

## Powell Industries (POWL)

**\$359.82** (Stock Price as of 01/08/2026)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$361.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

**Zacks Recommendation:**

**Neutral**

(Since: 01/20/25)

Prior Recommendation: Outperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

**Zacks Rank:** (1-5)

**2-Buy**

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM: F

Value: D

Growth: D

Momentum: D

### Summary

Powell's business momentum can be largely attributed to its strong foothold and strength in two key markets, which are electric utility and commercial & other industrial. A strong pipeline of projects within the LNG market and its growing presence across the data center and electric utility sectors, along with a solid backlog, are key catalysts behind the company's growth. Powell's diversification efforts beyond its core oil, gas and petrochemical markets have boosted its market share across other markets as well. However, rising expenses, supply-chain issues and other factors are keeping the bottom line under pressure. The material costs represented 45% of the company's revenues in fiscal 2025 and 47% in fiscal 2024. Stiff competition from major players could hamper the company's ability to maintain its market share.

### Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$413.00 - \$146.02
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	156,095
Market Cap	\$4.4 B
YTD Price Change	12.9%
Beta	0.86
Dividend / Div Yld	\$1.07 / 0.3%
Industry	<a href="#">Manufacturing - Electronics</a>
Zacks Industry Rank	Top 16% (39 out of 244)

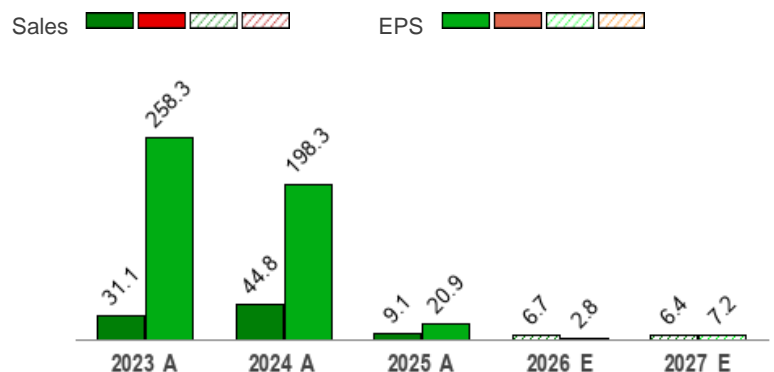
Last EPS Surprise	12.2%
Last Sales Surprise	1.8%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	0.0%
Expected Report Date	02/05/2026
Earnings ESP	0.0%

P/E TTM	24.2
P/E F1	23.6
PEG F1	4.8
P/S TTM	4.0

### Price, Consensus & Surprise<sup>(1)</sup>



### Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)<sup>(1)</sup>



### Sales Estimates (millions of \$)<sup>(1)</sup>

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2027					1,253 E
2026	257 E	296 E	307 E	317 E	1,178 E
2025	241 A	279 A	286 A	298 A	1,104 A

### EPS Estimates<sup>(1)</sup>

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2027	3.46 E	3.96 E	4.32 E	4.91 E	16.37 E
2026	2.85 E	3.71 E	4.10 E	4.61 E	15.27 E
2025	2.86 A	3.81 A	3.96 A	4.22 A	14.86 A

\*Quarterly figures may not add up to annual.

(1) The data in the charts and tables, including the Zacks Consensus EPS and sales estimates, is as of 01/08/2026.

(2) The report's text and the price target are as of 12/30/2025.

## Overview

Headquartered in Houston, TX, Powell engages in manufacturing and supplying custom-engineered equipment and systems that are used for distributing, controlling and monitoring the flow of electrical energy. Founded in 1947, the company has 2,748 employees (as of Sept. 30, 2024). The company primarily sells products like integrated power control room substations, electrical houses, medium-voltage circuit breakers, monitoring and control communications systems, switches, motor control centers, bus duct systems, arc-resistant distribution switchgears and control gears. Some of these are used to offer protection to transformers, motors and other electrically powered equipment.

