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Investor Presentation

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This presentation includes certain non-GAAP financial measures. For a description of the non-GAAP financial measures used in this presentation, why management believes these measures are useful, and a reconciliation of such non-GAAP financial measures to the appropriate GAAP financial measures, see “Non-GAAP Financial Measures” in the Appendix of this presentation.

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Agenda

- The Eastern Company
- Portfolio of Successful Businesses
- Company Leadership
- Strategic Initiatives
- Commitment to Action
- M&A Strategy
- Driving Shareholder Value
- Our Path Forward

THE EASTERN COMPANY

Our Mission: We strategically manage a portfolio of high-performing industrial manufacturing businesses, with a focus on driving innovation and top-tier results. Supported by disciplined capital allocation, experienced leadership and a consistent focus on shareholder returns, we believe that the Company is well positioned to generate sustained growth and create long-term value.

- Holding company for multiple distinct manufacturing businesses that offer engineered solutions within their respective end markets.
- Committed to achieving performance in the top decile of each of our markets, focusing on quality, on-time delivery, cost discipline and employee safety.
- Experienced leadership team with a proven track record of successfully navigating global supply chain disruptions and prior tariff cycles to drive performance and support customer partnerships.
- Disciplined capital allocation and targeted investments to drive sustained growth.
- Strong and consistent dividend payment – 338 quarterly dividends over 84 years – and stock repurchases of \$5.2M over the past 3 years.

2025 Results

Revenue

\$249M

Adjusted EBITDA

\$19.4

Adjusted Return on Sales

7.8%

Adjusted EPS

\$1.37

Adjusted ROCE and ROIC

7.4% and 6.1%

Number of employees

1,246



2026 will be a year focused on enhancing our strategic growth plans, eliminating bureaucracy and optimizing cash flow

Portfolio of Successful Businesses

Eastern is a holding company for manufacturing businesses with operations across the United States, Canada, Mexico and Asia.



Global manufacturer and designer of access hardware systems, providing custom-engineered industrial, vehicular and specialty hardware to a wide variety of industries.

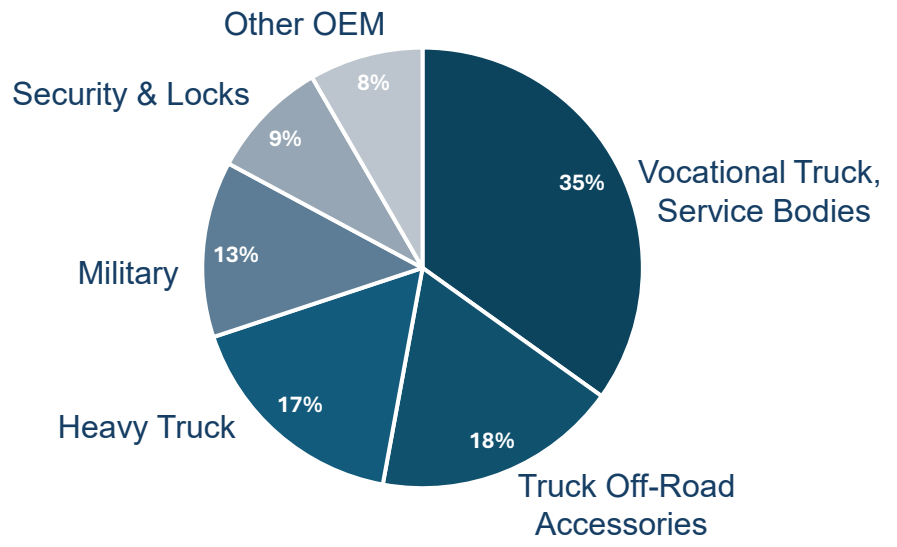


Innovator in vision systems and components to truck, recreational and specialty vehicle OEMs as well as 4,000+ aftermarket distribution locations in North America.



Leading provider of engineered turn-key packaging as well as blow mold and injection blow mold tooling serving diverse markets, including truck, automotive, packaged consumer goods and plastic packaging products.

