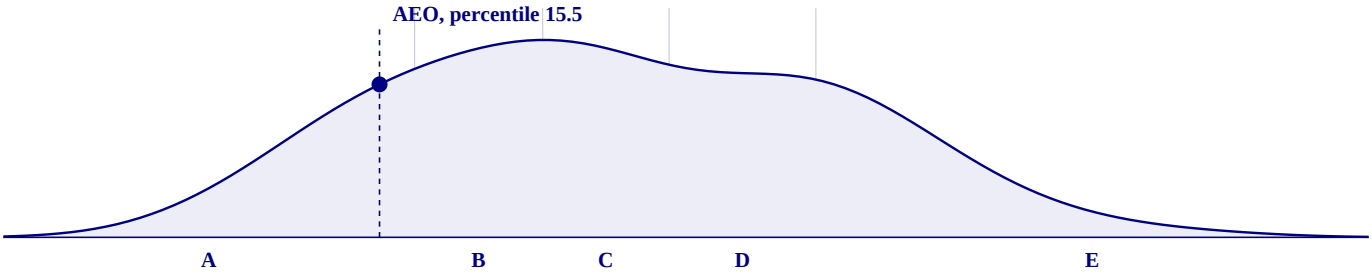
Warnings

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

Check	Measured
Fortress balance sheet	cash minus debt is 238,923,000 USD; Altman Z is not used

Among 240 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
33	Richardson Electronics, Ltd. (RELL)	13.4	A	
34	Sally Beauty Holdings, Inc. (SBH)	13.8	A	
35	Signet Jewelers Ltd. (SIG)	14.2	A	
36	Core & Main, Inc. (CNM)	14.6	A	
37	Unifirst Corp. (UNF)	15.1	A	fortress balance sheet
38	American Eagle Outfitters Inc. (AEO)	15.5	A	fortress balance sheet
39	Envela Corp. (ELA)	15.9	A	late filer, fortress balance sheet
40	Carvana Co. (CVNA)	16.3	A	
41	Rush Enterprises Inc. \Tx\ (RUSHA)	16.7	A	
42	Build-A-Bear Workshop Inc. (BBW)	17.2	A/B	
43	Dominos Pizza Inc. (DPZ)	17.6	A/B	

What the price implies

at the 2026-11-17 close; none of these enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	8.5%	(0.8%)	58
Distance from 52-week high	(24.9%)	(23.1%)	44
EBIT to enterprise value	6.7%	5.1%	67

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Free cash flow yield	5.5%	3.9%	62
Book value to price	0.50	0.36	59
Sales to price	1.56	1.61	49
Composite equity issuance, five years	(15.5%)	(17.1%)	53
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	0.17	0.08	58
Twelve-month failure probability, CHS model	not computable	0.04%	

Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score 4 of 9, period end 2026-01-31	
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	fail
Current ratio improved	fail
No new shares issued	pass
Gross margin improved	fail
Asset turnover improved	fail
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	$148.0M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$599.4M
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	69 (10-Q received Sep 10, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$86.8M

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	$2.0B	2026-01-31	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
2	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$4.0B	2026-01-31	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
3	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$226.2M	2026-01-31	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
4	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	$249.4M	2026-01-31	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
5	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$63.9M	2026-01-31	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
6	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$0	2026-01-31	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
7	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$1.7B	2026-01-31	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
8	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$238.9M	2026-01-31	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
9	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$0	2025-02-01	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
10	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$1.8B	2025-02-01	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
11	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$309.0M	2025-02-01	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
12	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	$192.0M	2026-01-31	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
13	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$456.2M	2026-01-31	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
14	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$3.8B	2025-02-01	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
15	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$5.5B	2026-01-31	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
16	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$2.1B	2025-02-01	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
17	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$5.3B	2025-02-01	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
18	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$2.0B	2024-02-03	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
19	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$5.3B	2024-02-03	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
20	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$1.7B	2023-01-28	2025-03-20	10-K	25-042746
21	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$5.0B	2023-01-28	2025-03-20	10-K	25-042746
22	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$2.0B	2022-01-29	2024-03-15	10-K	24-032294
23	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$5.0B	2022-01-29	2024-03-15	10-K	24-032294
24	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$222.2M	2026-01-31	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097

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25	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$1.3B	2026-01-31	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
26	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$867.6M	2026-01-31	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
27	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$260.8M	2026-01-31	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
28	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$476.8M	2025-02-01	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
29	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$222.5M	2025-02-01	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
30	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$580.7M	2024-02-03	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
31	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$174.4M	2024-02-03	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
32	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$406.3M	2023-01-28	2025-03-20	10-K	25-042746
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$260.4M	2023-01-28	2025-03-20	10-K	25-042746
34	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$1.4B	2025-02-01	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
35	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$882.7M	2025-02-01	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
36	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$3.6B	2024-02-03	2025-03-20	10-K	25-042746
37	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$3.4B	2023-01-28	2024-03-15	10-K	24-032294
38	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	166,674,664	2026-03-30	2026-03-30	10-K	26-132097
39	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	172,514,102	2025-03-19	2025-03-20	10-K	25-042746

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