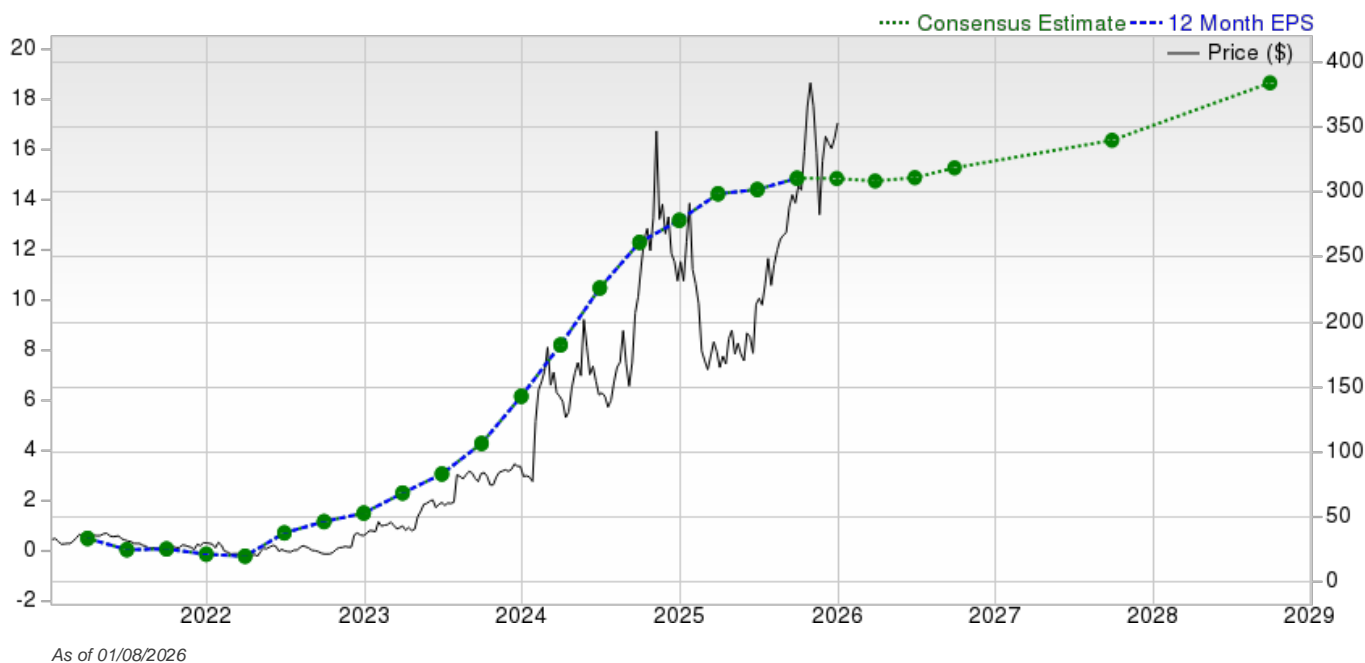
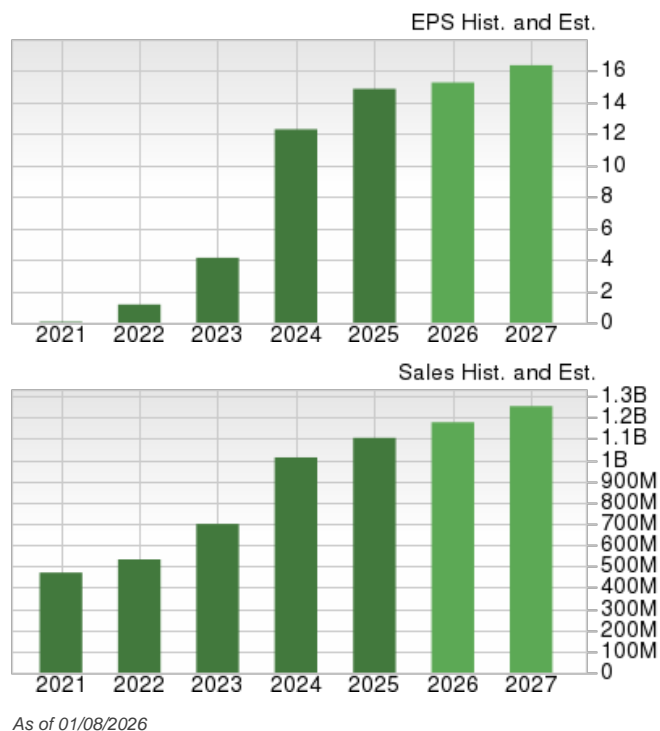
Powell's products are marketed to customers across several countries via robust network of distributors, independent representatives and its own sales force. The company operates across the United States, Canada, Europe, Middle East, Africa, Mexico and South America.

