Caterpillar Inc / CAT

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$787.01	**-31.56 -3.86%**	**$783.00/$791.78**	**$818.57**

Market	**NYSE**
Industry	**Machinery**
Market data as of	**Sep 14, 2026 11:30 PM EDT**

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
56.1 / 100	**Balanced**	**high**	**28 / 100**

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$780.00	**$815.00**	**$765.00**	**70 / 100**

Options stance	**neutral**
Tail-risk safety	**56 / 100**
JW Rank data coverage / as of	**100.0% | Sep 14, 2026 6:50 PM EDT**

Key insight

CAT Option Market Implies Mixed Sentiment

Market read

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Strategy context

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JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias	**Mixed**
AI analysis updated	**Sep 14, 2026 2:21 PM EDT**

Short-term scenario

Neutral/Hold with high uncertainty; bearish short-term trend after sharp drop. Speculative bounce possible if 773 support holds, but risk of further weakness from macro/AI sentiment. Avoid aggressive new longs.

Three-month outlook

Moderately bullish but high uncertainty. Record backlog and AI data-center demand plus raised guidance support potential recovery toward $900-975 analyst targets (15-24% upside). Offsetting risks: elevated valuation (PE ~35), insider selling, tariffs, possible economic slowdown, and fading AI hype. Q3 earnings (Oct 28) and macro data (rates/CPI) are key catalysts. Range could be 700-900 depending on outcomes.

Market sentiment

Cautious/mixed with limited high-quality discussion. Today's ~3.7% drop highlighted amid AI-slowdown fears and market weakness. Positive notes on Freedom Broker upgrade. Older posts warn of bubble-like valuation, heavy insider selling, and over-reliance on AI/power narrative. Mostly low-engagement or promotional content.

Supporting evidence

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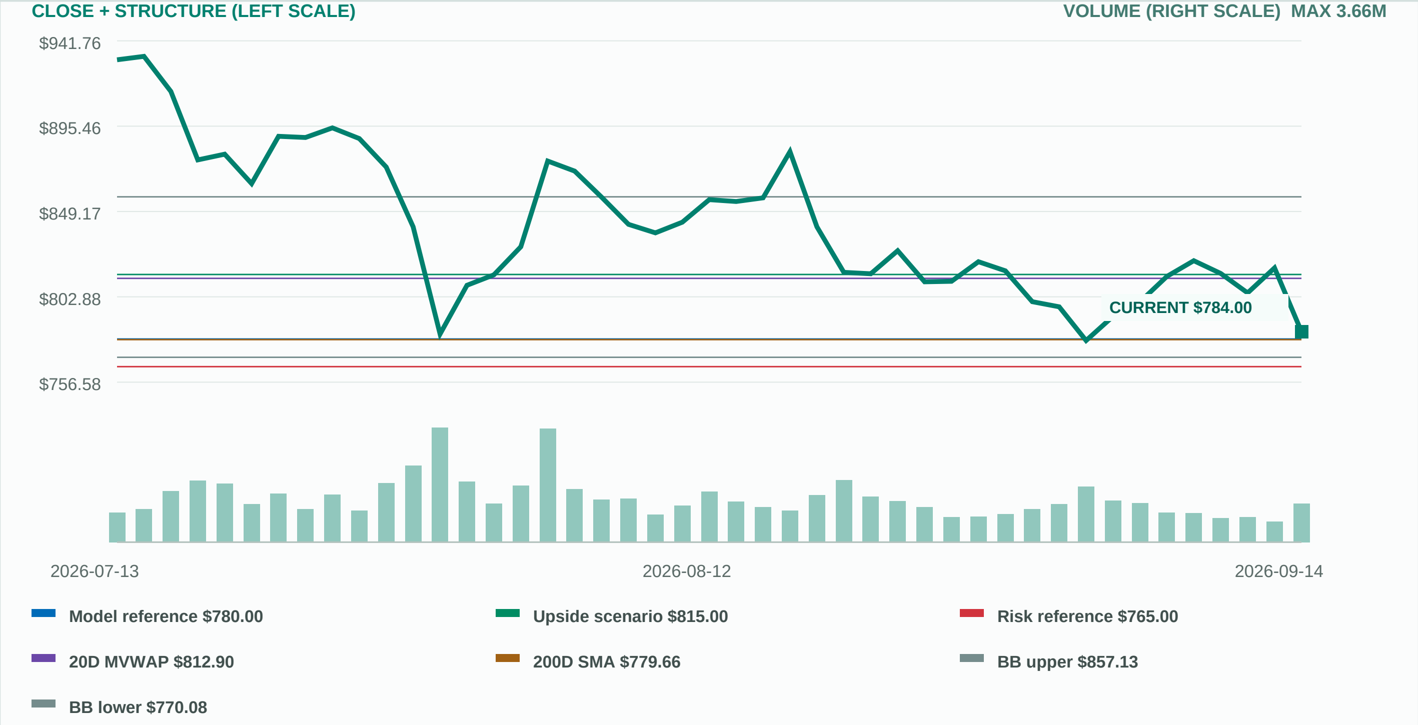
Risk watch