Revenue by Market



Manufacturing Capabilities

- Electromechanical Solutions
- Lightweight Solutions
- Dual-Sourcing Locations
- Stamping & Skilled Assembly
- Engineered Solutions & Designing

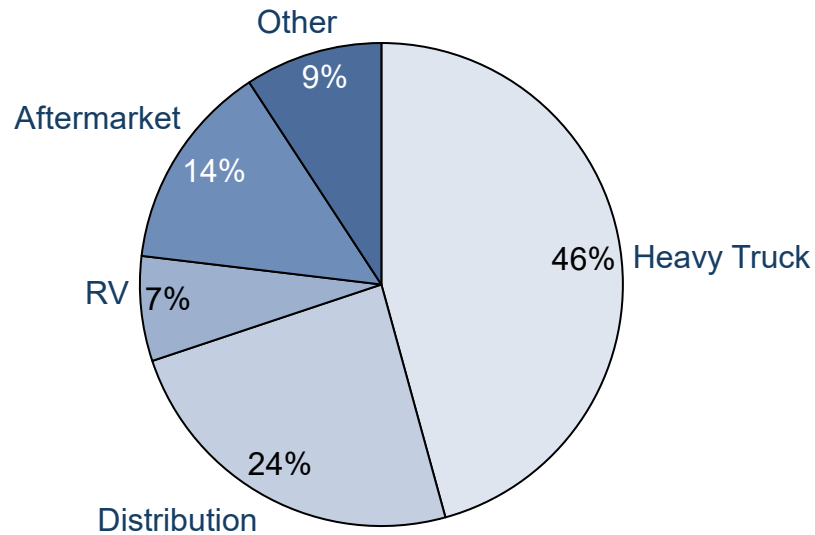
Key 2026 Initiatives

- Commercial-Focused Initiatives
- New Product Development
- Supply Chain Optimization



Eberhard designs and manufactures secure access solutions, with a focus on delivering reliable, innovative and high-quality solutions that meet its customers needs

Revenue by Market

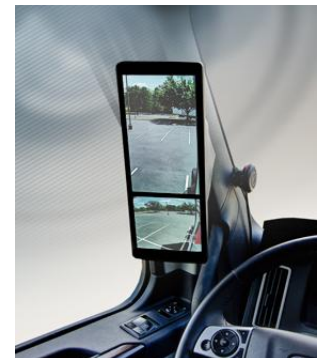


Enterprise Capabilities

- Scalable manufacturing system
- 5-time GM Supplier Excellence Award
- North America leader in mirror systems
- Expansive aftermarket fulfillment
- Vertically integrated operations driving cost and speed

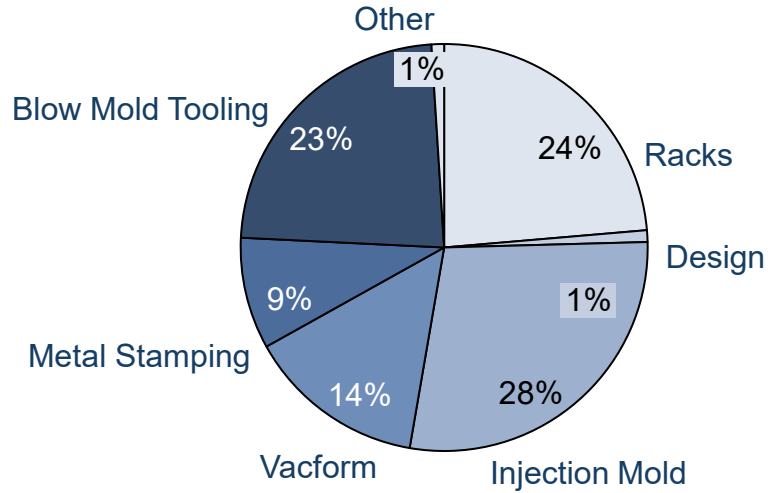
Key 2026 Initiatives

- Acquisitions to expand growth and product
- Implement ERP for scalable operation
- Launch Shopify E commerce for aftermarket
- Optimize cost via value engineering