The company serves several markets including the oil and gas, petrochemical, electric utility, and commercial and other industrial markets. Apart from these markets, it sells products and services to light rail traction power market and other markets that include universities and government entities.

In the oil and gas markets, Powell serves the upstream, midstream and downstream end markets, liquefied natural gas facilities as well as terminals, pipelines and refineries. Also, the company has expanded into hydrogen production, carbon capture, and alternative fuels markets, including biofuels and sustainable aviation fuel, to cater to the increasing demand for clean energy.

Within the petrochemical market, it serves customers that are engaged in the production of petrochemical, or oil- or gas-to-chemical products. In the electric utility sector, it serves both the power generation and distribution end markets. In the commercial and other industrial markets, Powell's customers primarily operate in data centers, commercial construction, pulp and paper, metals and mining and other industrial applications.

In fiscal 2024, the oil and gas market contributed 41% of Powell's total revenues. While the petrochemical market contributed 18% of total revenues, the same from the electric utility market amounted to 19%. The commercial and other industrial, light rail traction and all other markets contributed 15%, 2% and 5% respectively to total revenues.



## Reasons To Buy:

▲ Powell's robust momentum can be largely attributed to its **strong foothold and strength in several key markets**, including oil and gas, electric utility, commercial & other industrial, and petrochemical. The company's results in fiscal 2025 (ended September 2025) indicated strong year-over-year growth, with revenues growing 9% to \$1.1 billion, driven by persistent strength and healthy levels of project activity across the electric utility and commercial & other industrial markets. Growing investments across power generation and electrical distribution markets have been driving demand for the company's products in the electric utility market. Several favorable trends across the oil, gas and petrochemical end markets, including growth in energy transition projects, such as biofuels, carbon capture and hydrogen, are likely to be favorable for the company. Also, significant project awards supported by high investments in LNG, related gas processing and petrochemical processes have set Powell apart as a leading supplier of critical electrical infrastructure.

Strong momentum across end markets, constant focus on project executions, capacity expansions and shareholder-friendly policies position Powell favorably for robust growth.

▲ Powell's **diversification efforts** beyond its core oil, gas and petrochemical markets have enhanced its market share across the electric utility, commercial and other industrial markets. It has been capitalizing on the global growth trends of electrification and digitalization. Its increased participation across the electrical power value chain has enabled it to generate solid bookings from the electric utility and commercial & other industrial markets. This has led to a strong backlog level, which was \$1.38 billion (up 3% year over year) while exiting the fiscal fourth quarter. Exiting fiscal 2025, new orders totaled \$1.2 billion, higher than \$1.1 billion at the end of the previous fiscal year. Importantly, the new orders consisted of a solid volume of small, medium and large-sized awards that reflected the company's core competencies and well-balanced portfolio across markets. It's worth noting that in third-quarter fiscal 2025, Powell secured a contract for a new power generation plant, marking its largest electric utility award to date. Also, the company booked two large projects in the fiscal second quarter, one for a new Greenfield LNG facility along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

