# MSC Industrial Direct Co. Inc.

**MSM**

NYSE; shops; SIC 5084, Wholesale-Industrial Machinery & Equipment; CIK 0001003078

**B**

**second fifth of 239 graded peers in shops**

rank 63 of 239; percentile 26.1; sampling error 3.0 points; lower is stronger

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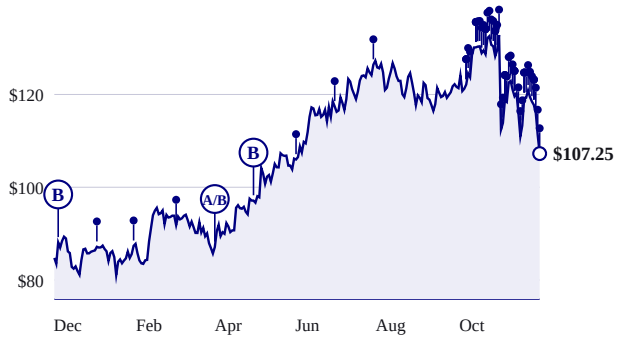
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## Scoreboard

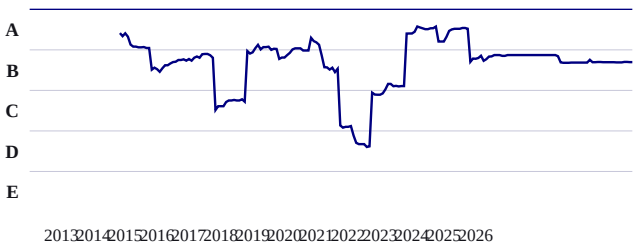
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|---|---|
| **Profitability** | B<br>percentile 36.0 |
| **Solvency** | B<br>percentile 24.9 |
| **Growth and financing** | C/D<br>percentile 61.2 |
| **Reliability** | 0.91 AUC<br>filers with $591M to $2.67B assets; 95% interval 0.88 to 0.94; 160 events, 2020 to 2025 |
| **Peer failure rate** | 1.01% a year<br>Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025 |
| **Size band** | $591M to $2.67B assets<br>total assets $2.5B |
| **Standard universe** | inside<br>revenue above $1M and assets above $10M |
| **Warnings** | none triggered<br>not computable: distress |
| **Inputs computable** | 12 of 13 |
| **Graded from** | filings received through Oct 22, 2026<br>29 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-K received Oct 22, 2026 |
| **Last close** | $107.35<br>2026-11-19; market equity $6.0B; 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 Oct 23, 2025*

MSC is a leading North American distributor of a broad range of metalworking and maintenance, repair and operations ("MRO") products and services. With a history of driving innovation in industrial product distribution for more than 80 years, we help solve our manufacturing customers' metalworking and MRO challenges. Through our technical metalworking expertise and inventory management and other supply chain solutions, our team of more than 7,000 associates helps to keep our customers' manufacturing operations up and running and to improve their efficiency, productivity and profitability.

