

Helen OF Troy Ltd. (HELE)

Nasdaq; consumer durables; SIC 3634, Electric Housewares & Fans; CIK 0000916789

Helen OF Troy Ltd. HELE; consumer durables	
Grade	C A B C D E middle fifth of 460 graded peers percentile 56.0; sampling error 2.3 points; lower is stronger
Rank	254 of 460
Profitability	B percentile 34.7
Solvency	C percentile 56.1
Growth and financing	C/D percentile 62.0
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 \$2.1B
Standard universe	inside revenue above \$1M and assets above \$10M
Warnings	none active not computable: distress
Inputs computable	9 of 14
Graded from	filings received through Apr 23, 2026 169 days before the rescans; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Oct 8, 2026
Last close	\$26.50 2026-10-08; market equity \$619.7M
Price used in grade	None



C, the tortoise

middle fifth of its sector; letters are fifths of the 460 graded peers

Share price, twelve months to the rescans

split-adjusted close; the letter is fixed at the rescans that set it



Rescans on file: C/D from May 21, 2023, C from Jul 21, 2023, D from May 21, 2025, C from May 21, 2026

Letter at every rescans

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 Apr 23, 2026

We incorporated as Helen of Troy Corporation in Texas in 1968 and were reorganized as Helen of Troy Limited in Bermuda in 1994. We are a leading global consumer products company offering creative products and solutions for our customers through a diversified portfolio of brands. We have built leading market positions through new product innovation, product quality and competitive pricing. We go to market under a number of brands, some of which are licensed. Our portfolio of brands includes OXO, Hydro Flask, Osprey,

Vicks, Braun, Honeywell, PUR, Hot Tools, Drybar, Curlsmith, Revlon and Olive & June, among others.

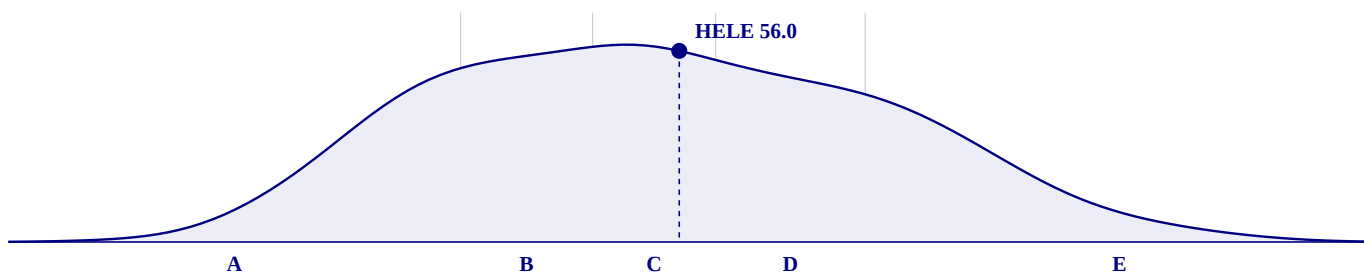
The fourteen inputs

lower percentile is stronger; equal-weighted sleeves

Input	Percentile, 0 to 100	Value	Peer median	Percentile	Peers	Period end
Profitability, sleeve percentile 34.7						
Gross profitability		38.6%	34.4%	41.7	476	2026-02-28
Return on invested capital		not computable	8.9%			pretax income must exceed the validity floor and imply a 0%-100% tax rate
Accruals ratio		(40.8%)	(5.1%)	4.0	525	2026-02-28
Gross margin stability, five years		2.0 pts	1.7 pts	58.4	407	2026-02-28
Solvency, sleeve percentile 56.1						
Twelve-month failure probability		not computable	0.04%			latest liabilities, cash plus short-term investments, book equity, and shares are required
Altman Z double-prime		(0.09)	2.11	70.1	402	2026-02-28
Net debt to EBITDA		not computable	2.11x			EBITDA must exceed \$100,000
Interest coverage		not computable	2.57x			latest aligned inputs end 2024-02-29; latest annual assets end 2026-02-28
Current ratio		1.71x	1.55x	42.2	541	2026-02-28
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 62.0						
Revenue growth, three-year compound		(4.8%)	1.4%	74.2	482	2026-02-28
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound		58.1%	8.3%	11.6	250	2026-02-28
Reinvestment rate		not computable	12.0%			pretax income must exceed the validity floor and imply a 0%-100% tax rate
Asset growth, three years		(10.1%)	2.0%	84.6	487	2026-02-28
Net share issuance, one year		1.4%	(0.3%)	77.4	382	2026-04-16

