

sensors and electronic circuitry to detect glare from trailing approaching vehicles at night, and darken accordingly to protect the driver's vision. Sells to most of the major automakers (has 3 customers who accounted for 10% or more of 2013 total sales). Inter-

Officers and directors own 3.6% of common stock, including 3.1% owned by Chairman & CEO Fred Bauer (3/14 proxy). Incorporated: MI. Address: 600 N. Centennial Street. Zeeland. MI 49464. Telephone: 616-772-1800. Internet: www.gentex.com.

ANNUAL RATES	Past	Past	Est'd '11-'13
of change (per sh)	10 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	to '17-'19
Sales	11.5%	12.0%	9.0%
"Cash Flow"	9.0%	12.5%	12.0%
Earnings	9.0%	14.0%	12.0%
Dividends		5.5%	7.5%
Book Value	7.5%	9.0%	9.5%

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Current Liab.

44.8

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120.0

73.0

128.8

Cal-	QU/	Full			
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2011	250.9	243.0	269.5	260.4	1023.8
2012	290.7	280.4	268.2	260.3	1099.6
2013	269.5	287.0	288.6	326.8	1171.9
2014	335.7	338.4	340	350.9	1365
2015	350	365	375	385	1475
Cal-	EA	Full			
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2011	.29	.27	.30	.28	1.14
2012	.32	.28	.29	.30	1.19
2013	.32	.37	.38	.48	1.55
2014	.47	.52	.47	.49	1.95
2015	.50	.50	.50	.55	2.05
Cal-	QUAR	Full			
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2010	.11	.11	.11	.11	.44
2011	.12	.12	.12	.12	.48
2012	.13	.13	.13	.13	.52
2013	.14	.14	.14	.14	.56
2014	.14	.14	.16		
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Gentex posted good second-quarter **results.** Sales during the period rose 18% from a year ago, driven by a 12% increase in automotive mirror unit shipments. Shipments increased for both interior and exterior auto-dimming rearview mirrors in all of the company's primary markets, including North America, where demand rebounded. Other net sales, which include dimmable aircraft windows and fire protection products, rose 24%, although this segment represents less than 5% of total revenues. The addition of HomeLink also boosted business. These gains more than offset ongoing declines of its rear camera display mirrors. Margins during the period widened thanks to the favorable impact of HomeLink, improvements in product mix, and purchasing cost reductions, which were only partially offset by annual customer price reductions. This allowed share net to come in a nickel above our estimate, at \$0.52

We have raised our 2014 bottom-line estimate by a dime, to \$1.95 per share, while leaving our top-line estimate unchanged at \$1.365 billion. Despite a relatively flat light-vehicle production en-

vironment. Gentex should continue to see good demand for its auto-dimming rearview mirrors and most HomeLink applications. Market penetration of these products remains strong, and this should drive the more-than-15% sales growth that we expect for the year. Margins ought to widen because of the jump in volumes, as well as continued cost-reduction initiatives. However, SG&A and R&D costs will likely rise, tempering some of the bottom-line advance. Given the good cash flows that the company generates, the board of directors increased the quarterly dividend payment by 14%, to \$0.16 per share. We also think management will continue to pay down debt, albeit slowly.

Shares of Gentex are ranked to outperform the broader market averages in the coming six to 12 months. Good demand for most products, along with an improving margin outlook, ought to drive strong earnings gains during this time frame. Over the 3- to 5-year period, the stock offers good price appreciation potential at the recent quotation, along with a solid dividend yield.

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(A) Diluted earnings. Next earnings report due in late October.

(B) Payments typically made in late January. April, July, and October.

(C) In millions, adjusted for stock splits.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 25 Price Growth Persistence 70 **Earnings Predictability** 40