Broader market weakness and concerns about AI slowdown could further pressure CAT's stock price.

Enhanced price structure

45 trading days with volume, model levels and current technical reference bands



45 complete trading-session observations

JW Rank factors

Score, source coverage and interpretation for each decision factor

JW RANK FACTOR PROFILE	COVERAGE	0 — 50 — 100	
Liquidity	100.0%		89.6
Strategy Fit	100.0%		69.6
Technical Trend	100.0%		36.5
Market Tail Risk	100.0%		56.3
Fundamental Quality	100.0%		59.2
Volatility Pressure	100.0%		51.7

Decision summary

Primary model reads before the detailed indicator appendix

Momentum	Institutional flow	Structure	Volatility
bullish_recovery	**Below MVWAP**	**Above 200D trend**	**medium**

Decision indicators

Detailed momentum, institutional and structural observations

Momentum kinematics

Direction, velocity and oscillator state

Current read	**BULLISH RECOVERY | neutral | MACD accelerating**
Trend signal	**BULLISH RECOVERY**
RSI signal	**neutral**
RSI (7 / 14 / 21)	**35.78 / 39.46 / 41.36**
RSI velocity	**-2.21**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**-14.25 / - / -16.21**
MACD acceleration	**0.30**
Stochastic K / D	**49.37 / 59.50**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Below institutional MVWAP | Distribution bias**
Institutional flow	**-3.06**
20-day MVWAP	**$812.90**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**-3.18%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$783.81**
Price vs daily reference	**+0.41%**
Volume	**1.23M**

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	**Above 200-day trend | Negative macro velocity**
Macro velocity	**-2.65**
20-day / 200-day SMA	**$813.60 / $779.66**
Bollinger range	**$770.08 - $857.13**
Bollinger position	**0.160**

Options and volatility intelligence

Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

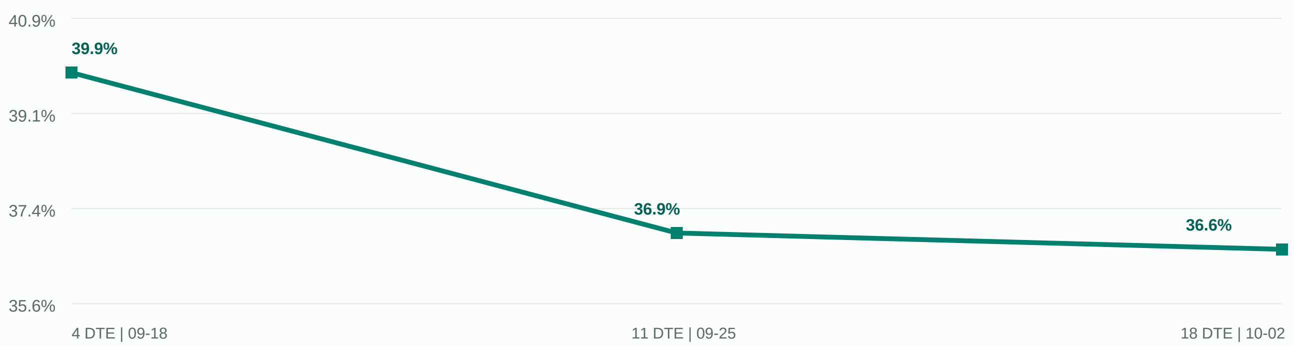
IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
35 / 100	**31 / 100**	**94.17**	**154.49**