▲ Powell's **facility expansion project** at the product factory in Houston is expected to augment its manufacturing footprint and help it execute its current backlog and plan for modest future volume growth. The company spent approximately \$11 million on the expansion project. The expansionary efforts, which were completed in third-quarter fiscal 2025, will enable the company to commercialize new products through organic investment in R&D. This will likely enhance Powell's customer offerings across data centers, hydrogen, carbon capture and other transitional energy markets. Also, in August 2025, Powell announced an investment of \$12.4 million to expand its production capacity at the Jacintoport manufacturing facility in Houston. This announcement brings the cumulative investment across Powell's three Houston manufacturing facilities to approximately \$40 million over the past several years, which would support its organic growth plans. Also, the company has been **strengthening its business through acquisitions**. In August 2025, Powell completed the acquisition of Remsdaq Ltd., a UK-based provider of Remote Terminal Units (RTUs) for electrical substation control and automation platforms. The buyout, worth \$16.3 million, will enable Powell to offer more comprehensive electrical automation solutions for utility customers, enhancing their operational performance, system stability and infrastructure security.

▲ Powell remains committed to **rewarding its shareholders** through dividend payouts. The company used \$12.9 million to distribute dividends in fiscal 2025. Also, in fiscal 2024, it paid dividends of \$12.7 million, increasing 2.4% year over year. In February 2025, it hiked its quarterly dividend by approximately 1%. The company's strong liquidity position with no debt supports its shareholder-friendly activities. Exiting the fourth quarter of fiscal 2025, Powell had cash equivalents and short-term investments of \$475.5 million compared with \$358.4 million at the end of fiscal 2024.

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## Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ Powell has been dealing with the adverse impacts of **high operating costs and expenses**. For instance, in fiscal 2025, Powell's cost of sales increased 5.5% year over year due to high raw material costs. Selling, general and administrative expenses rose 12.4% in the same period. The cost of sales, as a percentage of revenues, was 70.6% for the period. Also, in fiscal 2024, its cost of sales climbed 34% year over year, while selling, general and administrative expenses increased 7.7%. It's worth noting that material costs represented 45% of the company's revenues in fiscal 2025, 47% in fiscal 2024 and 49% in fiscal 2023, and 51% in fiscal 2022.
- ▼ Powell's operation can get impacted due to **supply-chain disruptions**. The company utilizes a variety of raw materials, including steel, copper, aluminum and various engineered electrical components in its businesses and has to depend on others for the uninterrupted supply of raw materials at reasonable rates. The persistence of **tariff-related concerns**, particularly for steel and aluminum might also inflate costs and delay the delivery of products to its customers.
- ▼ **Stiff competition** from major players like Eaton Corporation and Franklin Electric could hamper the company's ability to maintain its market share. To reduce the competitive pressure, the company has to invest significantly in developing new products and upgrading existing ones.
- ▼ Powell's international presence keeps it exposed to the risk of **adverse currency fluctuations**. This is because a strengthening U.S. dollar may require the company to either raise prices or contract profit margins in locations outside the United States. Thus, adverse currency movements are a worry.

Widespread operation exposes it to geo-political risks. High operating costs and shortage of raw materials can impact the company's performance.

## Last Earnings Report

### Powell Industries Q4 Earnings & Revenues Top Estimates, Increase Y/Y

Powell's fourth-quarter fiscal 2025 (ended September 2025) adjusted earnings of \$4.22 per share surpassed the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$3.76. The bottom line increased 12% year over year.

Powell Industries' total revenues of \$298 million beat the consensus estimate of \$293 million. The top line increased 8% year over year. The year-over-year increase was primarily attributable to strength in the electric utility and light rail traction power markets.

**FY Quarter Ending** **9/30/2025**

Earnings Reporting Date	Nov 18, 2025
Sales Surprise	1.75%
EPS Surprise	12.23%
Quarterly EPS	4.22
Annual EPS (TTM)	14.85

### Inside the Headlines

In the fiscal fourth quarter, revenues from the electric utility sector increased 100% year over year. The commercial & other industrial sector's revenues decreased 9%. Revenues from the oil & gas and petrochemical sectors declined 10% and 25%, respectively, on a year-over-year basis.

In the fiscal fourth quarter, new orders totaled \$271 million compared with \$267 million in the year-ago quarter. The increase was driven by robust order activity in the electric utility, commercial and other industrial sectors. Exiting the quarter, its backlog totaled \$1.4 billion, down 2% on a sequential and up 3% on a year-over-year basis.

