

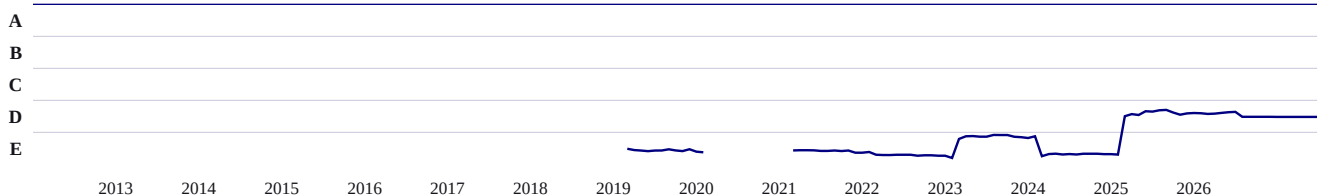
Cars.com Inc. (CARS)

NYSE; business equipment; SIC 7374, Services-Computer Processing & Data Preparation; CIK 0001683606

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Letter at every rescan

Jan 21, 2012 to Oct 9, 2026; sector percentile, 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 26, 2026

. Cars.com Inc. (NYSE:CARS) is a trusted audience-powered and data-driven technology platform that simplifies buying and selling cars. The flagship Cars.com marketplace connects millions of consumers to dealerships across the U.S., powering the car buying experience with artificial intelligence ("AI") shopping tools and comprehensive vehicle reviews and content. Our interconnected ecosystem of products enables dealers and OEMs to sell more cars by efficiently leveraging our marketplace, dealer websites, trade

and appraisal tools and proprietary in-market media solutions. Learn more at www.carscommerce.inc.

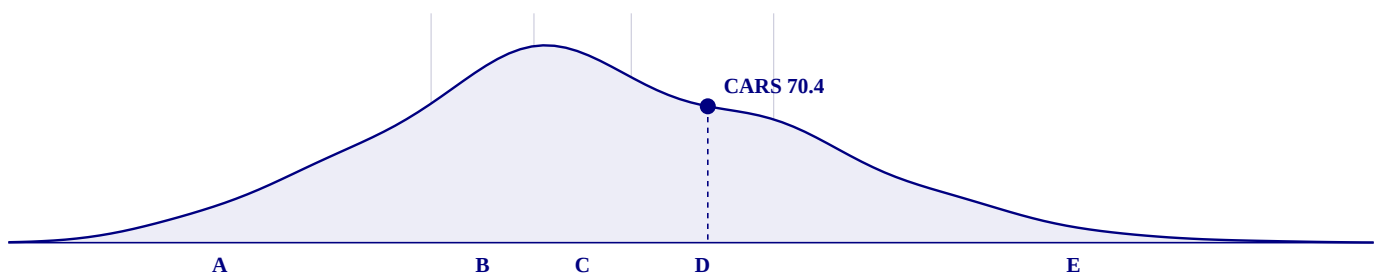
The fourteen inputs

lower percentile is stronger; equal-weighted sleeves

Input	Percentile, 0 to 100	Value	Peer median	Percentile	Peers	Period end
Profitability, sleeve percentile 51.7						
Gross profitability		not computable	28.5%			latest aligned inputs end 2018-12-31; latest annual assets end 2025-12-31
Return on invested capital		3.9%	10.9%	68.1	136	2025-12-31
Accruals ratio		(12.1%)	(7.4%)	35.2	621	2025-12-31
Gross margin stability, five years		not computable	2.4 pts			five annual gross margins are required; found 2
Solvency, sleeve percentile 66.1						
Twelve-month failure probability		not computable	0.05%			latest liabilities, cash plus short-term investments, book equity, and shares are required
Altman Z double-prime		(1.06)	2.18	62.1	566	2025-12-31
Net debt to EBITDA		4.47x	1.11x	82.9	147	2025-12-31
Interest coverage		not computable	3.77x			one or more required annual facts are missing
Current ratio		1.87x	2.02x	53.2	666	2025-12-31
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 51.9						
Revenue growth, three-year compound		3.4%	6.4%	57.9	538	2025-12-31
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound		5.2%	17.2%	67.4	268	2025-12-31
Reinvestment rate		(68.1%)	14.3%	74.2	226	2025-12-31
Asset growth, three years		1.2%	5.0%	57.8	563	2025-12-31
Net share issuance, one year		(8.2%)	0.5%	2.0	407	2026-02-23

