

NSC · NYSE · WEEK ENDED 24 JUL 2026

Weekly Investor Report

Norfolk Southern Corporation · Industrials · Railroads

LATEST CLOSE

350.7 USD

3.1% latest week

Weekly setup

Constructive, but selective

The weekly trend is active. Price is 14.7% above the Trend Line and sits at 91.6% of its 52-week range. The latest completed week returned 3.1%, after a 12.1% four-week move. The latest factor snapshot indicates quality ranks strongly versus its universe; growth ranks weakly; valuation is expensive relative to peers. Options positioning is bullish with 45/100 conviction, while the latest news-sentiment score is 56/100. Near-term considerations: price is close to its 52-week high; earnings are due in 5d.

Technical setup score 82/100. This score describes the weekly technical setup; the conclusion above also considers fundamentals, positioning, sentiment, and event risk.

LATEST CLOSE

350.7 USD

24 Jul 2026

1W RETURN

3.1%

latest completed week

4W RETURN

12.1%

short-term follow-through

12W RETURN

11.5%

quarterly tape

TREND BREADTH

94.2%

49 of 52 weeks active

VOLUME RATIO

1.2x

vs 13-week average

What is working

- The trend backdrop is active with a 15-week active streak.
- Price is above the Trend Line, keeping the weekly tape constructive.
- Price is above Fair Value, showing premium demand versus the model.
- Activity pressure is positive on the latest completed week.

What could go wrong

- 4 reversal markers appear in the recent smart-money tape.

What to watch next

- Price is close to its 52-week high; watch for continuation or exhaustion.
- Trend Line remains the key weekly regime level.
- Activity pressure is the gauge to monitor for confirmation or fade.
- A volume ratio above 1.5x would show stronger participation in the next move.

This week's evidence at a glance

PRICE FOLLOW-THROUGH

3.1%

Latest completed week; four-week move 12.1%.

INDICATOR STACK

97/100

Trend and activity pressure are weighted against the latest 12-week confirmation window.

TREND BACKDROP

Active

The trend backdrop defines the current weekly regime.

PATIENT CAPITAL

Quiet

Activity-pressure buy-signal status for institutional accumulation timing.

NEXT-WEEK EXPECTANCY

Positive 56.33%

Historical one-week expectancy contributes to the evidence score when direction is confirmed.

OPTIONS PRESSURE

Bullish

45/100 conviction; expected move 4.6%.

NEWS SENTIMENT

56/100

51 relevant articles in the latest sentiment read.

EVENT RISK

5d

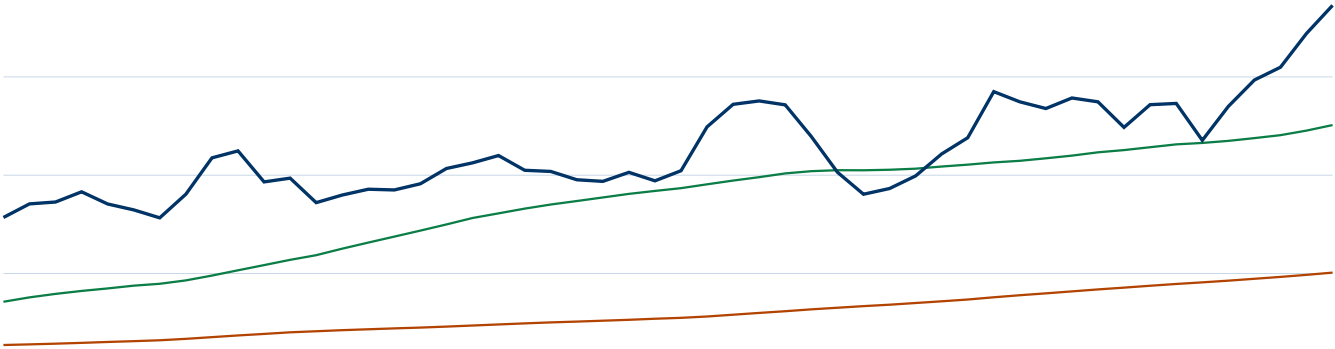
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01 · PRICE ACTION

