



Materion Corporation (MTRN)

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Key Metrics

Current Price:	\$180	5 Year Annual Expected Total Return:	3.6%	Market Cap:	\$3.6 B
Fair Value Price:	\$138	5 Year Growth Estimate:	9.0%	Ex-Dividend Date:	05/29/26 ¹
% Fair Value:	131%	5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:	-5.2%	Dividend Payment Date:	06/12/26
Dividend Yield:	0.3%	5 Year Price Target	\$212	Years Of Dividend Growth:	13
Dividend Risk Score:	B	Sector:	Basic Materials	Rating:	Hold

Overview & Current Events

Materion Corporation is an integrated producer of high-performance advanced engineered materials utilized in a wide range of electrical, electronic, thermal, and structural applications. The company's products serve numerous end markets, including semiconductor, where critical materials are supplied for chip manufacturing; aerospace and defense, where alloys enhance aircraft performance; automotive, where thermal management materials improve vehicle efficiency; and consumer electronics, where components ensure reliability in devices like smartphones. Materion also supports the energy sector, as well as telecom and data centers, by providing materials that enhance power efficiency and data transmission.

On April 29th, 2026, Materion posted its Q1 results for the period ending April 3rd, 2026. For the quarter, sales came in at \$549.8 million, up 30.8% compared to last year. Value-added sales (i.e., sales from which the company subtracts pass-through metal values from net sales to better assess profitability and margins, excluding metal price fluctuations) were \$261.8 million, up 1.0% year-over-year, and up 10% excluding precision clad strip, driven by strength across most end markets, particularly Electronic Materials and Precision Optics.

Adjusted net income was \$26.7 million, or \$1.27 per share, versus \$1.13 last year. GAAP EPS was \$0.92 compared to \$0.85 in the prior year quarter. Adjusted EBITDA was \$52.9 million, or 20.2% of value-added sales, versus \$48.7 million and 18.8% last year. Looking ahead to FY2026, management reaffirmed adjusted EPS guidance of \$6.00 to \$6.50, while noting increased conviction in achieving results toward the high end of the range, supported by low double-digit expected top-line growth and record backlog. Note that all past figures in the table below depict GAAP EPS.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
EPS	\$1.29	\$0.57	\$1.04	\$2.62	\$0.76	\$3.55	\$4.19	\$4.64	\$0.28	\$3.61	\$6.25	\$9.62
DPS	\$0.38	\$0.40	\$0.42	\$0.44	\$0.46	\$0.48	\$0.50	\$0.52	\$0.54	\$0.56	\$0.56	\$0.71
Shares²	20.2	20.4	20.6	20.7	20.6	20.7	20.8	20.9	20.9	20.9	21.0	20.8

Materion's growth over the past decade has been powered by a focus on high-performance materials in industries such as semiconductor, aerospace, and automotive, where demand for advanced materials continues to rise. Note that between 2016 and 2018, the company faced sales and earnings pressure due to a downturn in the consumer electronics market and slower-than-expected adoption of new materials in certain sectors. Further, economic uncertainties and fluctuating commodity prices impacted key markets.

Moving forward, Materion's growth is likely to be driven by increased demand in the semiconductor industry, progress in electric vehicles, and the growing need for lightweight and high-performance materials in aerospace and defense. Continued innovation and expansion into emerging markets are also expected to support Materion's medium-term growth. For this reason, we expect the company's EPS to continue growing by 9% through 2031.

¹ Estimated dates based on past dividend dates.

² Share count is in millions.

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Materion has consistently increased its dividend for the past 13 years, with annual increments of two cents. However, as the dividend has grown, this fixed increase has led to a slowing pace of dividend growth, even as EPS growth has picked up in recent years. As a result, despite our more optimistic EPS projections, we anticipate the dividend will grow at a CAGR of 5% through 2031.

Valuation Analysis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Now	2031
Avg. P/E	22.6	---	---	22.3	---	19.4	19.3	21.4	---	29.1	28.8	22.0
Avg. Yld.	1.3%	1.1%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%

Materion's P/E ratio has historically hovered around 22 times earnings. On the one hand, Materion's business model is subject to cyclicity because the industries it serves are also cyclical. On the other hand, the market seems to value the company's mission-critical components, assigning a modest premium to the stock. We have set our fair multiple at 22, in line with the stock's historical average. Thus, the stock appears overvalued today. Regarding the dividend yield, it has hovered at low levels over the past decade. We expect this trend to endure, as there are no signs that management plans to accelerate dividend increases, despite strong dividend coverage.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

