

MSC Industrial Direct Co. Inc. (MSM)

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

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MSM; shops	
Grade	B  second fifth of 258 graded peers percentile 23.0; sampling error 2.9 points; lower is stronger
Rank	60 of 258
Profitability	B  percentile 30.3
Solvency	B  percentile 27.6
Growth and financing	C/D  percentile 60.2
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 \$2.5B
Standard universe	inside revenue above \$1M and assets above \$10M
Warnings	none active not computable: distress
Inputs computable	12 of 14
Graded from	filings received through Oct 23, 2025 351 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Jul 1, 2026
Last close	\$128.79 2026-10-08; market equity \$7.2B
Price used in grade	None



B, the elk

second fifth of its sector; letters are fifths of the 258 graded peers

Share price, twelve months to the rescan

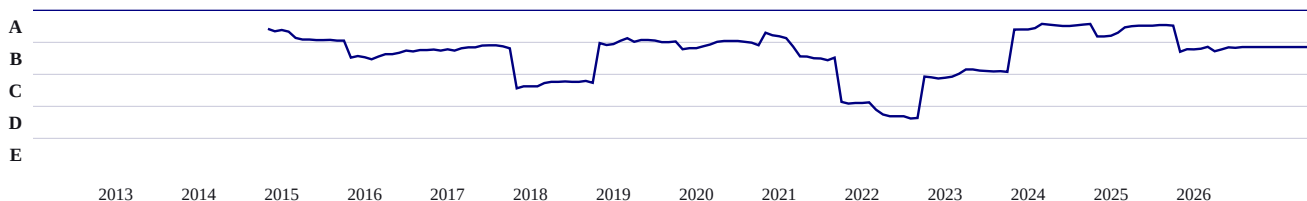
split-adjusted close; the letter is fixed at the rescan that set it



Rescans on file: A from Nov 21, 2023, B from Nov 21, 2025, A/B from Mar 21, 2026, B from Apr 21, 2026

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 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.

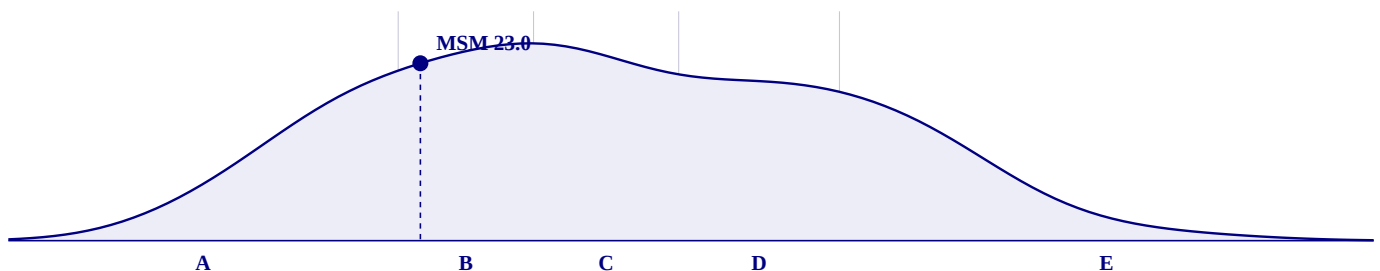
The fourteen inputs

lower percentile is stronger; equal-weighted sleeves

Input	Percentile, 0 to 100	Value	Peer median	Percentile	Peers	Period end
Profitability, sleeve percentile 30.3						
Gross profitability		62.4%	42.6%	23.2	242	2025-08-30
Return on invested capital		14.4%	10.9%	36.1	84	2025-08-30
Accruals ratio		(5.5%)	(4.9%)	47.2	287	2025-08-30
Gross margin stability, five years		0.5 pts	1.2 pts	14.7	219	2025-08-30
Solvency, sleeve percentile 27.6						
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		4.09	1.92	22.2	208	2025-08-30
Net debt to EBITDA		0.30x	1.84x	25.3	100	2025-08-30
Interest coverage		not computable	2.26x			latest aligned inputs end 2023-09-02; latest annual assets end 2025-08-30
Current ratio		1.68x	1.37x	35.4	295	2025-08-30
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 60.2						
Revenue growth, three-year compound		0.7%	1.5%	54.1	269	2025-08-30
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound		9.2%	5.6%	42.5	147	2025-08-30
Reinvestment rate		(28.6%)	7.3%	78.8	152	2025-08-30
Asset growth, three years		(3.4%)	3.4%	74.2	272	2025-08-30
Net share issuance, one year		(0.2%)	(0.6%)	51.4	211	2025-10-02