Where price is—and whether the trend supports it

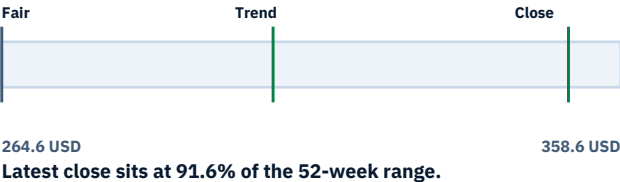
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52-week price path



Blue: weekly close · Green: Trend Line · Orange: Sharemaestro Fair Value

Position in the 52-week range



RANGE LOCATION

91.6%

Shows where the latest close sits between the 52-week low and high.

TREND DISTANCE

14.7%

Price premium or discount versus the weekly Trend Line.

FAIR-VALUE GAP

40.0%

Premium demand or model discount versus Sharemaestro Fair Value.

HIGH-WATER GAP

-2.2%

Distance from the latest 52-week high.

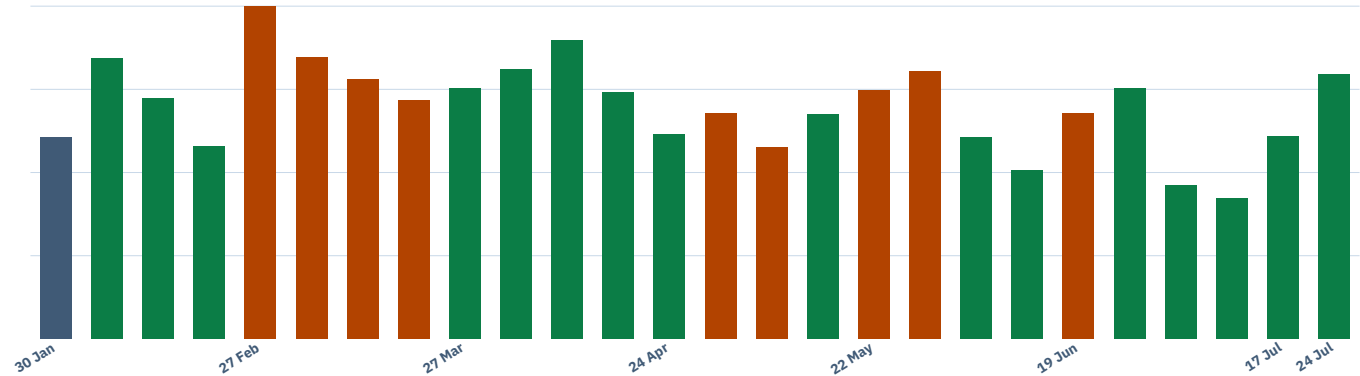
02 · VOLUME AND DEMAND

Is real participation confirming the move?

Latest weekly volume is 1.2x the 13-week average. Participation is around or above normal and provides reasonable confirmation.

26-week volume confirmation

Bar height shows weekly volume. Green marks an up week; orange marks a down week.



PARTICIPATION 1.2x Latest volume versus the 13-week average.	BASELINE 5.5M 13-week average volume.	ONE-YEAR BASE 6.9M 52-week average volume.	LATEST WEEKLY VOLUME 6.8M Most recent completed week.
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Demand beneath price