Velvac is a leading global provider of innovative vehicle and vision solutions

Revenue by Market

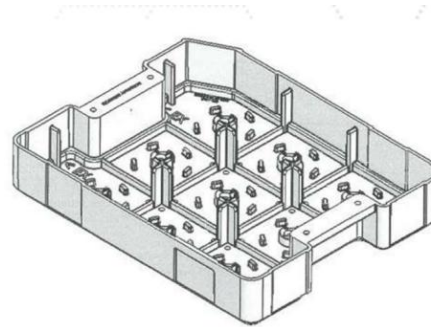


Manufacturing Capabilities

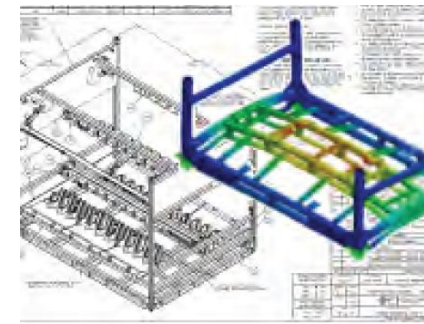
- Rack Fabrication and Design
- Cradle-to-grave Thermoforming
- Metal Fabrication
- Precision Machining
- Injection Molding Solutions

Key 2026 Initiatives

- Supply Chain / Purchasing Optimization
- Commercial Expansion
- Continuous Operational Improvements (robotics, automation, fixtures, etc.)



Battery Tray Design



Rack Design



Seat Pallets

Big 3 is focused on operational excellence and delivering custom solutions and products that improve customer efficiency

The Eastern Company Leadership Team

Change agent committed to accelerating operational and financial improvements and drive growth through M&A.



RYAN SCHROEDER

President &
Chief Executive Officer

20+ years of experience in manufacturing and leadership roles

Joined Eastern in 2024

Previously CEO of Plaskolite LLC (2020-2023) and President of IMI Norgren (2016-2020)

Experience in a variety of management roles at Parker Hannifin (2003-2016)

MBA, University of Minnesota and BA from Michigan State University

Strategic leader with a track record of transforming operations, expanding margins, scaling businesses, and delivering commercial impact.

The Eastern Company Leadership Team

Strong, empowered leaders with years of success across multiple industries.



NICHOLAS VLAHOS
Vice President &
Chief Financial Officer

20+ years of finance and business experience

Previously VP of Finance, Treasurer and Secretary of Eastern (2022-2023)

Joined Eastern as Treasurer (2017)

Director of Finance, Accounting and Human Resources at Fisher Technology, Inc. (2013-2017)

MBA and BA from Central Connecticut State University



ZACHARY GORNY
President,
Eberhard Manufacturing

20+ years of experience in manufacturing

Joined Eberhard in December 2024

Previously Vice President and General Manager at IMI Plc

Focus on developing a commercial and product development organization that will capitalize on Eberhard's strong brand within the industry

MBA from DePaul University and a B.S. Supply Chain Management from Arizona State University

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DAN MCGREW
President & CEO,
Velvac

30+ years of experience in manufacturing and leadership roles in US, Mexico and Canada

Joined Velvac in 2013 as Chief Operating Officer; promoted to CEO in 2023

Led a remarkable acceleration in production in 2024 that strengthened our position with our core customers and significantly improved results

BS in Business Management from the University of Pittsburgh and graduate studies at Duquesne University



EMILIO RUFFOLO
President,
Big 3 Precision Products

20+ years of experience in manufacturing

Recognizing internal talent, Emilio was promoted to President of Big 3 to help improve operational excellence

Previously Sr. Director of Global Operations at Eberhard

Experience in a variety of roles within finance and plant operations

MBA and BS in Business Management; University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Strategic Initiatives to Propel Eastern into the Future

1

**Commercial
Excellence**

2

**Value-Adding Mergers
& Acquisitions**

3

**Operating Efficiency
and Continuous
Improvement**

Empowering expert, focused leadership to build high-performing teams and drive long-term shareholder value

Strategic Initiatives

Commercial Excellence

- Increase market share within existing markets through targeted marketing and sales initiatives
- Drive innovation through the development of new products and services to meet evolving customer demands
- Optimize sales channels to maximize reach and revenue