## The thirteen inputs

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

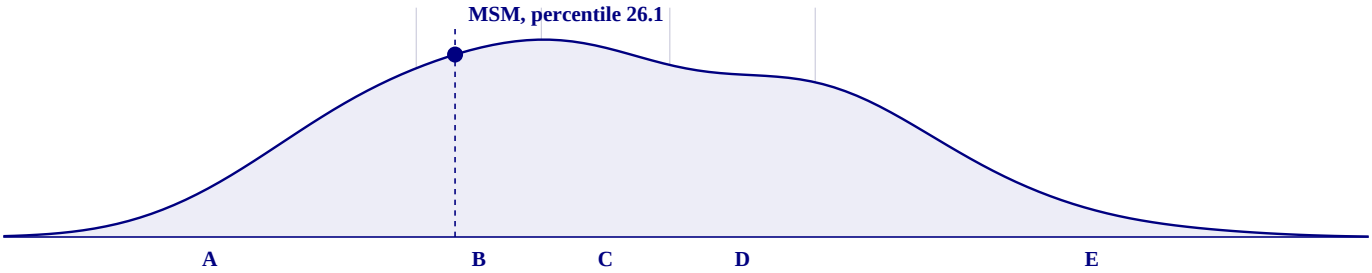
| Input | Value | Peer median | Percentile, 0 to 100 | Pct | Peers | Period end |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Profitability, sleeve percentile 36.0** | | | | | | |
| Gross profitability | 65.3% | 43.5% | | 21.6 | 223 | 2026-08-29 |
| Return on invested capital | 16.0% | 11.5% | | 36.5 | 75 | 2026-08-29 |
| Accruals ratio | (3.4%) | (4.9%) | | 70.8 | 268 | 2026-08-29 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gross margin stability, five years | 0.5 pts | 1.2 pts | 14.9 | 202 | 2026-08-29 |
| **Solvency, sleeve percentile 24.9** | | | | | |
| Altman Z double-prime | 4.34 | 1.93 | 20.4 | 197 | 2026-08-29 |
| Net debt to EBITDA | 0.23x | 1.46x | 23.6 | 90 | 2026-08-29 |
| Interest coverage | not computable | 2.71x | | | |
| *latest aligned inputs end 2023-09-02; latest annual assets end 2026-08-29* | | | | | |
| Current ratio | 1.78x | 1.34x | 30.8 | 274 | 2026-08-29 |
| **Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 61.2** | | | | | |
| Revenue growth, three-year compound | 0.00% | 1.8% | 57.4 | 250 | 2026-08-29 |
| Free cash flow growth, three-year compound | (28.2%) | 4.7% | 91.3 | 139 | 2026-08-29 |
| Reinvestment rate | 32.9% | 13.3% | 37.6 | 142 | 2026-08-29 |
| Asset growth, three years | (0.5%) | 3.3% | 62.4 | 251 | 2026-08-29 |
| Net share issuance, one year | 0.1% | (0.6%) | 57.1 | 206 | 2026-10-01 |

## Among 239 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 58 | Pricesmart Inc. (PSMT) | 23.9 | B | fortress balance sheet |
| 59 | Carmax Inc. (KMX) | 24.4 | B | |
| 60 | Academy Sports & Outdoors, Inc. (ASO) | 24.8 | B | |
| 61 | Dillard'S, Inc. (DDS) | 25.2 | B | |
| 62 | ONE Group Hospitality, Inc. (STKS) | 25.6 | B | late filer |
| 63 | MSC Industrial Direct Co. Inc. (MSM) | 26.1 | B | |
| 64 | Shoe Station Group Inc. (SHOE) | 26.5 | B | |
| 65 | BJs Restaurants Inc. (BJRI) | 26.9 | B | |
| 66 | Hawkins Inc. (HWKN) | 27.3 | B | |
| 67 | Genesco Inc. (GCO) | 27.7 | B | fortress balance sheet |
| 68 | Texas Roadhouse, Inc. (TXRH) | 28.2 | B | fortress balance sheet |

## 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 | 51.2% | (0.5%) | 88 |
| Distance from 52-week high | (19.3%) | (23.4%) | 61 |
| EBIT to enterprise value | 5.3% | 5.4% | 48 |
| Free cash flow yield | 3.8% | 4.1% | 46 |
| Book value to price | 0.24 | 0.38 | 37 |
| Sales to price | 0.67 | 1.64 | 21 |
| Composite equity issuance, five years | not computable | (17.2%) | |
| Relative strength against the sector, log excess return | 0.50 | 0.08 | 88 |
| Twelve-month failure probability, CHS model | not computable | 0.03% | |

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## Diagnostics

*shown on every report; none enters the grade*

| Measure | Value |
|---|---|
| **Piotroski F-score 8 of 9, period end 2026-08-29** | |
| 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 | pass |
| Current ratio improved | pass |
| No new shares issued | fail |
| Gross margin improved | pass |
| Asset turnover improved | pass |
| **Cash, filings, liquidity** | |
| Cash and equivalents | $65.0M |
| Operating cash flow, four quarters | $306.5M |
| Months of runway | not finite |
| Days since last periodic filing | 29 (10-K received Oct 22, 2026) |
| Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions | $89.0M |

