

Lithia Motors Inc. (LAD)

NYSE; shops; SIC 5500, Retail-Auto Dealers & Gasoline Stations; CIK 0001023128

Lithia Motors Inc. LAD; shops			
Grade	C		
	middle fifth of 258 graded peers percentile 54.1; sampling error 2.9 points; lower is stronger		
Rank	140 of 258		
Profitability	D		percentile 74.8
Solvency	C		percentile 54.0
Growth and financing	A/B		percentile 22.3
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 \$25.1B		
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 Feb 25, 2026 226 days before the rescans; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Jul 29, 2026		
Last close	\$288.78 2026-10-08; market equity \$6.3B		
Price used in grade	None		

C, the tortoise
middle fifth of its sector; letters are fifths of the 258 graded peers

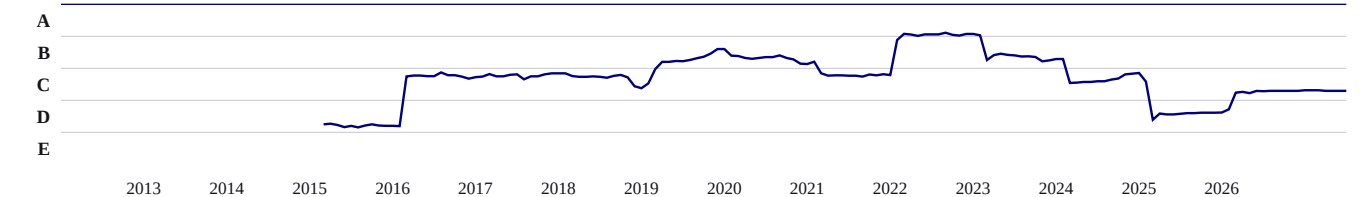
Share price, twelve months to the rescans
split-adjusted close; the letter is fixed at the rescans that set it



Rescans on file: B/C from Jan 21, 2025, C from Feb 21, 2025, D from Mar 21, 2025, C from Mar 21, 2026

Letter at every rescanscan

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 25, 2026

As used in this Annual Report, the terms "Lithia," "Lithia and Driveway," "LAD," "the Company," "we," "us," and "our" refer collectively to Lithia Motors, Inc. and its subsidiaries, unless otherwise required by the context. Our store operations are conducted by our subsidiaries. Certain statements in this Annual Report, including in the sections entitled "Risk Factors," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and "Business" constitute forward-looking statements

within the meaning of the "Safe Harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

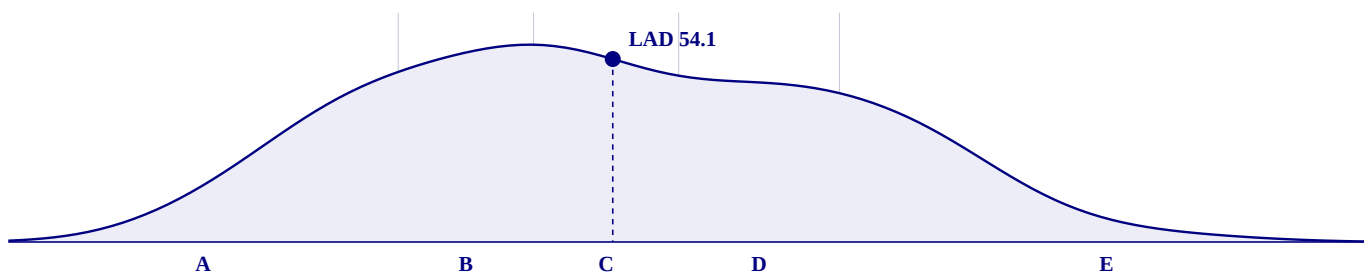
The fourteen inputs

lower percentile is stronger; equal-weighted sleeves

Input	Percentile, 0 to 100	Value	Peer median	Percentile	Peers	Period end
Profitability, sleeve percentile 74.8						
Gross profitability		22.8%	42.6%	76.8	242	2025-12-31
Return on invested capital		not computable	10.9%			latest aligned inputs end 2021-12-31; latest annual assets end 2025-12-31
Accruals ratio		1.9%	(4.9%)	93.0	287	2025-12-31
Gross margin stability, five years		1.4 pts	1.2 pts	54.6	219	2025-12-31
Solvency, sleeve percentile 54.0						
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		1.95	1.92	46.4	208	2025-12-31
Net debt to EBITDA		not computable	1.84x			latest aligned inputs end 2021-12-31; latest annual assets end 2025-12-31
Interest coverage		not computable	2.26x			one or more required annual facts are missing
Current ratio		1.17x	1.37x	61.6	295	2025-12-31
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 22.3						
Revenue growth, three-year compound		10.1%	1.5%	16.0	269	2025-12-31
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound		not computable	5.6%			current FCF must be positive and base FCF must exceed \$100,000
Reinvestment rate		(2.9%)	7.3%	63.6	152	2025-12-31
Asset growth, three years		18.7%	3.4%	6.3	272	2025-12-31
Net share issuance, one year		(11.1%)	(0.6%)	3.3	211	2026-02-25