Value-Adding Mergers & Acquisitions

- Leverage market expertise to strategically expand our product offerings geographically and into new customer segments
- Strengthen innovation and competitive advantages through strategic bolt-on acquisitions
- Focus on cultural and strategic alignment
- Seek to acquire companies that share our goals and values

Operating Efficiency & Continuous Improvement

- Standardize and streamline key operational processes to reduce inefficiencies and improve consistency
- Empower leaders across each company to encourage ongoing innovation, feedback and collaboration
- Align operations to deliver superior customer value and satisfaction, and multiple sourcing options to readily handle tariffs and price fluctuations

Commitment to Action

	December 2024	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	October 2025
Actions	Evaluated and Recruited New Leadership at Big 3 Precision	Long-Term 5-year Plans Launched for Each Company	Product Roadmaps Initiated	Consolidated Rack Manufacturing Footprint	Reduction in Workforce Announced	Revamped Commercial Teams and Processes	New \$100M Credit Facility
Outcome Impact	Promoted Emilio Ruffolo to President; Strengthening Leadership	Unified Long-Term Vision	Enhanced Commercial Focus	Improved Operational Efficiency	\$4M of Annual Savings	Positioning the right people in the right places with the right resources	\$240K Annual Saving / Increased Debt Capacity

What we look for in M&A:

- Market-leading manufacturing and industrial businesses
 - Strong strategic alignment with the Company's long-term growth and operating strategy
 - Opportunities to expand product offerings, customer relationships, or supply chain capabilities
 - 15%+ EBITDA margins and accretive to earnings
 - Demonstrated history of profitability with resilient cash flow generation
 - Dedicated and strong management team
 - Defensible market positions with opportunities for organic and inorganic growth
 - Founder-led and privately held businesses preferred
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Why Eastern:

- Eastern was formed in 1856, and has a long, dedicated history of maintaining a strong balance sheet and conservative leverage
- Provider of disciplined and patient capital, committed to long-term value creation
- Sellers appreciate that we are a trusted custodian of their business, dedicated to ensuring that their legacy grows and thrives

How we create value:

- Share best practices across our portfolio of businesses
- Invest in capacity expansion, operational excellence and technology
- Support management with strategic planning and capital resources

We are more committed than ever to delivering industry-leading results and creating lasting value for our shareholders

Commitment to allocating capital for the long-term benefit of our shareholders

2025			
Month	# Shares Purchased	Cost	Avg Price/Share
Jan-25	20,000	556,194	27.81
Feb-25	14,843	414,867	27.95
Mar-25	15,744	429,743	27.30
Apr-25	-	-	-
May-25	18,261	428,901	23.49
Jun-25	15,267	354,419	23.21
Jul-25	16,895	396,349	23.46
Aug-25	16,952	394,679	23.28
Sep-25	-	-	-
Oct-25	20,000	446,428	22.32
Nov-25	15,701	307,889	19.61
Dec-25	-	-	-
Total	153,663	3,729,469	24.27

Dividends:

\$0.44 per share in 2025; 80+ years of consistent dividend payments

Share Buybacks:

