# Polycab India (POLI)

CMP: ₹ 2428 Target: ₹ 2850 (17%)

Target Period: 12 months

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## High raw material cost drags margin...

**About the stock:** Polycab is the largest manufacturer of wire & cable in India. The company also entered the fast moving electrical goods (FMEG) space in 2014 and has recorded strong segment revenue CAGR of 43% in the last five years.

- Polycab is the market leader in the wire & cable business with organised market share of 23%. In the FMEG segment, it is growing through new product launches and dealer addition across India. The company has ~4100 dealers, serving.65 lakh retail outlets
- Robust b/s with RoE, RoCE of 19%, 26%, respectively, (three-year average)

Q4FY22 Results: Strong revenue growth; margin pressure continued.

- Strong revenue growth of 35% YoY to ₹ 3970 crore led by ~40% growth in the wire & cable segment. FMEG grew albeit a slow pace of 9% YoY
- EBITDA margin declined ~173 bps YoY to 12% due to higher raw material prices. Sequentially, margin improved 127 bps
- PAT increased ~15% ₹ 325 crore; tracking strong topline growth

What should investors do? Polycab's share price has grown by ~3.6x over the past two years (from ~₹ 680 in May 2020 to ~₹ 2439 levels in May 2021).

We maintain our BUY rating on the stock

**Target Price and Valuation:** We revise our target price to ₹ 2850/share valuing the stock at 35x P/E on FY24E EPS.

### Key triggers for future price performance:

- Set a target to achieve ₹ 20,000 crore revenues by FY26 (13% CAGR)
- Beneficiary of government's plans to invest ~ ₹ 111 lakh crore in FY20-25 under its National Infrastructure Pipeline
- Total ~1.7 crore new houses under PMAY, urbanisation and rising aspiration level will give a significant boost to demand for home appliances
- Model revenue, earnings CAGR of ~12%, ~15%, respectively, in FY22-24E

Alternate Stock Idea: We also like Supreme Ind under our coverage

- Supreme is market leader in plastic piping segment with ~14% market share. Robust b/s with average RoE, RoCE of 24%, 27%, respectively
- BUY with a target price of ₹ 2320



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Particulars	
Particular	Amount
Market Cap (₹ Crore)	36,284.8
Total Debt (FY22) (₹ Crore)	83.1
Cash & Inv (FY22) (₹ Crore)	417.5
EV (₹ Crore)	35,950.4
52 week H/L	2820/1468
Equity capital (₹ Crore)	149.4
Face value (₹)	10.0

Share	Shareholding pattern														
(in %)	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22									
Promoter	68.4	68.4	68.4	68.4	68.2	68.1									
FII	7.0	6.4	6.5	6.9	6.4	5.8									
DII	10.3	9.9	8.8	8.8	8.7	9.2									
Others	14.3	15.3	16.3	15.9	16.8	17.0									



### Recent event & key risks

 Key Risk: (i) Delay in revival of wire business (ii) Delay in passing on high input prices

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Key Financial Summary								
₹ Crore	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	5Year CAGR (FY17-22)	FY23E	FY24E	2Year CAGR (FY22-24E)
Net sales	7956.0	8830.0	8792.2	12203.8	17%	13594.2	15427.2	12.4%
EBITDA	923.2	1135.0	1111.1	1265.2	21%	1427.4	1805.0	19.4%
EBITDA Margin(%)	11.6	12.9	12.6	10.4		10.5	11.7	
Net Profit	500.5	765.6	885.9	917.3	30%	940.5	1207.4	14.7%
EPS (₹)	35.4	51.4	59.3	61.4		62.9	80.8	
P/E(x)	68.5	47.2	41.0	39.6		38.6	30.1	
RoE (%)	17.6	20.0	17.9	15.6		15.7	17.5	
RoCE (%)	28.3	26.4	20.6	20.2		20.7	23.0	

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research



## Key takeaways of recent quarter & conference call highlights

#### Q4FY22 Results: Strong revenue growth led by wire & cable business

- Polycab reported strong revenue growth of 35% YoY to ₹ 3970 crore led by wire & cable business. The wire & cable business (88% of overall revenue) revenue increased 40% YoY to ₹ 3540 crore, supported by ~10% YoY volume growth. The company witnessed strong demand for housing wires in Q4 led by a revival in the real estate industry and increased renovation works. However, institutional sales were impacted due to significant volatility in aluminium prices. On the FMEG front (10% of overall revenue), revenue grew albeit a slow pace of 9% YoY to ~₹ 380 crore supported by price hikes. Supply issues (of switches), realignment exercises to improve sales force efficacy and achieve distribution synergies led to slower segment revenue growth. The EPC business (~2% of overall revenue) grew 8% YoY to ₹ 104 crore
- EBITDA margin declined 173 bps YoY to 12% due to higher raw material costs. EBIT margin of wire & cable came in at 11.6% in Q4 (down 150 bps YoY) while FMEG EBIT margin was weak at 2.8% (vs. 7% in Q4FY21) due to delay in price hikes, low operating leverage (amid lower volume growth)
- PAT increased ~15% YoY ₹ 325 crore tracking higher sales growth in Q4