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
55	Buckle Inc. (BKE)	21.0	A/B	
56	Hour Loop, Inc. (HOUR)	21.4	A/B	
57	Wesco International Inc. (WCC)	21.8	A/B	
58	Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc. (SFM)	22.2	A/B	fortress balance sheet
59	Arhaus, Inc. (ARHS)	22.6	A/B	
60	MSC Industrial Direct Co. Inc. (MSM) <	23.0	B	
61	TE Connectivity plc (TEL)	23.3	B	

62	Carmax Inc. (KMX)	23.7	B
63	Academy Sports & Outdoors, Inc. (ASO)	24.1	B
64	Dillard'S, Inc. (DDS)	24.7	B
65	Dillard'S, Inc. (DDT)	24.7	B

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	33.9%	(0.1%)	80
Distance from 52-week high	(1.1%)	(24.1%)	98
EBIT to enterprise value	4.2%	5.3%	38
Free cash flow yield	3.3%	4.2%	42
Book value to price	0.20	0.36	35
Sales to price	0.52	1.75	16
Composite equity issuance, five years	not computable	(16.7%)	
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	0.32	0.02	80

Diagnostics

not in the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score 6 of 9, period end 2025-08-30	
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	pass
Current ratio improved	fail
No new shares issued	pass
Gross margin improved	fail
Asset turnover improved	pass
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	\$74.1M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	\$305.8M
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	100 (10-Q received Jul 1, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	\$76.0M

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	\$1.5B	2025-08-30	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
2	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$2.5B	2025-08-30	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
3	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	\$301.6M	2025-08-30	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
4	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeIncomeTaxesExtraord	\$253.6M	2025-08-30	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
5	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	\$65.7M	2025-08-30	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
6	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebtAndCapitalLeaseObligations	\$168.8M	2025-08-30	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
7	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	\$1.4B	2025-08-30	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
8	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	\$56.2M	2025-08-30	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
9	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebtAndCapitalLeaseObligations	\$278.9M	2024-08-31	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
10	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	\$1.4B	2024-08-31	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
11	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	\$29.6M	2024-08-31	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
12	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	\$199.3M	2025-08-30	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
13	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$333.7M	2025-08-30	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
14	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$2.5B	2024-08-31	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
15	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$3.8B	2025-08-30	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
16	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	\$1.6B	2024-08-31	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
17	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$3.8B	2024-08-31	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
18	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	\$1.6B	2023-09-02	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123

19	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$4.0B	2023-09-02	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
20	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	\$1.6B	2022-09-03	2024-10-24	10-K	0001003078-24-000107
21	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$3.7B	2022-09-03	2024-10-24	10-K	0001003078-24-000107
22	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	\$1.3B	2021-08-28	2023-10-25	10-K	0001003078-23-000102
23	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$3.2B	2021-08-28	2023-10-25	10-K	0001003078-23-000102
24	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	\$1.2B	2025-08-30	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
25	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	\$729.3M	2025-08-30	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
26	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	\$432.6M	2025-08-30	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
27	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	\$1.1B	2025-08-30	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
28	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:Depreciation	\$72.1M	2025-08-30	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
29	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	\$483.7M	2023-09-02	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
30	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	\$22.5M	2023-09-02	2023-10-25	10-K	0001003078-23-000102
31	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$92.8M	2025-08-30	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
32	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$410.7M	2024-08-31	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$99.4M	2024-08-31	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
34	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$699.6M	2023-09-02	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
35	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$92.5M	2023-09-02	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
36	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$246.2M	2022-09-03	2024-10-24	10-K	0001003078-24-000107
37	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$61.4M	2022-09-03	2024-10-24	10-K	0001003078-24-000107
38	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	\$1.2B	2024-08-31	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
39	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	\$605.4M	2024-08-31	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
40	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$2.5B	2023-09-02	2024-10-24	10-K	0001003078-24-000107
41	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$2.7B	2022-09-03	2023-10-25	10-K	0001003078-23-000102
42	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	55,790,152	2025-10-02	2025-10-23	10-K	0001003078-25-000123
43	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	55,903,690	2024-10-04	2024-10-24	10-K	0001003078-24-000107