153,663 shares repurchased ~\$3.7M in 2025

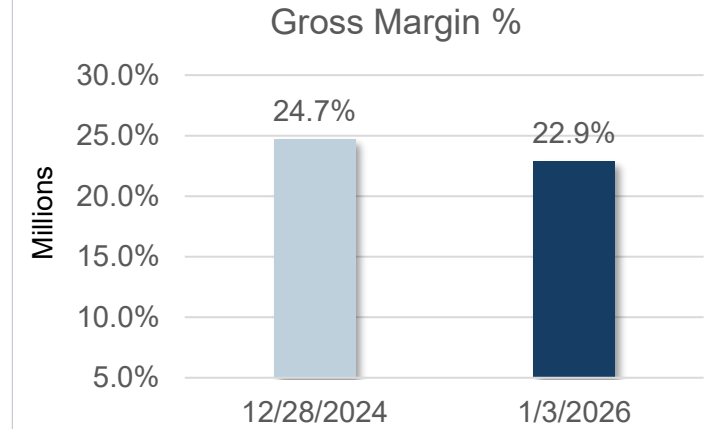
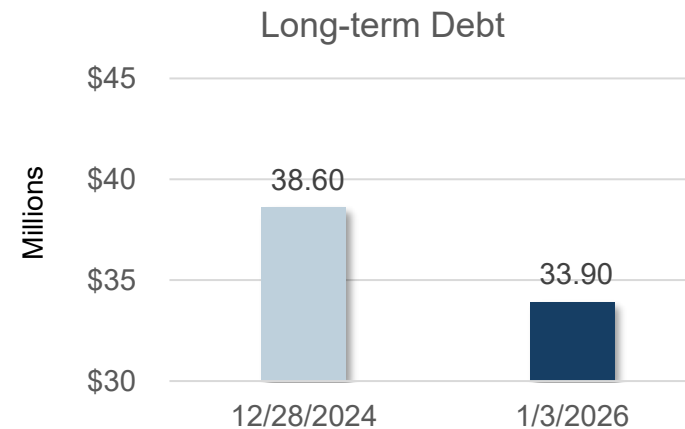
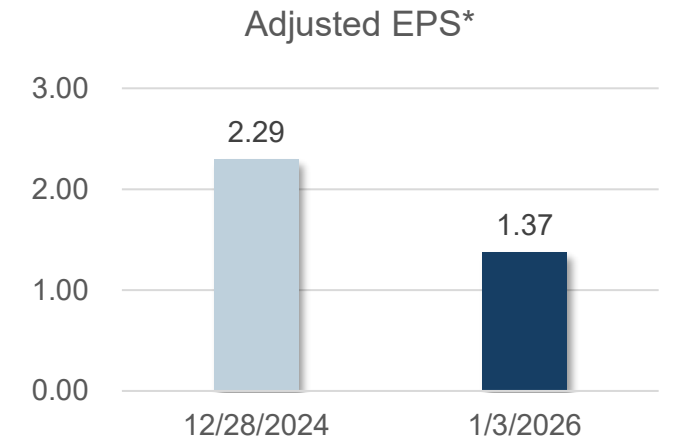
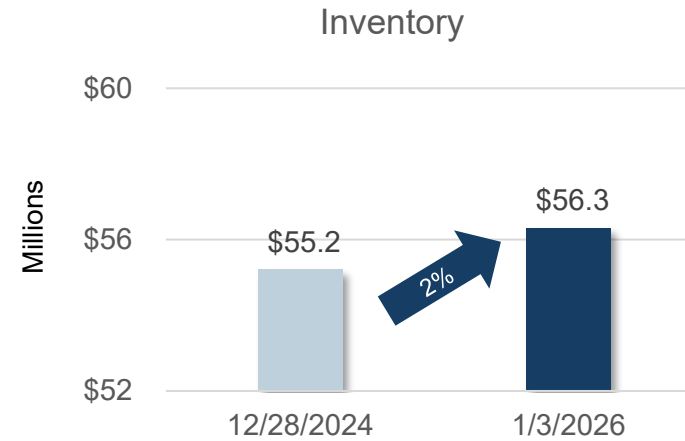
Financial Improvements – 2025 YoY Comparison

Net cash provided by operating activities
\$8.9M

Inventory up 2% versus year-end 2024

Long-term debt down \$4.7 million

Gross Margin decreased 1.8%



*See slide [24] in the appendix

As we look ahead, our unwavering focus remains on operational excellence, adaptability and strategic growth. Our top priorities for the remainder of the year include:

Strategic Growth & Operational Focus:

Continuously refining our growth strategies, eliminating bureaucracy and optimizing cash flow to deliver superior operational results.

Big 3 Transformation: Executing on our major transformation initiatives to unlock new levels of performance and efficiency.

Cost Discipline: Aggressively driving cost reductions across every area of our business to protect margins and enhance value.

Aggressive Tariff Management: Proactively managing tariffs and market shifts in real time, ensuring we remain margin-neutral and ready to pivot as needed.

Nimble Supply Chains: Building flexible, resilient supply chains that offer customers multiple sourcing options addressing costs, domestic sourcing, lead times and tariffs.