Among 497 peers

business equipment; 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
345	Rekor Systems, Inc. (REKR)	69.4	D	fortress balance sheet

346	i3 Verticals, Inc. (IIIV)	69.6	D	fortress
				balance sheet
347	Magnachip Semiconductor Corp. (MX)	69.8	D	fortress
				balance sheet
348	Bruker Corp. (BRKR)	70.1	D	
349	Bruker Corp. (BRKRP)	70.1	D	
350	Cars.com Inc. (CARS) <	70.4	D	
351	Blackbaud Inc. (BLKB)	70.6	D	
352	DigitalOcean Holdings, Inc. (DOCN)	70.8	D	
353	Evolv Technologies Holdings, Inc. (EVLV)	71.0	D	late filer,
				fortress
				balance sheet
354	Dropbox, Inc. (DBX)	71.2	D	
355	Adtran Holdings, Inc. (ADTN)	71.4	D	late filer,
				fortress
				balance sheet

What the price implies

at the 2026-10-08 close; none enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	(4.3%)	2.2%	46
Distance from 52-week high	(27.9%)	(30.0%)	53
EBIT to enterprise value	6.4%	1.5%	85
Free cash flow yield	28.3%	2.7%	96
Book value to price	0.85	0.23	86
Sales to price	1.39	0.30	82
Composite equity issuance, five years	(23.1%)	3.9%	10
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	(0.33)	(0.26)	46

Diagnostics

not in the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score None 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	fail
Current ratio improved	pass
No new shares issued	pass
Gross margin improved	fail
Asset turnover improved	pass
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	\$33.3M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	\$151.6M
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	64 (10-Q received Aug 6, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	\$6.5M

Sources

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#	Concept	XBRL tag	Value	Period end	Received	Form	Accession
1	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$662.1M	2018-12-31	2021-02-25	10-K	0001564590-21-008812
2	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfRevenue	\$90.4M	2018-12-31	2020-02-26	10-K	0001564590-20-006776
3	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$2.6B	2018-12-31	2020-02-26	10-K	0001564590-20-006776
4	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	\$60.2M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546

5	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeIncomeTaxesExtraord	\$14.3M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
6	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	\$14.3M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
7	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	\$455.0M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
8	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	\$472.5M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
9	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	\$56.2M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
10	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	\$460.0M	2024-12-31	2025-02-27	10-K	0000950170-25-029023
11	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	\$511.5M	2024-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
12	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	\$50.7M	2024-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
13	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	\$20.1M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
14	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$151.6M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
15	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$1.1B	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
16	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$1.1B	2024-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
17	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	\$211.6M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
18	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	\$113.4M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
19	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	-\$941.5M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
20	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	\$589.9M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
21	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:Depreciation	\$29.0M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
22	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$723.2M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
23	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$719.2M	2024-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
24	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$689.2M	2023-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
25	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$653.9M	2022-12-31	2025-02-27	10-K	0000950170-25-029023
26	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$4.3M	2025-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
27	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$152.5M	2024-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
28	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$3.0M	2024-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
29	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$136.7M	2023-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
30	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$1.3M	2023-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
31	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$128.5M	2022-12-31	2025-02-27	10-K	0000950170-25-029023
32	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$1.8M	2022-12-31	2025-02-27	10-K	0000950170-25-029023
33	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	\$214.3M	2024-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
34	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	\$116.9M	2024-12-31	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
35	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$1.2B	2023-12-31	2025-02-27	10-K	0000950170-25-029023
36	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$1.0B	2022-12-31	2024-02-22	10-K	0000950170-24-018824
37	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	58,636,763	2026-02-23	2026-02-26	10-K	0001193125-26-076546
38	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	63,847,460	2025-02-20	2025-02-27	10-K	0000950170-25-029023