Activity pressure and institutional-style signals

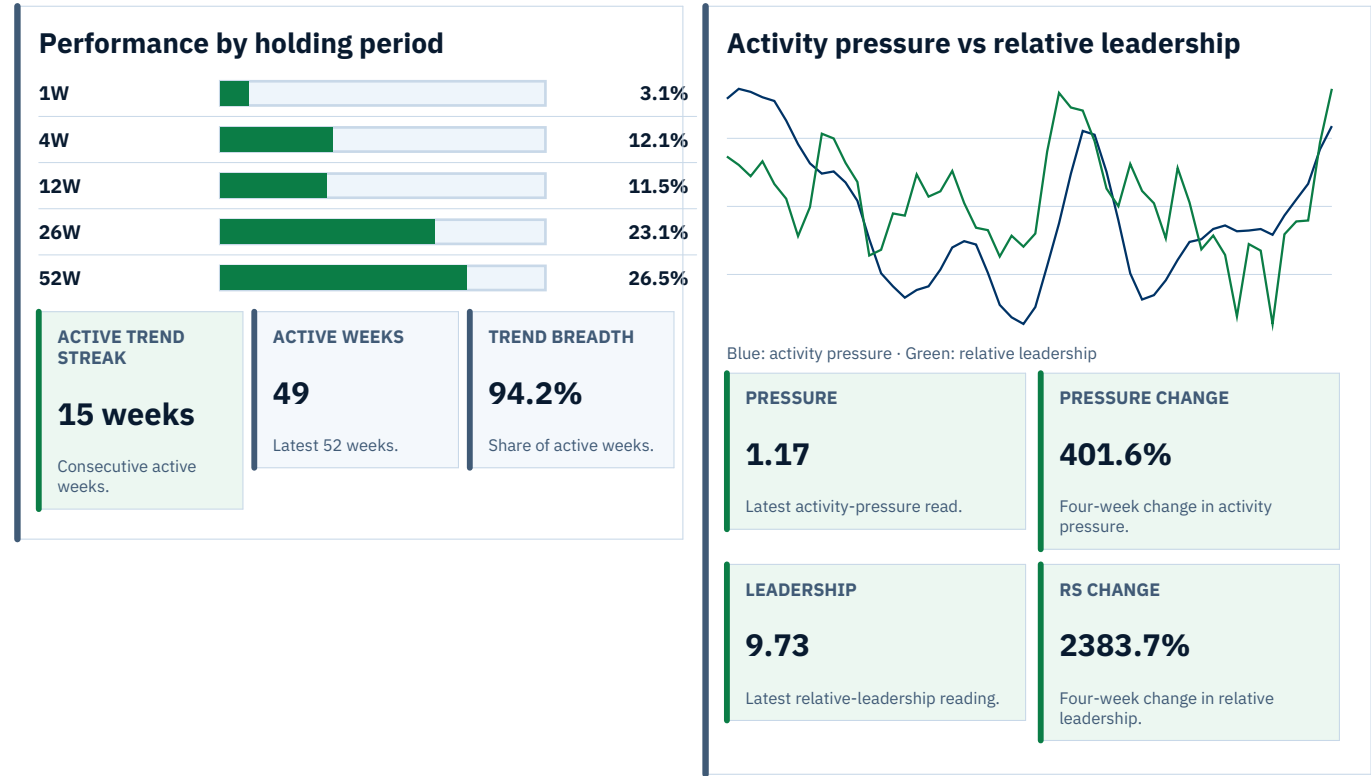
These indicators assess whether participation is improving beneath price. They are supporting evidence, not proof of institutional buying.



03 · MOMENTUM AND LEADERSHIP

Is performance persistent—and is the stock leading?

Performance is 12.1% over four weeks, 11.5% over 12 weeks, and 26.5% over one year. The current trend has remained active for 15 consecutive weeks.



Technical setup scorecard

Trend		97
Momentum		88
Activity Pressure		100
Relative Leadership		100
Next-Week Expectancy		78
Volume		52
Smart Money		53
Risk Control		85

04 · FUNDAMENTALS AND VALUATION

What investors are paying for—and the quality behind it

The latest factor snapshot indicates quality ranks strongly versus its universe; growth ranks weakly; valuation is expensive relative to peers.