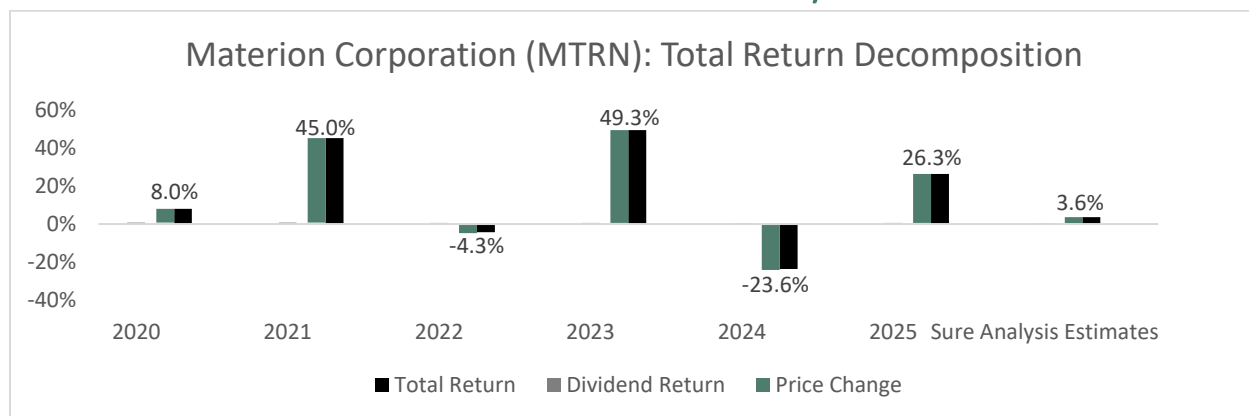
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
Payout	29%	70%	40%	17%	61%	14%	12%	11%	191%	16%	9%	7%

Materion stands out for its advanced engineered materials that are crucial in sectors like aerospace, semiconductor, and automotive. The company's focus on high-performance products and innovation supports its resilience during economic fluctuations. In times of recession, while overall demand may weaken, the essential nature of Materion's materials in critical technologies helps cushion the impact. Certain industries like aerospace and defense, which rely on its products, tend to experience steadier demand compared to more cyclical sectors. On the downside, economic downturns can still lead to reduced capital expenditures and slower growth in some end markets, which may temporarily affect revenues, as was the case between 2015 and 2018. Still, Materion's diverse market presence and operational efficiencies generally provide a buffer against severe downturns, allowing it to navigate recessions more effectively than many peers.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

Materion has delivered decent results over the years, which has, in turn, led to decent returns for investors. We believe the company will continue to perform well over the next few years. Our total return outlook comes at 3.6% per annum, powered by our growth estimates and the tiny dividend yield, but offset by multiple contraction. We rate the stock as a hold, but caution that the company is vulnerable to the cyclical nature of several industries.

Total Return Breakdown by Year



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Income Statement Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Revenue	969	1,139	1,208	1,185	1,176	1,511	1,757	1,665	1,685	1,787
Gross Profit	185	213	251	263	193	284	344	349	326	298
Gross Margin	19.0%	18.7%	20.8%	22.2%	16.4%	18.8%	19.6%	21.0%	19.3%	16.7%
SG&A Exp.	129	144	153	147	134	164	169	158	146	1443
Operating Profit	32	41	69	87	27	78	121	140	134	116
Operating Margin	3.3%	3.6%	5.7%	7.3%	2.3%	5.2%	6.9%	8.4%	8.0%	6.5%
Net Profit	26	11	21	53	15	72	86	96	5.9	75
Net Margin	2.7%	1.0%	1.7%	4.5%	1.3%	4.8%	4.9%	5.7%	0.4%	4.2%
Free Cash Flow	31	39	42	73	34	(13)	38	25	7	21
Income Tax	(0)	25	(4)	12	(7)	5	17	12	9	7

Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Assets	741	791	800	898	1,058	1,607	1,692	1,763	1,698	1,803
Cash & Equivalents	31	42	71	125	26	14	13	13	17	14
Acct. Recv.	101	124	131	155	166	214	215	193	194	223
Inventories	201	220	215	236	251	361	423	442	441	461
Goodwill & Intang.	98	101	97	85	200	475	463	454	373	383
Total Liabilities	247	296	246	253	402	887	892	878	829	860
Accounts Payable	33	49	50	43	56	86	108	126	106	149
Long-Term Debt	4	4	3	2	38	450	432	426	442	533
Shareholder's Equity	494	495	554	646	656	720	800	885	869	943
LTD/E Ratio	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.06	0.62	0.54	0.48	0.51	0.57

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Return on Assets	3.5%	1.5%	2.6%	6.3%	1.6%	5.4%	5.2%	5.5%	0.3%	4.3%
Return on Equity	5.3%	2.3%	4.0%	8.9%	2.4%	10.5%	11.3%	11.4%	0.7%	8.3%
ROIC	5.2%	2.3%	4.0%	8.9%	2.3%	7.8%	7.2%	7.5%	0.5%	5.2%
Shares Out.	20.2	20.4	20.6	20.7	20.6	20.7	20.8	20.9	20.9	20.9
Revenue/Share	47.95	55.81	58.59	57.39	57.09	73.02	84.64	79.63	80.50	85.44
FCF/Share	1.54	1.90	2.04	3.52	1.64	(0.61)	1.85	1.17	0.33	0.99

Note: All figures in millions of U.S. Dollars unless per share or indicated otherwise.

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