#### Q4FY22 Earnings Conference Call highlights

#### **Demand Outlook:**

- The company remained a market leader in the organised wire & cable segment (with value share of 24% in FY22 vs. 22% in FY21)
- The wire & cable and FMCG segment of the company is likely to see industry leading growth in FY23E supported by increased government/private capex and dealer expansion (target 300 high potential cities under project 'Shikhar'). The company maintained its long term revenue growth guidance of 13% in FY22-26E (₹ 20,000 crore revenues by FY26). Polycab has launched new sub brand "Etira" under the economy price segment, which will be target to government project
- The Company is working on four initiatives to drive FMEG segment revenue growth 1) aggressive market reach expansion, 2) building the right product portfolio across price spectrums, 3) improved brand architecture to drive premiumisation and 4) augmented influencer management programme
- Fan, lighting, switches contribute ~33%, 15%, 15% in FMEG revenues, respectively. The company plans to start in-house manufacturing of switches, going forward

#### Margins:

- The company is aiming at wire & cable segment EBIT margin in the range of 11-13% in FY22-24E (vs 9.8% in FY22E). On the FMEG front, it aims to achieve 12% annualised EBITDA margin by FY26 (vs. 1.6% in FY22)
- The premium product contribution in the FMEG segment increased from 7% in FY21 to 16% in FY22. Despite higher contribution of premium products the company's EBIT margin remain under pressure due to higher A&P, staff cost and input cost pressures

#### Other:

- Authorised dealers & distributors increased from 4100 in FY21 to 4600 in FY22. The retail touch points increased by 24% YoY to 205000
- The company is targeting a capex of ₹ 300-350 crore to increase the capacity in the wire & cable segment and setting up new switch manufacturing plant

Exhibit 1: Pee	r comp	ariso	n																						
Componi	Мсар		Rev	enue		EB	ITDA 1	nargin			PA	ιT			RoC	E			RoE				ı	PE	
Company	₹cr	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY21 F	Y22EF	Y23EF	Y24E	FY21	FY22EI	Y23E	FY24E	FY21	FY22EF	Y23EF	Y24E	FY21	FY22EF1	/23EF\	/24E	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Havells	76,677	10428	13056	14893	17783	15	13	12	14	1040	1109	1201	1666	25	24	26	35	20	20	22	29	74	69	64	46
Crompton Greaves	22,753	4804	5439	6204	7017	15	14	13	14	617	547	542	667	34	35	25	29	32	28	23	25	37	42	42	34
Bajaj Electrical	10,596	4585	4805	5356	6111	7	5	8	9	189	128	283	378	15	14	21	23	11	9	17	19	56	83	37	28
Polycab	36,285	8792	12204	13594	15427	13	10	11	12	886	917	941	1207	21	20	21	23	18	16	16	17	41	40	39	30
Symphony	7,143	900	1039	1283	1559	15	15	18	20	107	121	183	243	15	16	24	29	15	14	24	27	67	59	39	29
V guard	8,866	2721	3345	3809	4232	11	10	10	11	202	199	243	300	24	23	25	27	17	17	19	21	44	45	37	30
Voltas	32,346	7556	7934	9708	10895	8	9	9	11	529	506	694	957	15	14	18	21	11	9	14	17	61	64	47	34

Source: BSE, ICICI Direct Research

In FY22, Polycab reported consolidated revenue growth of 39% YoY to ~₹ 12204 crore (two year CAGR 18%) supported by ~10% volume growth. However, the company witnessed pressure in EBITDA margin (down ~230 bps YoY) to 10.4% owing to delay in passing of the higher raw material prices. As a result, Polycab reported a muted PAT growth of 4% YoY to ₹ 917 crore (two year CAGR 9%). Going forward, the company has maintained its FY26E revenue guidance of ₹ 20,000 crore (implied revenue CAGR of 13% FY22-24E). We like Polycab for its strong brand & leadership position in the wire & cable business and aggressive plans to expand its FMEG product portfolio. The company has recruited senior personnel from industry to drive its FMEG business. On the wire& cable front, we believe it will be one of the key beneficiaries of a revival in government capex on infra projects. The company has a robust balance sheet with RoE and RoCE of 16% & 20%, respectively, and net cash balance of ~₹ 1100 crore (March 2022). We believe strong future growth and robust balance sheet position of Polycab will narrow down the valuation gap with peers like Havells. We value Polycab at 35x P/E FY24E EPS and maintain our BUY rating on the stock.