FACTOR WEEK 26 Jul 2026 Latest published factor snapshot.	STATEMENTS THROUGH 31 Dec 2025 Financial reporting period used.	FIELD COVERAGE 100% Available factor fields.	MODEL CONFIDENCE 100% Snapshot confidence.
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Relative factor standing		
Higher display scores are better. Each score is converted from the underlying universe rank, where rank 1 is best.		
Overall factor strength		41/100
Value		12/100
Quality		86/100
Momentum		71/100
Growth		9/100

Valuation How much investors are paying for earnings, sales, and cash flow.	Business quality Margins and the return generated on invested capital.
P/E Price divided by trailing earnings. 29.9x	GROSS MARGIN Gross profit retained from each unit of revenue. 53.7%
PRICE / SALES Market value relative to trailing revenue. 6.3x	OPERATING MARGIN Operating profit retained from revenue. 32.0%
EV / EBITDA Enterprise value relative to operating cash earnings. 17.4x	FREE-CASH-FLOW MARGIN Free cash flow generated from revenue. 52.5%
FREE-CASH-FLOW YIELD Free cash flow as a share of enterprise value. 7.0%	RETURN ON INVESTED CAPITAL Operating return generated on invested capital. 9.9%

04 · FUNDAMENTALS AND VALUATION · CONTINUED

Growth, shareholder returns, and balance-sheet strength

The second half of the fundamental read separates recent business growth from cash returned to shareholders and financial leverage.

Growth and financial strength	Shareholder return and balance sheet
Recent business growth and accounting strength.	Cash returned to owners and financial leverage.
REVENUE GROWTH3.0% Latest one-year revenue growth.	DIVIDEND YIELD1.5% Cash dividends relative to market value.
EPS GROWTH-21.3% Latest one-year earnings-per-share growth.	BUYBACK YIELD0.1% Net share repurchases relative to market value.
FREE-CASH-FLOW GROWTH3.1% Latest one-year free-cash-flow growth.	SHAREHOLDER YIELD1.6% Dividend yield plus net buyback yield.
PIOTROSKI F-SCORE7/9 Nine-point accounting-strength checklist.	NET DEBT / EBITDA2.9x Balance-sheet debt relative to operating cash earnings.

How to read this

Quality and valuation are separate questions. A strong company can still carry a demanding valuation, so profitability, growth, balance-sheet strength, and the price paid for those characteristics should be assessed independently.

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05 · OWNERSHIP, OPTIONS, AND SENTIMENT

What other market participants are doing

Options, insider transactions, market sentiment, and activity-pressure signals can confirm or challenge the price story. None should be used alone.

Options positioning

Bullish

NSC shows bullish options pressure with a 45/100 conviction score, put-call volume ratio of 0.22, expected move of 4.6%, and Sharemaestro trend signal active.

CONVICTION

45/100

Options signal conviction.

EXPECTED MOVE

4.6%

Nearest-chain pricing.

PUT/CALL VOLUME

0.22

Contract volume balance.

Pressure

54

Speculation

40

Volatility

32

Trend agreement

41

Insider activity

18 / 2

18 acquisitions and 2 disposals in the latest 180-day insider tape. Acquisitions / disposals over the latest 180 days. Insider activity is context, not a stand-alone signal.

News sentiment

56/100

Weighted news tone is neutral across 51 relevant articles.

18 positive · 29 neutral · 4 negative

Patient Capital

Quiet

Activity-pressure buy-signal evidence highlights potential institutional accumulation windows. No recent buy signal

06 · CATALYSTS AND RISK

What can move the shares—and how volatile the path has been

Event timing, options-implied movement, drawdown, and weekly gains and losses frame the risk around the current setup.

NEXT EARNINGS
5d
Next report is scheduled for 04 Aug 2026; event risk rises as the date approaches.