Market regime	**Calm**
Tail-risk regime	**NORMAL TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**backwardation**
Term slope	**-3.25 pts**
Skew read	**balanced**
Liquidity / quote coverage	**100.0%**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 14, 2026 2:46 PM EDT**
Options data quality	**Coverage 88.9%**

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration

ATM IV CURVE



Downward-sloping ATM volatility term structure

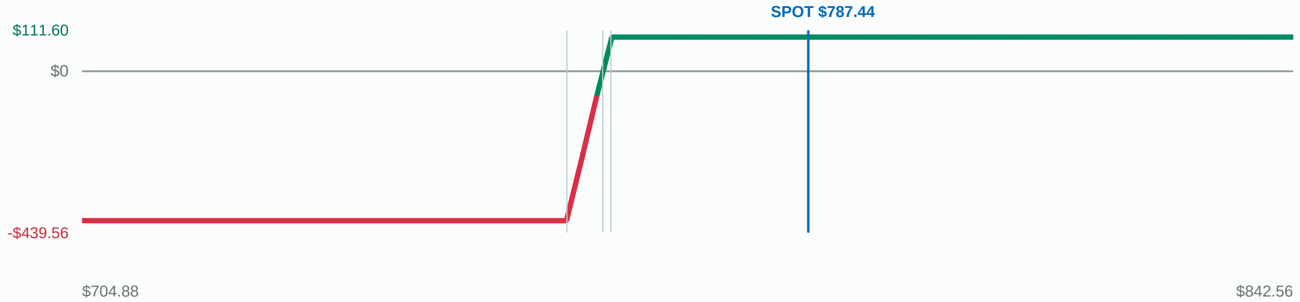
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-09-18	4	39.9%	-
2026-09-25	11	36.9%	-
2026-10-02	18	36.6%	-

Reference spread payoff

Illustrative expiry profit/loss per one-lot structure, including quoted net credit

Bull Put Spread reference

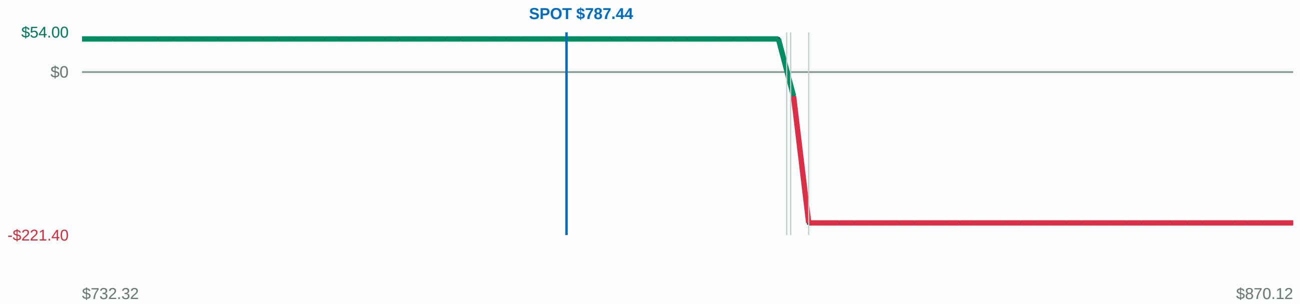
Short $765.00 | Long $760.00 | Width $5.00 | Net credit $0.93