Strong Leaders: Our seasoned entrepreneurial focused teams, battle-tested through COVID-19 and prior tariff cycles, are fully prepared to manage volatility and lead us to top-decile performance prioritizing safety, quality, on-time-delivery and cost controls.

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Appendix

Note Regarding Non-GAAP Financial Information

This presentation includes certain non-GAAP financial measures. The non-GAAP financial measures we provide in this report should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternative for, results prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

To supplement the consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, we have presented Adjusted Earnings Per Share from Continuing Operations and Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations, which are considered non-GAAP financial measures. The non-GAAP financial measures presented may differ from similarly titled non-GAAP financial measures presented by other companies, and other companies may not define these non-GAAP financial measures in the same way. These measures are not substitutes for their comparable U.S. GAAP financial measures, such as net sales, net income from continuing operations, diluted earnings per share from continuing operations, or other measures prescribed by U.S. GAAP, and there are limitations to using non-GAAP financial measures.

Adjusted Earnings Per Share from Continuing Operations is defined as earnings per share from continuing operations excluding, when incurred, certain per share gains or losses that we do not believe reflect our ongoing operations, including, for example, the impacts of impairment losses, gains/losses on the sale of subsidiaries, property and facilities, transaction expenses primarily relating to acquisitions and divestitures, factory start-up costs, factory relocation expenses, executive severance, and restructuring costs. We believe that Adjusted Earnings Per Share from Continuing Operations provides important comparability of underlying operational results, allowing investors and management to access operating performance on a consistent basis from period to period.

Adjusted EBITDA from Operations is defined as net income from continuing operations before interest expense, provision for income taxes, and depreciation and amortization and excluding, when incurred, the impacts of certain losses or gains that we do not believe reflect our ongoing operations, including, for example, impairment losses, gains/losses on sale of subsidiaries, property and facilities, transaction expenses primarily relating to acquisitions and divestitures, factory start-up costs, factory relocation expenses, executive severance, and restructuring expenses. Adjusted EBITDA from Operations is a tool that can assist management and investors in comparing our performance on a consistent basis by removing the impact of certain items that management believes do not directly reflect our underlying operations.

Management uses such measures to evaluate performance period over period, to analyze the underlying trends in our business, to assess our performance relative to our competitors, and to establish operational goals and forecasts that are used in allocating resources. These financial measures should not be considered in isolation from, or as a replacement for, U.S. GAAP financial measures.

We believe that presenting non-GAAP financial measures in addition to U.S. GAAP financial measures provides investors greater transparency to the information used by our management for its financial and operational decision-making. We further believe that providing this information better enables our investors to understand our operating performance and to evaluate the methodology used by management to evaluate and measure such performance. This Appendix includes a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to the appropriate GAAP financial measures.

Top Ten Institutional Stockholders

Institution	EML Shares	% S/O
1 GAMCO Investors, Inc	841,105	13.93%
2 Barington Companies Equity Partners, LP	642,342	10.64%
3 Minerva Advisors LLC	529,084	8.76%
4 Dimensional Fund Advisors LP	377,976	6.26%
5 Blackrock Inc.	313,430	5.19%

**Holdings as of March 9, 2026*

Memo: *As of 3/09/2026 All Directors, Nominees, and Executive Officers owned 1,110,635 shares (or 18.40%)*

Consolidated Income Statement

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

(\$ in millions, except per share data)

	Year Ended	
	3-Jan-26	28-Dec-24
Net sales	\$ 249	\$ 273
Gross margin	57	67.3
Product development expense	(4.1)	(4.9)
Selling and administrative expenses	(42.2)	(42.2)
Operating profit	10.7	20.1
Interest expense	(2.7)	(2.7)
Other expenses, net	(499)	(353)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	7.5	17.1
Income tax expense	(1.5)	(3.9)
Net income from continuing operations	\$ 6	\$ 13.2
Discontinued Operations		
Loss from operations of discontinued unit	(520)	(2.8)
Gain (loss) on classification as held for sale	2	(23.1)
Income tax (expense) benefit	(331)	4.2
Net income (loss) on discontinued operations	1.2	(21.7)
Net income (loss)	7.1	(8.5)
Earnings per share from continuing operations:		
Basic	\$ 0.98	\$ 2.13
Diluted	\$ 0.98	\$ 2.13
Earnings (loss) per share from discontinued operations:		
Basic	\$ 0.19	\$ (3.5)
Diluted	\$ 0.19	\$ (3.5)
Total earnings (loss) per share:		
Basic	\$ 1.17	\$ (1.37)
Diluted	\$ 1.17	\$ (1.37)
Cash dividends per share:	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.44

