Actron Entities, Inc (d/b/a Actron Engineering)

4.50	CCC+	1 year PD 3.18% to 9.02%

Headquarters	Clearwater, FL	U.S.
Туре	Private (PE)	
Employees	~60	
Year Founded	1963	
Website	https://actronengineering	.com
Business	Precision manufacturing for	or critical industry applications
Revenues	\$11.0M	

Company Overview

- Company Overview: Actron Entities, Inc. (d/b/a Actron Engineering) is a
 precision manufacturer specializing in mission-critical components for aerospaca
 & defense (>85% of revenue), and industrial markets.
- Product: High-tolerance components and sub-assemblies through milling, turning, waterjet cutting, powder coating, and more. Actron also supports military programs like the MK41 Vertical Launching System.
- Customers: Primarily serves defense giants (e.g. Lockheed Martin, Airbus Leonardo, Raytheon, Crane, Sanmina, and other industrial/medical markets.
- Ownership: Kirtland Capital Partners (owns 85.1%), est in 1977, is a PE firm based in Orange Village, OH. They specialize in control investments in lower middle-market companies across the eastern US and Canada, focusing on the 3 sectors branded food and beverage, precision manufacturing, and business services. ~\$150mn AUM, 62 investments and 30 exits.
- Debt Structure: Consists of an R/C-line (\$1mn), Capex LOC (\$1.5mn), A \$1.5mn
 TL, and \$1mn subordinate debt all provided by KCP. We assume the TL to be
 due 2031, the R/C-line and Capex LOC in 2029.
- Other (pros/cons): Strong liquidity offsets risks from high leverage (75.4% debt-to-assets) due to PP&E being almost entirely depreciated (hence, the CAPEX LOC), and likely wrong inventory numbers. Robust \$14.3mn backlog supports growth, but reliance on top 3 clients (65% revenue) are a concern as their FY-21 performance dip (Lockheed slowdown) demonstrated. Yet >100% customer retention in FY-22/23. Relatively small entity size increases empirical default risk, but PE-backing by KCP shall support growth, improve operational efficiency, and provide funding. The QoE pointed out an inappropriate inventory management/accounting.

Financial Snapshot

	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23	Chg
\$ '000s	T12	T12	T12	%
Total Revenue	7,228	9,003	11,021	22.4%
Gross Profit	808	1,650	2,537	53.8%
Adjusted EBITDA	(100)	589	1,361	131.1%
Gross Profit Margin	11.2%	18.3%	23.0%	4.7 ppt
EBITDA Margin	-1.4%	6.5%	12.3%	5.8 ppt
Net Income	(517)	(74)	533	820.3%

Financial Ratio Benchmarking

# of Benchmarks:	62	Industry Median	Company Metric	Percentile Rank
	Revenue	\$14M	\$11M	
Liquidity	Current Ratio	3.01	2.60	46%
	Quick Ratio	1.55	2.00	58%
Leverage	Net Debt / EBITDA	0.18	1.27	26%
	Debt to Assets	15.7%	75.4%	2%
Profitability	EBITDA Margin	17.0%	12.3%	34%
	ROCE %	27.7%	40.7%	68%

of Industry Benchmarks 62
Company Financials Date Dec-23

Industry Benchmarks - Primary: Industrial Machinery and Supplies and Components | Secondary: Aerospace and Defense

Rating Range

4.0 to 5.0

35%

Business Risk		65%	5.5	to	8.0
Industry Group Risk Profile	Capital Goods	15%	4.5	to	6.5

Industry Risk Assessment	KPI Rating	Contribution	Industry Group Description
Cyclicality	Intermediate risk		Entities that derive a majority of their revenues from manufacturing and/or servicing industrial equipment. This includes manufacturers
Competitive Risk	Intermediate risk		of heavy and light industrial equipment, machinery, industrial components, and systems, as well as providers of related services, such as
Global Industry	Intermediate risk		construction equipment rental companies or industrial distributors.
Market Segment Outlook	Stable		

Competitive Position Profile			Capital Goods	35%	5.0	to	6.5
Competitive Position KPIs	KPI Rating	Contribution	Rating Guideline				
Cylcle-Tested	< 2000		Navigated multiple economic down-cycles.				
Product & Market Diversity	Satisfactory		Some product and market diversification but may have concentration areas.				
Geographic Balance	Weak		Mainly focused in one region or country, posing high geographic risk.				
Customer & Supplier Concentration	Weak		High concentration with specific customers or suppliers, posing significant risks.				
Product and Service Differentiation	Satisfactory		Some differentiation but faces competition in branding and pricing.				
Customer Leverage & Retention	Above Average		Good leverage with customers; evident long-term relationships and decent retention.				
Supplier Leverage	Above Average		Some leverage with suppliers, mostly favorable terms.				
Project Execution	Above Average		Strong track record with minor issues occasionally.				
Contract Terms	Satisfactory						
Backlog	Above Average						
Management, Governance, Sponsorship				50%	5.5	to	7.0

Anchor Modifiers (1.1) to (1.0)

Modifiers			
Revenue Segment	Normalization		\$10-25M
Trend Analysis	Adjustment		Moderate Positive
Financial Flexibility	Adjustment		Limited
Other Modifier	Risk Flag	I	Some debt related notes, but high level.

Rating Range (Rounded) 4.0 to 5.0	Rating Range (Rounded)	.0	to	5.0	
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