

# CreditXpert Score Analysis

**Credit Score Report For: JOHN PUTTER**

**Report Date: 2000/06/29**

**This report is based on a Credit Report obtained from Equifax**

On a scale of 400 to 900 your Score is **612**

Your credit score is considered **Fair**

**Percentile:** Your credit score is better than **25%** of US Consumers

## Background

Credit scores are based on the information in your credit bureau record. The majority of CreditXpert Credit Scores(tm) are between 350 and 850. Higher scores are better. With a high score, you have a good chance of getting the credit and loan(s) you want. Keep in mind that when lenders consider a loan or credit application, they generally ask for more information because credit scores are not the only factor they use in making decisions. Typically, this includes personal data (such as income and monthly payments) used to determine your ability to pay.

## Summary

Currently, your CreditXpert Credit Score(tm) will make it difficult for you to get the best offers, especially for credit cards. Be prepared to pay higher fees and interest rates, as well as make deposits and down payments. Also, you may not be able to get high credit limits and/or high loan amounts. However, if you demonstrate that you are reliable by always paying your bills on time, your credit score can improve significantly within a year.

## Explanation

Both negative and positive factors influence your credit score. The most important factors of each are listed below, in order of importance. Remember that these factors vary in how strongly they impact your credit score. For example, if you have a very high credit score, the negative factors in your analysis are likely to have a small impact. The same is true for positive factors if you have a very low credit score.

**Negative Factors:** Here are the top factors that make your score lower:

## **Payment History**

**Summary:** In the past, you have missed payments for at least 3 consecutive months on 5 account(s).

**Explanation:** This is making your score lower. Missing payments is a negative factor. Some cases are worse than others. For example, if you have not missed any payments recently, lenders may think you are (or have become) responsible and do not (or will no longer) miss payments. Also, missing payments on only a few accounts is not as harmful as missing payments on most or all of your accounts, because lenders realize that many people miss a payment (or pay late) once in a while. Also, missing a single payment is not as harmful as missing several consecutive payments

because many lenders consider missing 3 or more consecutive payments as an indication that you may never repay them. Finally, it is not as harmful to miss payments on accounts with low balances as it is on accounts with high balances because lenders stand to lose less money on low balances if they remain unpaid.

### **Bankruptcies**

**Summary:** You have one or more bankruptcies listed in your credit report.

**Explanation:** This is making your score lower. Any record of bankruptcy in your credit report is a very negative factor. A bankruptcy is less harmful to your credit score if it occurred many years ago (rather than recently) because lenders may believe that you regained control over your financial responsibilities. In any case, bankruptcies will very significantly impact your ability to obtain new credit, and new loans will likely involve a deposit or high fees and interest rates. Note that bankruptcy records on credit reports usually disappear 7 to 10 years after the filing date of the bankruptcy. When this happens, it will have a positive effect on your credit score.

### **Length of Credit History**

**Summary:** You opened your first credit account 11 years ago.

**Explanation:** This is making your score lower. Having had credit accounts for a long time is a positive factor because your history gives lenders information to evaluate how you typically use credit and repay your debts. Credit reports with approximately 30 years of history are considered optimal. Meanwhile, up to 7 years of credit history is considered short, and less than 3 years of history is considered too little. It is worth noting that your accounts may have been open longer than your report suggests, if lenders were slow to report them to the bureaus. What matters is how long your accounts have been in your report.

**Positive Factors:** Here are the top factors that make your score higher:

### **Credit Accounts**

**Summary:** You have 7 account(s) listed in your credit report.

**Explanation:** This is making your score higher. Having accounts is a positive factor because it gives lenders information to evaluate how you pay your bills. However, having too many accounts is usually considered a negative factor because lenders worry that you are spending (or preparing to spend) beyond your means, even if you have not missed payments in the past. Also, if you do not have credit (a negative factor), obtaining your first credit cards may be difficult, and it may involve high fees and interest rates, as well as low credit lines. Note, finance trades (debt consolidation accounts with high interest rates) are considered a negative factor, because they are often associated with troubled credit histories.