Strong Balance Sheet and Continued Focus on Covenants

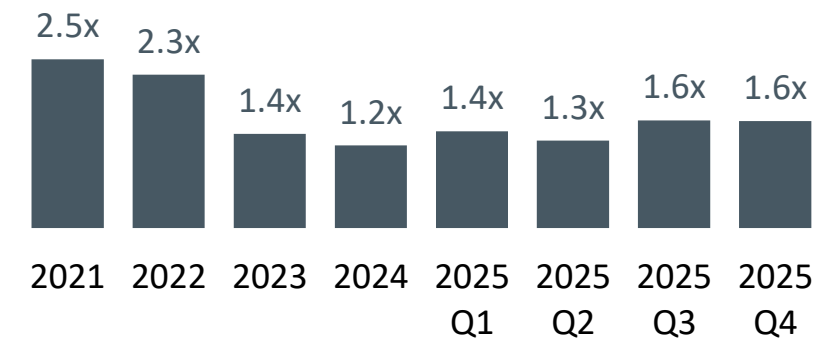
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Consolidated Balance Sheets

	January 3, 2026	December 28, 2024
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	7.4	14
Accounts receivable	30.1	35.5
Inventories	56.3	55.2
Prepaid expenses and other assets	5.3	3.5
Total Current Assets	99.3	115.6
Property, Plant and Equipment, net	26.9	27.5
Other Assets		
Goodwill	58.6	58.5
Intangibles	5.3	8.8
Deferred income taxes	5.5	6.6
Right of use assets	16	14.2
Total Other Assets	90.5	92.2
Total Assets	216.7	235.3
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	16.4	19.7
Accrued compensation	4.2	5.5
Other accrued expenses	2.3	9.6
Total Current Liabilities	27.6	44.8
Long-term liabilities		
Long-term debt	33.9	38.6
Accrued pension cost	14.4	16.1
Total Liabilities	92	114.6
Shareholders' Equity		
Common stock	36.3	35.4
Treasury stock	(30.1)	(26.3)
Retained earnings	138	133.5
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(19.6)	(22)
Total Shareholders' Equity	124.6	120.7
Total Liabilities & Shareholders' Equity	216.7	235.3

Bank Covenant Metrics

Leverage Ratio



Year Ended Adjusted EBITDA Walk

(000's)

	Year Ended	
	January 3, 2026	December 28, 2024
Net income from continuing operations as reported per GAAP	6	13.2
Interest expense	2.7	2.7
Provision for income taxes	1.5	3.9
Depreciation and amortization	6.6	5.9
Personnel and facilities restructuring	2.5	
Credit Agreement refinancing	0.5	
Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations	19.8	27.1

Adjusted Earnings Per Share Walk

(000's)

	Year Ended	
	January 3, 2026	December 28, 2024
Net income from continuing operations (GAAP)	\$ 6	\$ 13
Earnings per share (GAAP):		
Basic	<u>\$0.98</u>	<u>\$2.13</u>
Diluted	<u>\$0.98</u>	<u>\$2.13</u>
Adjustments:		
Personnel and facilities restructuring	2.5	1.4
Credit Agreement refinancing	527	
Non-GAAP tax impact of adjustments	<u>(628)</u>	<u>(342)</u>
Total adjustments	<u>2.4</u>	<u>1</u>
Adjusted net income from continuing operations (non-GAAP)	<u>\$ 8.40</u>	<u>\$ 14.20</u>
Adjusted earnings per share from continuing operations (non-GAAP):		
Basic	<u>\$1.37</u>	<u>\$2.29</u>
Diluted	<u>\$1.37</u>	<u>\$2.29</u>

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