Acco Brands Corp. ACCO

NYSE; consumer nondurables; SIC 2780, Blankbooks, Looseleaf Binders & Bookbindg & Relatd Work; CIK 0000712034

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fourth fifth of 118 graded peers in consumer nondurables

rank 89 of 118; percentile 75.2; sampling error 3.8 points; lower is stronger

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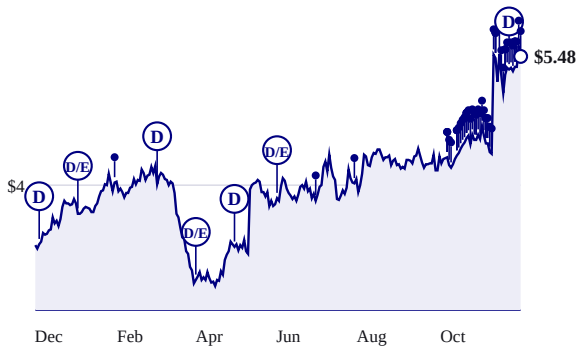
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Scoreboard

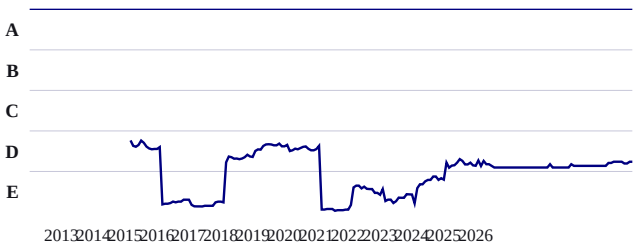
Profitability	C/D percentile 61.8
Solvency	C/D percentile 57.0
Growth and financing	C/D percentile 58.7
Reliability	0.91 AUC filers with $591M to $2.67B assets; 95% interval 0.88 to 0.94; 160 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	1.01% a year Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	$591M to $2.67B assets total assets $2.3B
Standard universe	inside revenue above $1M and assets above $10M
Warnings	none triggered not computable: short runway, distress, fortress balance sheet
Inputs computable	9 of 13
Graded from	filings received through Mar 9, 2026 256 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Oct 30, 2026
Last close	$5.48 2026-11-19; market equity $506.0M; 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

As a result of this seasonality, our inventory and working capital needs fluctuate significantly throughout the year. In addition, our customers often change their order patterns for peak seasons, making forecasting of production schedules and inventory purchases more challenging. These fluctuations have impacted our ability to accurately forecast our inventory and working capital needs as well as our operating results.

The thirteen inputs

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

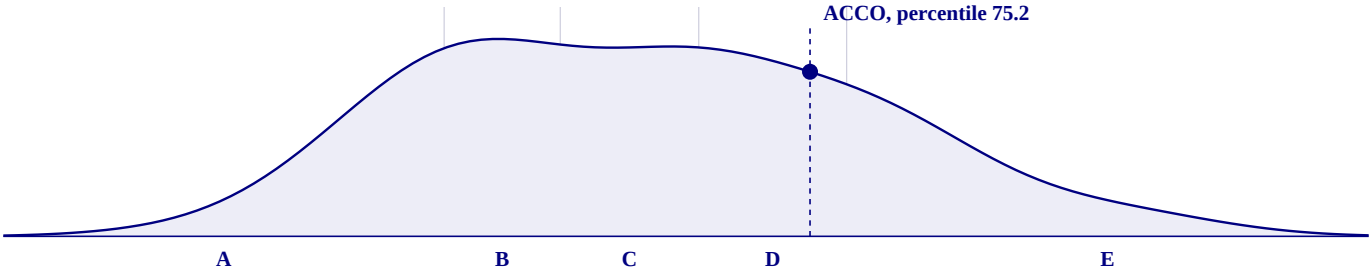
Input	Value	Peer median	Percentile, 0 to 100	Pct	Peers	Period end
Profitability, sleeve percentile 61.8						
Gross profitability	22.2%	30.0%		60.4	135	2025-12-31
Return on invested capital	not computable	6.0%				
one or more required annual facts are missing						
Accruals ratio	(1.2%)	(5.2%)		76.8	139	2025-12-31

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Gross margin stability, five years	1.9 pts	1.9 pts	48.2	111	2025-12-31
Solvency, sleeve percentile 57.0					
Altman Z double-prime	0.57	3.11	69.7	110	2025-12-31
Net debt to EBITDA	not computable	2.44x			
one or more required annual facts are missing					
Interest coverage	2.02x	2.36x	50.0	37	2025-12-31
Current ratio	1.61x	1.82x	51.4	143	2025-12-31
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 58.7					
Revenue growth, three-year compound	(7.8%)	(0.1%)	83.1	125	2025-12-31
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	not computable	13.6%			
latest aligned inputs end 2022-12-31; latest annual assets end 2025-12-31					
Reinvestment rate	not computable	11.8%			
pretax income must exceed the validity floor and imply a 0%-100% tax rate					
Asset growth, three years	(6.9%)	0.2%	78.2	125	2025-12-31
Net share issuance, one year	(2.9%)	0.03%	14.7	103	2026-03-02

