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# Investment Summary: Zhuzhou CRRC Times Electric Co Ltd

\*\*Date:\*\* 2025-09-05

\*\*Stock Price (Previous Close):\*\* CNY 45.20 (Shanghai Stock Exchange)

\*\*Market Cap:\*\* CNY 64.8 billion

\*\*Recommended Action:\*\* Hold

\*\*Industry:\*\* Rail Transportation Equipment Manufacturing; Power Semiconductor Devices

## Business Overview

Zhuzhou CRRC Times Electric Co Ltd (TEC), a subsidiary of CRRC Corporation Limited (parent company, 51% ownership), specializes in electrical systems and components for rail transit, including traction converters, control systems, and power semiconductors. Major divisions include Rail Transit Electrical Equipment (70% of FY2024 sales, 68% gross margin, 72% of group profits) and Emerging Industries (30% of sales, 55% gross margin, 28% of profits), with subsidiaries like Dynex Semiconductor Ltd (UK) for power devices. FY2024 sales reached CNY 18.5 billion (+5% YoY), operating income CNY 2.8 billion (15% margin). Rail products provide efficient power conversion and control for high-speed trains, enhancing energy efficiency for railway operators; semiconductor devices enable reliable power management in EVs and renewables, supporting industrial and automotive clients. Strengths include advanced tech in IGBT modules and strong CRRC integration; challenges involve supply chain disruptions and geopolitical trade tensions. Fiscal year-end: December 31.

## Business Performance

- (a) Sales growth: +8% CAGR past 5 years; forecast +6% for 2026.

- (b) Profit growth: +7% CAGR past 5 years; forecast +5% for 2026.

- (c) Operating cash flow: +10% increase in FY2024 to CNY 3.2 billion.

- (d) Market share: ~25% in China's rail electrical systems; ranked #1 domestically.

## Industry Context

\*\*Rail Transportation Equipment:\*\*

- (a) Mature cycle with innovation in electrification.

- (b) Market size CNY 500 billion; CAGR +4% (2024-2028).

- (c) TEC: 25% share, #1 in China.

- (d) TEC sales growth +6% vs. industry +4%.

- (e) TEC EPS growth +5% vs. industry +3%.

- (f) Debt-to-assets: 0.15 vs. industry 0.25.

- (g) Expansion phase driven by infrastructure investments.

- (h) Key metric: Fleet utilization rate (TEC 85% vs. industry 80%); electrification penetration (TEC 90% vs. 75%).

\*\*Power Semiconductor Devices:\*\*

- (a) Growth cycle with EV/renewable demand.

- (b) Market size CNY 300 billion; CAGR +10%.

- (c) TEC: 5% share, top 10 in China.

- (d) TEC sales +12% vs. industry +9%.

- (e) TEC EPS +8% vs. industry +7%.

- (f) Debt-to-assets: 0.15 vs. 0.30.

- (g) Expansion phase amid green energy boom.

- (h) Key metric: IGBT yield rate (TEC 95% vs. 90%); power density (TEC 2.5 kW/cm² vs. 2.0).

## Financial Stability and Debt Levels

TEC exhibits strong financial stability with FY2024 operating cash flow of CNY 3.2 billion covering dividends (payout ratio 40%) and capex (CNY 1.5 billion). Liquidity is healthy: cash on hand CNY 4.8 billion, current ratio 2.1 (above 1.3 threshold). Debt levels are prudent: total debt CNY 2.0 billion, debt-to-equity 0.12 (vs. industry 0.40), debt-to-assets 0.15 (below industry 0.25), interest coverage 15x, Altman Z-Score 4.5 (safe). No major concerns; low leverage supports resilience amid economic slowdowns.

## Key Financials and Valuation

\*\*Sales and Profitability:\*\*

- (a) FY2024 sales CNY 18.5 billion (+5% YoY); forecast CNY 19.6 billion (+6%) for 2025.

- (b) Rail division: CNY 13.0 billion (+4%), 15% margin; Emerging: CNY 5.5 billion (+8%), 12% margin.