### Margin Profile

In the fiscal fourth quarter, Powell Industries' cost of sales increased 5% year over year to \$204.5 million. Gross profit increased 16.3% year over year to \$93.5 million while the margin increased 220 basis points (bps) to 31.4%. Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$27 million, up 25.4% year over year.

Operating income increased 12.7% year over year to \$63.2 million. The operating margin was 21.2%, up 80 bps year over year.

### Balance Sheet and Cash Flow

Exiting the fourth quarter of fiscal 2025, Powell Industries had cash equivalents and short-term investments of \$475.5 million compared with \$358.4 million at the end of fiscal 2024 (ended September 2024). Current liabilities were \$446.4 million compared with \$428 million at the end of fiscal 2024.

Stockholders' equity totaled \$640.8 million. In fiscal 2025, capital expenditure totaled \$13.1 million, up 9.7% year over year.

In the same period, the company used \$12.9 million for distributing dividends, up 1.7% on a year-over-year basis.

### Fiscal 2026 Guidance

Given Powell Industries' robust backlog, solid liquidity and a strong balance sheet, it looks forward to witnessing solid revenues and earnings in fiscal 2026 (ending September 2026).

Recent News

Dividend Update — Nov. 4, 2025

Powell's board approved a quarterly cash dividend of 26.75 cents per share, payable to shareholders on Dec. 17, of record as of Nov. 19, 2025.

Acquisition of Remsdaq — Aug. 15, 2025

Powell completed the acquisition of Remsdaq Ltd., a UK-based provider of Remote Terminal Units (RTUs) for electrical substation control and automation platforms. The buyout, worth \$16.3 million, will strengthen Powell's automation platform capabilities, allowing it to deliver advanced solutions that boost utility operational efficiency, system reliability and security.

Valuation

Powell's shares are up 59.9% and up 51.6% in the past six months and over the trailing 12-month period respectively. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry are down 3.4% in the past six months, while those in the Zacks Industrial Products sector are up 6.8%. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry is up 2.6%, while the sector is up 7.1%.

The S&P 500 index is up 14.6% and 20.1% in the past six months and over the past year, respectively.

The stock is currently trading at 22.62X trailing 12-month price-to-earnings, which compares to 24.30X for the Zacks sub-industry, 23.51X for the Zacks sector and 26.97X for the S&P 500 Index.

Over the past year, the stock has traded as high as 1032X, with a 5-year median of 21.43X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in line with the market. Our \$361 price target reflects 23.75X trailing 12-month earnings.

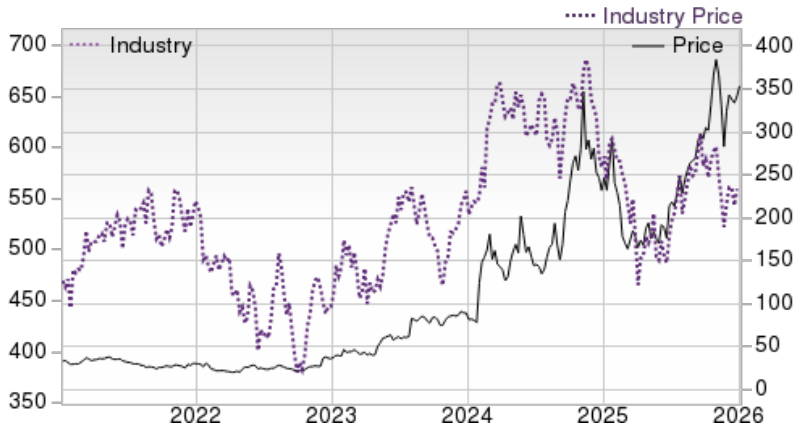
The table below shows summary valuation data for POWL

Valuation Multiples - POWL					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
P/E TTM	Current	22.62	24.3	23.51	26.97
	5-Year High	1032	28.82	30.66	28.12
	5-Year Low	NA	16.04	14.55	16.75
	5-Year Median	21.43	24.19	19.96	23.84
P/Sales TTM	Current	3.7	4.27	5.02	6.05
	5-Year High	4.5	4.97	5.16	6.15
	5-Year Low	0.47	2.68	2.57	3.99
	5-Year Median	1.19	3.69	3.57	5.36