Among 118 peers

consumer nondurables; 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
84	Scholastic Corp. (SCHL)	70.9	D	
85	Caleres Inc. (CAL)	71.8	D	fortress balance sheet
86	Village Farms International, Inc. (VFF)	72.6	D	fortress balance sheet
87	General Mills Inc. (GIS)	73.5	D	
88	J M Smucker Co. (SJM)	74.4	D	
89	Acco Brands Corp. (ACCO)	75.2	D	
90	Laird Superfood, Inc. (LSF)	76.1	D	fortress balance sheet
91	Conagra Brands Inc. (CAG)	76.9	D/E	
92	Capri Holdings Ltd. (CPRI)	77.8	D/E	
93	Barfresh Food Group Inc. (BRFH)	78.6	D/E	late filer, fortress balance sheet
94	Callaway Golf Co. (CALY)	79.5	D/E	

What the price implies

at the 2026-11-19 close; none of these enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	21.7%	(1.0%)	74
Distance from 52-week high	(2.1%)	(23.8%)	97
EBIT to enterprise value	not computable	3.5%	
Free cash flow yield	11.8%	4.5%	83
Book value to price	1.36	0.58	84
Sales to price	3.01	1.22	80
Composite equity issuance, five years	(36.0%)	(17.0%)	10
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	0.11	(0.09)	74

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Twelve-month failure probability, CHS model	not computable	0.04%

Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score 7 of 9, period end 2025-12-31	
Return on assets above zero	pass
Operating cash flow above zero	pass
Return on assets improved	pass
Operating cash flow exceeds net income	pass
Long-term leverage fell	fail
Current ratio improved	pass
No new shares issued	pass
Gross margin improved	fail
Asset turnover improved	pass
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	n/a
Operating cash flow, four quarters	n/a
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	21 (10-Q received Oct 30, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$3.2M

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	$500.0M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-098616
2	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.3B	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-098616
3	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	$41.3M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-098616
4	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$68.7M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-098616
5	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.2B	2024-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-098616
6	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$1.5B	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-098616
7	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$555.4M	2024-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-098616
8	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$1.7B	2024-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-098616
9	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$598.3M	2023-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-098616
10	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$1.8B	2023-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-098616
11	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$552.3M	2022-12-31	2025-02-21	10-K	25-024931
12	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$1.9B	2022-12-31	2025-02-21	10-K	25-024931
13	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$614.9M	2021-12-31	2024-02-23	10-K	24-019211
14	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$2.0B	2021-12-31	2024-02-23	10-K	24-019211
15	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$750.3M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-098616
16	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$465.3M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-098616
17	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	-$675.3M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-098616
18	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$92.3M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-098616
19	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$664.6M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-098616
20	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	$1.6B	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-098616
21	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	$45.8M	2025-12-31	2026-03-09	10-K	26-098616
22	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$77.6M	2022-12-31	2025-02-21	10-K	25-024931
23	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$17.7M	2022-12-31	2023-02-24	10-K	23-004360
24	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$159.6M	2021-12-31	2024-02-23	10-K	24-019211
25	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$21.2M	2021-12-31	2023-02-24	10-K	23-004360
26	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$119.2M	2020-12-31	2023-02-24	10-K	23-004360
27	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$15.3M	2020-12-31	2023-02-24	10-K	23-004360
28	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$203.9M	2019-12-31	2022-02-23	10-K	22-000009
29	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$32.8M	2019-12-31	2022-02-23	10-K	22-000009
30	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:Depreciation	$37.9M	2022-12-31	2025-02-21	10-K	25-024931

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31	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$34.8M	2022-12-31	2025-02-21	10-K	25-024931
32	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	$14.9M	2022-12-31	2025-02-21	10-K	25-024931
33	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$28.1M	2022-12-31	2025-02-21	10-K	25-024931
34	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$882.3M	2022-12-31	2024-02-23	10-K	24-019211
35	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$589.0M	2022-12-31	2024-02-23	10-K	24-019211
36	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$924.9M	2021-12-31	2023-02-24	10-K	23-004360
37	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$708.6M	2021-12-31	2023-02-24	10-K	23-004360
38	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.6B	2023-12-31	2025-02-21	10-K	25-024931
39	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.8B	2022-12-31	2024-02-23	10-K	24-019211
40	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	90,170,277	2026-03-02	2026-03-09	10-K	26-098616
41	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	92,881,008	2025-02-13	2025-02-21	10-K	25-024931

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