Among 258 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
135	Hudson Technologies Inc. (HDSN)	52.1	C	
136	Penske Automotive Group, Inc. (PAG)	52.5	C	
137	Walmart Inc. (WMT)	52.9	C	
138	Natural Health Trends Corp. (NHTC)	53.3	C	
139	Insight Enterprises Inc. (NSIT)	53.7	C	
140	Lithia Motors Inc. (LAD) <	54.1	C	
141	Climb Global Solutions, Inc. (CLMB)	54.5	C	fortress balance sheet
142	Arrow Electronics, Inc. (ARW)	54.9	C	
143	Barnes & Noble Education, Inc. (BNED)	55.3	C	late filer
144	Victoria's Secret & Co. (VSXY)	55.6	C	
145	Cheesecake Factory Inc. (CAKE)	56.0	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	17.1%	(0.1%)	66
Distance from 52-week high	(32.4%)	(24.1%)	40
EBIT to enterprise value	10.0%	5.3%	87
Free cash flow yield	0.09%	4.2%	22
Book value to price	1.01	0.36	82
Sales to price	5.93	1.75	86
Composite equity issuance, five years	not computable	(16.7%)	
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	0.18	0.02	66

Diagnostics

not in the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score 3 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	fail
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	\$110.3M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	-\$148.8M
Months of runway	8.9
Days since last periodic filing	72 (10-Q received Jul 29, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	\$86.2M

Sources

each row links to the filing index on sec.gov

#	Concept	XBRL tag	Value	Period end	Received	Form	Accession
1	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	\$5.7B	2025-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
2	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$25.1B	2025-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
3	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	\$1.7B	2021-12-31	2024-02-23	10-K	0001023128-24-000032
4	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeIncomeTaxesExtraordinaryItemsNondeductible	\$1.5B	2021-12-31	2024-02-23	10-K	0001023128-24-000032
5	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	\$422.1M	2021-12-31	2024-02-23	10-K	0001023128-24-000032
6	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebtAndCapitalLeaseObligations	\$3.2B	2021-12-31	2022-02-18	10-K	0001023128-22-000042
7	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	\$4.6B	2021-12-31	2023-02-24	10-K	0001023128-23-000053
8	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	\$153.0M	2021-12-31	2022-02-18	10-K	0001023128-22-000042
9	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebtAndCapitalLeaseObligations	\$2.1B	2020-12-31	2022-02-18	10-K	0001023128-22-000042
10	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	\$2.7B	2020-12-31	2022-02-18	10-K	0001023128-22-000042
11	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	\$160.2M	2020-12-31	2022-02-18	10-K	0001023128-22-000042
12	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	\$819.6M	2025-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
13	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$356.7M	2025-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
14	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$23.1B	2024-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
15	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$37.6B	2025-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
16	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	\$5.6B	2024-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
17	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$36.2B	2024-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
18	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	\$5.2B	2023-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
19	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$31.0B	2023-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
20	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	\$5.2B	2022-12-31	2025-02-24	10-K	0001023128-25-000026
21	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$28.2B	2022-12-31	2025-02-24	10-K	0001023128-25-000026
22	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	\$4.3B	2021-12-31	2024-02-23	10-K	0001023128-24-000032
23	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$22.8B	2021-12-31	2024-02-23	10-K	0001023128-24-000032
24	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	\$7.9B	2025-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
25	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	\$6.7B	2025-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
26	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	\$6.5B	2025-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
27	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	\$1.6B	2025-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
28	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	\$6.6B	2025-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
29	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	\$18.5B	2025-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
30	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	\$127.3M	2021-12-31	2024-02-23	10-K	0001023128-24-000032
31	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$350.9M	2025-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
32	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$425.1M	2024-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$351.4M	2024-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
34	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	-\$472.4M	2023-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
35	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$230.2M	2023-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
36	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	-\$610.1M	2022-12-31	2025-02-24	10-K	0001023128-25-000026
37	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$303.1M	2022-12-31	2025-02-24	10-K	0001023128-25-000026
38	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	\$323.6M	2025-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
39	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeIncomeTaxesExtraordinaryItemsNondeductible	\$1.5B	2021-12-31	2024-02-23	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
40	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	\$282.5M	2025-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
41	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	\$7.8B	2024-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
42	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	\$6.6B	2024-12-31	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
43	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$19.6B	2023-12-31	2025-02-24	10-K	0001023128-25-000026
44	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$15.0B	2022-12-31	2024-02-23	10-K	0001023128-24-000032
45	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	23,374,910	2026-02-25	2026-02-25	10-K	0001023128-26-000015
46	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	26,286,746	2025-02-24	2025-02-24	10-K	0001023128-25-000026