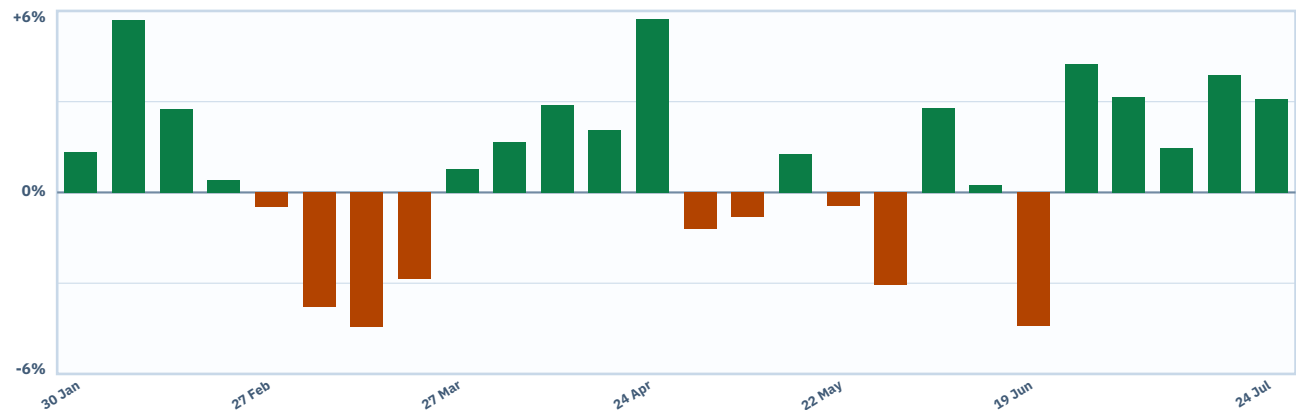
OPTIONS EXPECTED MOVE
4.6%
Nearest-chain priced movement where available.

52-WEEK DRAWDOWN
-2.2%
Distance below the 52-week high.

13-WEEK VOLATILITY
2.6%
Standard deviation of weekly returns.

Weekly gains and losses

Each bar is one completed week. Gains rise above zero; losses fall below it. Taller bars mean a larger move.



WEEKS HIGHER
17 of 26
9 weeks finished lower.

BEST WEEK
+5.7%
Week of 24 Apr.

WORST WEEK
-4.4%
Week of 13 Mar.

LATEST WEEK
+3.1%
Week of 24 Jul.

Shape of recent returns

Strong gains		3
Modest gains		14
Flat weeks		-
Modest losses		7
Sharp losses		2

RECENT VOL
2.6%
13-week weekly-return volatility.

BASE VOL
2.4%
52-week weekly-return volatility.

UP/DOWN SPLIT
31/21
Count of positive and negative weeks in the 52-week window.

AVERAGE SKEW
2.1% / -1.8%
Average positive week versus average negative week.

07 · SECTOR AND PEER CONTEXT

Is this stock leading—or simply moving with its group?

Sector and industry breadth distinguish company-specific strength from a broad group move.

Sector · US Industrials

4-WEEK RANK	GROUP AVERAGE	TREND BREADTH
8 / 100	-0.7%	52.0%
Standing within the tracked group.	Average four-week return.	Share of peers with an active trend.

Peer	Exchange	1W return	4W return	Trend
CTAS	NASDAQ	0.7%	19.8%	Inactive
GPN	NYSE	4.0%	15.9%	Inactive
LMT	NYSE	14.5%	14.8%	Inactive
ESLT	NASDAQ	10.6%	14.6%	Inactive
UNP	NYSE	1.8%	14.5%	Active

Industry · US Railroads

4-WEEK RANK	GROUP AVERAGE	TREND BREADTH
3 / 11	4.4%	72.7%
Standing within the tracked group.	Average four-week return.	Share of peers with an active trend.

Peer	Exchange	1W return	4W return	Trend
UNP	NYSE	1.8%	14.5%	Active
WAB	NYSE	15.4%	12.2%	Active
NSC	NYSE	3.1%	12.1%	Active
CSX	NASDAQ	4.9%	11.7%	Active
CNI	NYSE	0.3%	7.4%	Active

08 · EVIDENCE AND WEEKLY DATA

The underlying research record

Every top-level statement should be traceable to a stored market, fundamental, event, or positioning observation.