- (c) Group operating margin 15% (stable trend); guidance: 2025 sales +6%, EPS CNY 1.80 (+5% YoY).

\*\*Valuation Metrics:\*\*

- P/E (TTM) 18x (vs. industry 20x, historical 16x); PEG 1.5; dividend yield 2.5%; stock at 70% of 52-week high (CNY 64.50).

\*\*Financial Stability and Debt Levels:\*\*

- Ratios: Current ratio 2.1 (healthy); debt-to-equity 0.12 (low risk); no liquidity issues.

\*\*Industry Specific Metrics:\*\*

- Rail: Track electrification rate (TEC 90% vs. industry 75% - superior tech edge).

- Semiconductors: Module efficiency (TEC 98% vs. 95% - better performance).

- Utilization rate (TEC 85% vs. 80% - efficient operations). Observation: TEC outperforms averages, indicating competitive advantages in efficiency and tech, boosting profitability.

## Big Trends and Big Events

- Rail: High-speed rail expansion in China (Belt and Road); boosts demand generally, TEC benefits via CRRC ties but faces export tariffs.

- Semiconductors: EV boom and US-China trade war; industry growth +10% CAGR, TEC gains from domestic substitution but risks supply chain curbs.

- Event: 2025 infrastructure stimulus; positive for rail sales (+5-7% for TEC).

## Customer Segments and Demand Trends

- Major Segments: Domestic rail operators (60%, CNY 11.1 billion); EV/renewable firms (25%, CNY 4.6 billion); International (15%, CNY 2.8 billion).

- Forecast: Rail +5% (2025-2027, infrastructure drive); EV +12% (green transition); International +3% (trade risks).

- Criticisms/Substitutes: High prices complained; substitutes like foreign semiconductors switchable in 6-12 months.

## Competitive Landscape

- Dynamics: Moderate concentration (CR4 60%), margins 12-15%, utilization 80%, CAGR +5%, expansion stage.

- Key Competitors: Siemens (15% share, 14% margin); ABB (12%, 13%); CRRC peers.

- Moats: Tech patents, CRRC supply chain, scale economies; TEC stronger in China vs. globals.

- Key Battle Front: Technology innovation; TEC leads with IGBT advancements over competitors like Infineon.

## Risks and Anomalies

- Anomaly: Emerging segment sales dip 2% in Q2 2025 due to chip shortages; resolved via diversification.

- Risk: Geopolitical tensions; potential resolution through localization.

- Concern: Currency fluctuations; hedge via contracts.

## Forecast and Outlook

- Management: 2025 sales CNY 19.6 billion (+6%), profits CNY 3.0 billion (+7%); growth from EV semiconductors (+10%).

- Reasons: Rail demand up, trade risks down.

- Earnings Surprise: Q2 2025 +8% beat on rail orders.

## Leading Investment Firms and Views

- Goldman Sachs: Buy, target CNY 55 (+22% upside).

- Morgan Stanley: Hold, target CNY 48 (+6%).

- Consensus: Hold (7/10 analysts), average target CNY 50 (range CNY 45-58).

## Recommended Action: Hold

- \*\*Pros:\*\* Strong financial stability with low debt and healthy cash flows; growth in EV segment amid green trends; positive analyst consensus.

- \*\*Cons:\*\* Valuation at premium to historical; competitive pressures from globals and trade risks.

## Industry Ratio and Metric Analysis

Important metrics: Rail - Electrification penetration (TEC 90% vs. avg 75%, trend up +5% YoY for both); Semiconductor - Yield rate (TEC 95% vs. 90%, industry up +2%); Utilization (TEC 85% vs. 80%, stable). TEC outperforms, signaling efficiency gains.

## Key Takeaways

TEC's leadership in rail electrics and semiconductors positions it well in expanding markets, with robust finances offsetting risks.

Monitor trade policies and EV adoption for growth opportunities.

Missed points: ESG initiatives (e.g., carbon reduction tech) could enhance appeal; no major M&A activity noted.

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