Max profit $93.00 | Max loss -$407.00 | Break-even $764.07 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $812.50 | Long $815.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.45



Max profit $45.00 | Max loss -$205.00 | Break-even $812.95 | Per contract at expiry

Event and tail-risk context

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

Next earnings date	**2026-10-29**
Earnings IV-crush risk	**NOT MEASURED**
VIX	**16.71**
VVIX	**94.17**
SKEW index	**154.49**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**140**

Event and tail-risk context (continued)

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FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	**140**

Strategy fit

Generalized structure fit; not a personalized recommendation

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Principal risks to monitor

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Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization **$376.28B**	P/E (TTM) **34.70**
ROE **54.2%**	Revenue growth **4.4%**
EPS growth **14.2%**	Operating margin **17.5%**
Net profit margin **14.5%**	Gross margin **-**
Free cash flow CAGR **12.1%**	Debt / equity **2.03**
Dividend yield **2.1%**	Beta **1.60**
52-week range **$423.32 - $1,073.46**	

Company or fund profile

Issuer identity and classification

Name **Caterpillar Inc**	Market **NYSE**
Industry **Machinery**	Country **US**
Currency **USD**	IPO date **1929-12-02**
Shares outstanding **460.59M**	52-week return **89.8%**
Book value per share **$42.11**	Revenue per share **$161.58**

Website	caterpillar.com

Latest strategy observation

Most recent shared general market signal available when this report was generated

CAT Covered Call signal

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Covered Call | 2026-09-18

At signal $786.28 | Current $787.01

SHORT **Option $747.50 B $40.00 / A $45.40**

High turnover | CR $42.70

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$26.59**
ATR as % of price	**3.4%**
Volatility environment	**medium**
Current IV	**35.1%**
IV rank	**33 / 100**
IV percentile	**28 / 100**
Technical Snapshot IV source	**Private fundamentals snapshot**
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 14, 2026 7:30 PM EDT**

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	**70 / 100**
Trend health	**78 / 100**
Momentum health	**72 / 100**
Volatility health	**59 / 100**
Structure health	**66 / 100**
Earnings risk / date	**low | 2026-10-29**
Macro risk	**unknown**
Volatility risk	**medium**
Structure risk	**low**

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	**$813.60 / $852.59 / $779.66**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$805.83 / $816.70**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$857.13 / $813.60 / $770.08**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	**0.160**
True high / low	**$818.57 / $772.86**
5-day true high / low	**$830.50 / $772.86**

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	-2.653	**-**
SMA50	-4.082	**-**
MVWAP20	-3.059	**-**
MACD	0.301	**-**
RSI	-2.212	**-**
Volume	152247.000	**-**
ATR	0.196	**-**
T1	-	**-12.94 / 816.75 / 826.00 / 805.00**
T2	-	**-14.61 / 818.84 / 815.56 / 797.50**
T3	-	**-15.15 / 822.08 / 827.96 / 813.50**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	**$787.44**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 14, 2026 2:46 PM EDT**
Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX RISING**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-09-18 | 4 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**39.9%**
25-delta skew	**1.13**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$765.00 Delta -0.239 / $812.50 Delta 0.239**
Median option bid/ask spread	**16.4%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**140 / 140**

Price context

Last Price: 787.44 | Bid: 787.27 | Ask: 787.66 | Previous Close: 818.57 | Change: -31.13 | Daily change: -3.80% | Update Time: 2026-09-14T14:46:36.931203-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-09-14 | Latest History Price: 787.43

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-06-18 | Latest Date: 2026-09-14 | Latest Price: 787.43 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -26.83%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 35.74% | Iv Rank: 35.04 | Iv Percentile: 30.68 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-29 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-07-19

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