### **Payment History**

**Summary:** Last reported month, you did not miss a payment on any account.

**Explanation:** This is making your score higher. Missing payments is a negative factor. Some cases are worse than others. For example, if you have not missed any payments recently, lenders may think you are (or have become) responsible and do not (or will no longer) miss payments. Also, missing payments on only a few accounts is not as harmful as missing payments on most or all of your accounts, because lenders realize that many people miss a payment (or pay late) once in a while. Also, missing a single payment is not as harmful as missing several consecutive payments

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### Credit Usage

**Summary:** You currently owe \$100 on your revolving account(s).

**Explanation:** This is making your score higher. High balances are a negative factor (except for some types of installment loans such as mortgages and auto loans), because lenders worry that you are living beyond your means and may not be able to repay them. This is particularly true with credit card debts. Lenders do evaluate how much you owe (your debt) in relation to how much you earn (your income). However, changes in your employment and income, or certain life events (such as divorce or illness), may cause difficulty for you to pay your monthly bills. Meanwhile, low balances are a positive factor because lenders do not stand to lose too much if you become unable to repay them. However, never using your credit cards may be considered a negative factor. First, it does not provide lenders with information about how you typically use credit and repay your debts. Second, it also means that you have a lot of available credit, which you may decide to use if you experience financial trouble.

### Worst Delinquencies:

This is a list of accounts from your credit report. This refers to the following factor in your CreditXpert Credit Analysis(tm):

**Reference Value:** In the past, you have missed payments for at least 3 consecutive months on 5 account(s).

Account Number	Lending Institution	Worst Payment Status Ever	Explanation	Last Reported Date
****	702BB30220	Foreclosed	-Foreclosed account (derogatory).	09/1997
FAH132****	FORD MOTOR	Repossessed	-Repossessed account (derogatory).	03/1998
1****	STERL SVGS	Repossessed	-Repossessed account (derogatory).	01/1999
****	DR RUDD	Derogatory	-Derogatory account (such as collection, foreclosure, charge-off, repossession, etc.).	01/1998
56789****	BURGAN FRN	120 days	-4 consecutive payments have been missed in the past.	01/1999
****		Public record	-Public records are associated with serious delinquencies.	01/1998
****		Public record	-Public records are associated with serious delinquencies.	02/1996
			-Public records are associated	

****		Public record	with serious delinquencies.	02/1998
****		N/A	-Information is not available / account is not rated.	03/1996
****		N/A	-Information is not available / account is not rated.	11/1996
****	BONDED ADJ	Public record	-Public records are associated with serious delinquencies.	12/1996
****	Bankruptcy 9634562 K13	Public record	-Public records are associated with serious delinquencies.	12/1996

### Age of Accounts:

This is a list of accounts from your credit report. This refers to the following factor in your CreditXpert Credit Analysis(tm):

**Reference Value:** You opened your first credit account 11 years ago. This may not include accounts you closed more than 7 years ago.

Account Number	Lending Institution	Age	Explanation	Last Reported Date
****	DR RUDD	4 years and 5 months	-	01/1998
****		4 years and 9 months	-	11/1996
FAH132****	FORD MOTOR	5 years and 4 months	-	03/1998
1****	STERL SVGS	5 years and 10 months	-	01/1999
56789****	BURGAN FRN	7 years and 1 month	-	01/1999
63419****	SEA 1ST BK	11 years	-	03/1998
****		N/A	-Information is not available (not reported).	03/1996
****	702BB30220	N/A	-Information is not available (not reported).	09/1997

### Account Balances:

This is a list of accounts from your credit report. This refers to the following factor in your CreditXpert Credit Analysis(tm):

**Reference Value:** You currently owe \$100 on your revolving account(s). This only includes your open accounts.

Account Number	Lending Institution	Balance	Explanation	Last Reported Date
****		\$8,545	-	03/1996

FAH132****	FORD MOTOR	\$6,534	-	03/1998
****	DR RUDD	\$683	-	01/1998
****		\$302	-	11/1996
56789****	BURGAN FRN	\$100	-	01/1999
****	702BB30220	\$0	-This account has no balance.	09/1997
63419****	SEA 1ST BK	\$0	-This account has no balance.	03/1998
1****	STERL SVGS	\$0	-This account has no balance.	01/1999

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### [CreditXpert Credit Wizard\(tm\)](#)

Your credit score is currently 612. We estimate that in one month, due to the normal aging process of your credit profile, your credit score may be 616.

The following list provides tips for improving your credit score. CreditXpert Credit Wizard(tm) believes these actions would most improve your score. Their order is important because each action may build on previous ones. Some actions may be repeated if they apply to multiple accounts. Keep in mind that you cannot impact negative factors such as length of credit history or past delinquencies.

**Method:** Opening a new revolving account.

Increasing the total available credit on your current revolving accounts.

**Action:** You can do this by making a presently delinquent account current, paying down an existing current account, or opening a new account.

Opening a new credit card account with a credit limit of at least \$500.

**Summary of score improvement due to listed actions:**

Your credit score is currently 612.

Estimated score after these actions: 623.

Estimated improvement of your score from these actions: +11.

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