## 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 | $1.6B | 2026-08-29 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 2 | assets | us-gaap:Assets | $2.5B | 2026-08-29 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 3 | operating income | us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss | $320.6M | 2026-08-29 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 4 | pretax income | us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc... | $292.0M | 2026-08-29 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 5 | income tax | us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit | $72.1M | 2026-08-29 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 6 | total debt | us-gaap:LongTermDebtAndCapitalLeaseObligations | $159.8M | 2026-08-29 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 7 | book equity | us-gaap:StockholdersEquity | $1.4B | 2026-08-29 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 8 | cash | us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue | $65.0M | 2026-08-29 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 9 | total debt | us-gaap:LongTermDebtAndCapitalLeaseObligations | $168.8M | 2025-08-30 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 10 | book equity | us-gaap:StockholdersEquity | $1.4B | 2025-08-30 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 11 | cash | us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue | $56.2M | 2025-08-30 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 12 | net income | us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss | $222.6M | 2026-08-29 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 13 | operating cash flow | us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities | $306.5M | 2026-08-29 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 14 | assets | us-gaap:Assets | $2.5B | 2025-08-30 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 15 | revenue | us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA... | $4.0B | 2026-08-29 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 16 | gross profit | us-gaap:GrossProfit | $1.5B | 2025-08-30 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 17 | revenue | us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA... | $3.8B | 2025-08-30 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 18 | gross profit | us-gaap:GrossProfit | $1.6B | 2024-08-31 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 19 | revenue | us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA... | $3.8B | 2024-08-31 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 20 | gross profit | us-gaap:GrossProfit | $1.6B | 2023-09-02 | 2025-10-23 | 10-K | 25-000123 |
| 21 | revenue | us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA... | $4.0B | 2023-09-02 | 2025-10-23 | 10-K | 25-000123 |
| 22 | gross profit | us-gaap:GrossProfit | $1.6B | 2022-09-03 | 2024-10-24 | 10-K | 24-000107 |
| 23 | revenue | us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA... | $3.7B | 2022-09-03 | 2024-10-24 | 10-K | 24-000107 |
| 24 | current assets | us-gaap:AssetsCurrent | $1.3B | 2026-08-29 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 25 | current liabilities | us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent | $740.3M | 2026-08-29 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 26 | retained earnings | us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit | $450.2M | 2026-08-29 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 27 | liabilities | us-gaap:Liabilities | $1.1B | 2026-08-29 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 28 | depreciation amortization | us-gaap:Depreciation | $83.8M | 2026-08-29 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 29 | operating income | us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss | $483.7M | 2023-09-02 | 2025-10-23 | 10-K | 25-000123 |
| 30 | interest expense | us-gaap:InterestExpense | $22.5M | 2023-09-02 | 2023-10-25 | 10-K | 23-000102 |
| 31 | capital expenditure | us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment | $81.3M | 2026-08-29 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |

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| 32 | operating cash flow | us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities | $333.7M | 2025-08-30 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 33 | capital expenditure | us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment | $92.8M | 2025-08-30 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 34 | operating cash flow | us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities | $410.7M | 2024-08-31 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 35 | capital expenditure | us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment | $99.4M | 2024-08-31 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 36 | operating cash flow | us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities | $699.6M | 2023-09-02 | 2025-10-23 | 10-K | 25-000123 |
| 37 | capital expenditure | us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment | $92.5M | 2023-09-02 | 2025-10-23 | 10-K | 25-000123 |
| 38 | current assets | us-gaap:AssetsCurrent | $1.2B | 2025-08-30 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 39 | current liabilities | us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent | $729.3M | 2025-08-30 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 40 | assets | us-gaap:Assets | $2.5B | 2024-08-31 | 2025-10-23 | 10-K | 25-000123 |
| 41 | assets | us-gaap:Assets | $2.5B | 2023-09-02 | 2024-10-24 | 10-K | 24-000107 |
| 42 | shares outstanding | dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding | 55,858,255 | 2026-10-01 | 2026-10-22 | 10-K | 26-000110 |
| 43 | shares outstanding | dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding | 55,790,152 | 2025-10-02 | 2025-10-23 | 10-K | 25-000123 |

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