	Q4FY22	Q4FY21	YoY (%)	Q3FY22	QoQ (%)	Comments
Revenue	3970.0	2942.7	34.9	3372.0	17.7	Revenue growth led by wire & cable segment
Other Income	16.8	23.1	-27.3	21.6	-22	
Raw Material Exp	3089.2	2185.6	41.3	2609.5	18.4	Delay in price hikes in thre wire segments led to decline in gross margin by 354 bps YoY
Employee cost	105.0	97.6	7.6	102.5	2.4	
Adevertisement Exp	16.6	14.4	15.3	43.6	-61.8	
Freight and forwarding Exp	79.1	70.2	12.6	85.9	-7.9	
Other Expenditure	203.7	170.8	19.3	168.8	20.7	
Total Expenditure	3493.6	2538.6	37.6	3010.3	16.1	
EBITDA	476.3	404.1	17.9	361.7	31.7	
EBITDA Margin (%)	12.0	13.7	-173 bps	10.7	127 bps	Savings in other costs partially offset higher raw material costs, restricting overall fall in EBITDA margin to 173 bps
Depreciation	50.3	46.1	9.1	51.1	-1.7	
Interest	12.5	13.2	-5.2	7.8	60.1	
PBT	430.4	368.0	17.0	324.4	32.7	
Total Tax	104.7	97.6	7.3	76.3	37.2	
(Profit)/loss from discon. Op	-	(12.1)	NM	(67.8)	NM	
PAT	325.3	283.3	14.9	316.2	2.9	PAT growth supported by higher topline growth
Key Metrics*						
Wires & Cables	3,540.0	2,531.8	39.8	2,998.8	18.0	Revenue growth supported by $\sim$ 10% volume growth. Wires grew faster than cables. Housing wires posted strong growth led by continued momentum in real estate and renovation activities
FMEG	379.2	346.8	9.3	340.4	11.4	Decline in the revenue of switches (15% of segment revenue) and re-structuring excerise for distribution synergies led to slowe growth in the segment
Others	104.4	96.0	8.9	98.9	5.6	Pick up in infra activities helped drive segment revenue
*Including inter segment revenu	ue					

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 3: Change	in estimates						
(₹ crore)	l	FY23E			FY24E		Comments
	Old	New	% Chg	Old	New	% Chg	
Revenue	12,405.9	13,594.2	9.6	13,989.5	15,427.2	10.3	We have revised our revenue estimates upside considering strong demand traction in the wire & cable and FMCG segment.
EBITDA	1,284.0	1427.4	11.2	1,671.7	1,805.0	8.0	
EBITDA Margin (%)	10.4	10.5	10bps	12.0	11.7	-30bps	We have slightly cut our margin estimates for FY24E considering change in product mix (launch of economy products) and higher advertisement expenditure
PAT	866.1	940.5	8.6	1,158.8	1,207.4	4.2	
EPS (₹)	58.0	62.9	8.6	77.5	80.8	4.2	

Source: ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 4: As	ssumpti	ons							
			Curre	ent (%)			Prev	rious	Comments
	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E	
Wire & Cable	14.0	8.6	0.0	42.2	11.0	13.0	10.0	11.0	We believe, revival in the government expenditure and pick up in real esate would help drive demand of wires & cable business going forward
FMEG	34.6	30.7	23.8	21.3	16.0	19.0	15.0	18.0	Low base coupled, new product launches and addition of new dealers would help drive growth in the FMEG segment.
Others	92.5	29.8	(49.7)	23.5	10.0	8.0	21.0	12.5	Pick up in infra activities would help recovery in EPC business