Among 460 peers

consumer durables; 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
249	Climb Global Solutions, Inc. (CLMB)	54.5	C	fortress balance sheet
250	Arrow Electronics, Inc. (ARW)	54.9	C	
251	Barnes & Noble Education, Inc. (BNED)	55.3	C	late filer
252	Hasbro, Inc. (HAS)	55.3	C	late filer, fortress balance sheet
253	Victoria's Secret & Co. (VSXY)	55.6	C	
254	Helen OF Troy Ltd. (HELE) <	56.0	C	
255	Cheesecake Factory Inc. (CAKE)	56.0	C	
256	Vera Bradley, Inc. (VRA)	56.1	C	fortress balance sheet
257	Somnigroup International Inc. (SGI)	56.2	C	
258	BlueLinx Holdings Inc. (BXC)	56.4	C	
259	Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. (GO)	56.8	C	

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	19.4%	(0.2%)	70
Distance from 52-week high	(12.1%)	(25.6%)	79
EBIT to enterprise value	(56.5%)	5.0%	7
Free cash flow yield	21.2%	4.6%	95
Book value to price	1.37	0.45	87
Sales to price	2.88	1.49	74
Composite equity issuance, five years	(4.4%)	(16.0%)	68
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	0.20	(0.01)	73

Diagnostics

not in the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score 3 of 9, period end 2026-02-28	
Return on assets above zero	fail
Operating cash flow above zero	pass
Return on assets improved	fail
Operating cash flow exceeds net income	pass
Long-term leverage fell	pass
Current ratio improved	fail
No new shares issued	fail
Gross margin improved	fail
Asset turnover improved	fail
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	\$22.6M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	\$179.7M

Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	1 (10-Q received Oct 8, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	\$10.5M

Sources

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#	Concept	XBRL tag	Value	Period end	Received	Form	Accession
1	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	\$815.7M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
2	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$2.1B	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
3	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	-\$782.1M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
4	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeIncomeTaxesExtraordinaryItemsDeductibleItems	\$815.7M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
5	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	\$60.1M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
6	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	\$785.5M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
7	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	\$798.2M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
8	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	\$18.9M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
9	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	\$921.9M	2025-02-28	2025-04-24	10-K	0000916789-25-000012
10	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	\$1.7B	2025-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
11	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	\$18.9M	2025-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
12	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	-\$899.0M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
13	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$171.1M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
14	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$3.1B	2025-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
15	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$1.8B	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
16	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	\$914.4M	2025-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
17	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$1.9B	2025-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
18	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	\$948.7M	2024-02-29	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
19	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$2.0B	2024-02-29	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
20	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	\$899.4M	2023-02-28	2025-04-24	10-K	0000916789-25-000012
21	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$2.1B	2023-02-28	2025-04-24	10-K	0000916789-25-000012
22	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	\$953.2M	2022-02-28	2024-04-24	10-K	0000916789-24-000015
23	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$2.2B	2022-02-28	2024-04-24	10-K	0000916789-24-000015
24	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	\$865.5M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
25	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	\$505.0M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
26	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	\$412.8M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
27	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	\$1.3B	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
28	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	\$53.3M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
29	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	\$260.6M	2024-02-29	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
30	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	\$53.1M	2024-02-29	2024-04-24	10-K	0000916789-24-000015
31	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquireProductiveAssets	\$39.2M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
32	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$113.2M	2025-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquireProductiveAssets	\$30.1M	2025-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
34	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$306.1M	2024-02-29	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
35	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquireProductiveAssets	\$36.6M	2024-02-29	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
36	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$208.2M	2023-02-28	2025-04-24	10-K	0000916789-25-000012
37	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquireProductiveAssets	\$174.9M	2023-02-28	2025-04-24	10-K	0000916789-25-000012
38	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	\$931.7M	2025-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
39	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	\$466.3M	2025-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
40	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$2.8B	2024-02-29	2025-04-24	10-K	0000916789-25-000012
41	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$2.9B	2023-02-28	2024-04-24	10-K	0000916789-24-000015
42	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	23,257,705	2026-04-16	2026-04-23	10-K	0000916789-26-000048
43	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	22,942,650	2025-04-17	2025-04-24	10-K	0000916789-25-000012