As of 12/29/2025

Source: Zacks Investment Research

## Industry Analysis<sup>(1)</sup> Zacks Industry Rank: Top 16% (39 out of 244)



## Top Peers<sup>(1)</sup>

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
AZZ Inc. (AZZ)	Neutral	3
Energysys (ENS)	Neutral	3
ESCO Technologies In... (ESE)	Neutral	3
Eaton Corporation, P... (ETN)	Neutral	3
Plug Power, Inc. (PLUG)	Neutral	3
Pioneer Power Soluti... (PPSI)	Neutral	2
Zurn Elkay Water Sol... (ZWS)	Neutral	3
Energous Corporation (WATT)	NA	

## Industry Comparison<sup>(1)</sup> Industry: Manufacturing - Electronics

	POWL	X Industry	S&P 500	ENS	ETN	PLUG
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	2	-	-	3	3	3
VGM Score	F	-	-	A	D	D
Market Cap	4.37 B	5.67 B	40.07 B	5.80 B	124.51 B	3.23 B
# of Analysts	2	3	22	3	10	7
Dividend Yield	0.30%	0.52%	1.38%	0.67%	1.30%	0.00%
Value Score	D	-	-	B	D	F
Cash/Price	0.11	0.07	0.04	0.07	0.00	0.11
EV/EBITDA	15.97	13.40	14.89	11.57	23.77	-1.60
PEG Ratio	4.75	1.81	2.04	1.02	2.05	NA
Price/Book (P/B)	6.78	3.94	3.41	3.15	6.59	1.86
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	22.84	22.84	15.44	11.85	24.35	NA
P/E (F1)	23.56	23.38	18.58	15.28	23.45	NA
Price/Sales (P/S)	3.96	2.86	3.06	1.56	4.68	4.77
Earnings Yield	4.24%	4.27%	5.38%	6.55%	4.26%	-15.09%
Debt/Equity	0.00	0.11	0.57	0.63	0.46	0.24
Cash Flow (\$/share)	15.58	2.33	8.98	12.97	13.25	-2.22
Growth Score	D	-	-	B	C	A
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	194.71%	15.22%	8.24%	24.50%	21.36%	NA
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	2.76%	13.54%	9.21%	1.28%	11.85%	70.15%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	19.97%	6.41%	7.00%	16.91%	14.25%	55.36%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	47.47%	9.18%	7.49%	9.31%	9.88%	NA
Current Ratio	2.09	1.54	1.19	2.77	1.28	1.32
Debt/Capital	0.00%	10.73%	38.14%	38.81%	31.68%	19.05%
Net Margin	16.37%	12.81%	12.77%	9.05%	14.74%	-313.69%
Return on Equity	31.80%	22.48%	17.03%	22.48%	24.36%	-105.98%
Sales/Assets	1.10	0.78	0.53	0.92	0.67	0.20
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	6.70%	5.42%	5.29%	4.00%	10.60%	11.60%
Momentum Score	D	-	-	C	A	D
Daily Price Chg	-1.15%	-0.38%	-0.34%	-2.86%	-3.09%	-4.60%
1 Week Price Chg	3.42%	0.10%	1.10%	-0.17%	1.60%	7.73%
4 Week Price Chg	-1.11%	1.27%	0.50%	1.80%	-8.71%	0.88%
12 Week Price Chg	7.91%	2.66%	3.75%	26.38%	-15.47%	-40.78%
52 Week Price Chg	55.14%	18.59%	16.94%	66.52%	-6.50%	-14.61%
20 Day Average Volume	154,685	177,036	2,431,070	394,416	2,701,577	83,373,272
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-0.39%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	2.45%	0.93%	0.44%	5.33%	-1.53%	-1.25%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-0.74%	0.00%



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Value Score	D
Growth Score	D
Momentum Score	D
VGM Score	F

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