Cross-signal evidence matrix

Evidence pillar	Score / read	Summary	Detail
Weekly tape	83/100	Trend, activity pressure, participation, and risk combine to a 83/100 tape read.	
Indicator analysis	67/100	Latest 12-week confirmation: trend 12/12, activity pressure 11/12, relative leadership 4/12.	Activity pressure 0.89; 4 reversal markers
Next-Week Expectancy	Positive 56.33%	Next-week expectancy is positive with a 56.33% historical one-week setup read.	Adds short-term historical context without overriding trend, activity, or relative leadership.
Factors	52/100	O'Shaughnessy factor stack blends value, quality, momentum, and confidence.	Buyback Yield rank 41
SVQF	25/100	Value and quality alignment from the Sharemaestro SVQF framework.	Composite rank 756.0 of 1013
Patient Capital	Quiet	Activity-pressure buy-signal evidence highlights potential institutional accumulation windows.	No recent buy signal
Options	56/100	NSC shows bullish options pressure with a 45/100 conviction score, put-call volume ratio of 0.22, expected move of 4.6%, and Sharemaestro trend signal active.	Bullish · Call-side pressure · Expected move 4.6%
Sentiment	56/100	Weighted news tone is neutral across 51 relevant articles.	Merger opponents unmoved by latest UP-NS regulatory filing
Insiders	18 / 2	18 acquisitions and 2 disposals in the latest 180-day insider tape.	
Earnings	5d	Next report is scheduled for 04 Aug 2026; event risk rises as the date approaches.	
Research flow	1 items	1 recent research articles and 0 Market Watch posts are available.	

Current evidence clusters

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08 · EVIDENCE AND WEEKLY DATA · CONTINUED

Recent completed weeks

The completed weekly bars behind the report provide a compact audit trail for price, trend, Fair Value, activity pressure, leadership, and volume.

Week	Close	Return	Trend Line	Fair Value	Pressure	Leadership	Volume	Trend
24 Jul 2026	350.7 USD	3.1%	305.8 USD	250.5 USD	1.17	9.73	6.8M	On
17 Jul 2026	340.2 USD	3.9%	303.8 USD	249.7 USD	0.93	5.98	5.2M	On
10 Jul 2026	327.5 USD	1.5%	302.0 USD	248.9 USD	0.57	0.54	3.6M	On
03 Jul 2026	322.7 USD	3.2%	300.9 USD	248.2 USD	0.40	0.47	3.9M	On
26 Jun 2026	312.8 USD	4.2%	299.9 USD	247.5 USD	0.23	-0.43	6.4M	On
19 Jun 2026	300.1 USD	-4.4%	299.1 USD	246.9 USD	0.03	-6.68	5.8M	On
12 Jun 2026	313.9 USD	0.1%	298.6 USD	246.3 USD	0.09	-1.57	4.3M	On
05 Jun 2026	313.4 USD	2.8%	297.5 USD	245.6 USD	0.08	-1.11	5.2M	On
29 May 2026	305.0 USD	-3.0%	296.5 USD	244.9 USD	0.07	-6.15	6.9M	On
22 May 2026	314.5 USD	-0.4%	295.6 USD	244.2 USD	0.13	-1.86	6.4M	On
15 May 2026	315.9 USD	1.3%	294.3 USD	243.5 USD	0.09	-0.51	5.8M	On
08 May 2026	312.0 USD	-0.8%	293.3 USD	242.8 USD	-0.02	-1.47	4.9M	On
01 May 2026	314.5 USD	-1.2%	292.4 USD	242.0 USD	-0.04	1.80	5.8M	On
24 Apr 2026	318.3 USD	5.7%	291.8 USD	241.3 USD	-0.23	4.20	5.2M	On

How to use this report

This is a completed-week research summary. It explains the available evidence and its conflicts; it does not predict a guaranteed outcome or replace your own risk assessment. Fundamental figures may refer to an earlier financial reporting period, which is shown in the fundamentals section.

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