Source: ICICI Direct Research

## Financial Summary

Exhibit 5: Profit and	d loss state	ement		₹	crore
(Year-end March)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	8,830.0	8,792.2	12,203.8	13,594.2	15,427.2
Growth (%)	11.0	-0.4	38.8	11.4	13.5
Raw material expense	5,626.6	5,770.7	8,711.5	9,352.8	10,382.5
Employee expenses	365.7	353.7	406.6	448.6	540.0
Advertisement & Promo	108.7	68.3	82.3	122.3	138.8
rarding expenses	189.7	195.7	274.0	380.6	324.0
Other expenses	662.2	546.3	710.0	883.6	1,002.8
Total Operating Exp	7,694.9	7,681.1	10,938.6	12,166.8	13,622.2
EBITDA	1,135.0	1,111.1	1,265.2	1,427.4	1,805.0
Growth (%)	22.9	-2.1	13.9	12.8	26.5
Depreciation	160.9	176.2	201.5	233.8	262.3
Interest	49.5	42.7	35.2	29.3	34.5
Other Income	92.8	119.3	89.9	95.2	108.0
PBT	1,017.4	1,011.6	1,118.4	1,259.5	1,616.2
Total Tax	244.4	170.3	270.6	317.4	407.3
PAT	765.6	885.9	917.3	940.5	1,207.4
Growth (%)	53.0	15.7	3.5	2.5	28.4
EPS (₹)	51.4	56.8	57.7	62.9	80.8

Exhibit 6: Cash flow stater	nent			₹	crore
(Year-end March)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Profit after Tax	765.6	885.9	917.3	940.5	1207.4
Add: Depreciation	160.9	176.2	201.5	233.8	262.3
(Inc)/dec in Current Assets	-152.3	153.4	-303.3	-1506.0	-749.1
Inc/(dec) in CL and Provisions	-608.8	-28.6	-207.1	913.9	350.8
Others	49.5	42.7	35.2	29.3	34.5
CF from operating activities	214.9	1229.7	643.5	611.5	1105.8
(Inc)/dec in Investments	-40.0	-583.1	-140.9	-20.0	-20.0
(Inc)/dec in Fixed Assets	-355.4	-479.4	-270.7	-350.0	-350.0
Others	9.7	-2.4	-17.5	5.0	5.0
CF from investing activities	-385.8	-1,065.0	-429.1	-365.0	-365.0
Issue/(Buy back) of Equity	7.7	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0
Inc/(dec) in loan funds	-39.7	96.4	-165.6	50.0	10.0
Dividend paid & dividend tax	-104.5	-149.3	-209.2	-298.9	-298.9
Others	271.2	138.0	46.2	-212.0	-34.5
CF from financing activities	134.6	85.3	-328.2	-460.9	-323.4
Net Cash flow	-36.2	250.0	-113.8	-214.4	417.4
Opening Cash	317.6	281.4	531.3	417.5	203.2
Closing Cash	281.4	531.3	417.5	203.2	620.6

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research
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Exhibit 7: Balance S	heet				₹ crore
(Year-end March)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Liabilities					
Equity Capital	148.9	149.1	149.4	149.4	149.4
Reserve and Surplus	3,687.5	4,604.8	5,394.3	5,853.2	6,761.7
Total Shareholders funds	3,836.4	4,753.9	5,543.7	6,002.7	6,911.2
Total Debt	152.3	248.7	83.1	133.1	143.1
Other non current liabilities	49.6	117.4	97.4	102.4	107.4
Total Liabilities	4,038.3	5,120.0	5,724.3	6,238.2	7,161.7
Assets					
Gross Block	2,093.1	2,714.7	2,985.4	3,335.4	3,685.4
Less: Acc Depreciation	671.2	847.4	1,048.9	1,282.7	1,545.0
Total Fixed Assets	1,663.1	1,966.4	2,035.5	2,151.7	2,239.5
Investments	40.0	623.1	764.1	784.1	804.1
Inventory	1,925.0	1,987.9	2,199.6	2,793.3	3,170.0
Debtors	1,599.7	1,564.1	1,376.3	2,234.7	2,536.0
Loans and Advances	29.8	12.3	12.7	14.1	16.0
Other CA	345.6	182.3	461.2	513.8	583.1
Cash	281.4	531.3	417.5	203.2	620.6
Total Current Assets	4,181.4	4,277.9	4,467.4	5,759.1	6,925.6
Creditors	1,353.7	1,348.0	1,217.5	2,048.4	2,324.6
Provisions	49.4	48.7	51.8	87.2	98.9
Other CL	520.2	498.0	418.3	465.9	528.7
Total Current Liabilities	1,923.3	1,894.7	1,687.6	2,601.5	2,952.3
Net current assets	2,258.1	2,383.2	2,779.8	3,157.6	3,973.3
Other non current assets	77.1	147.3	144.9	144.9	144.9
Total Assets	4,038.3	5,120.0	5,724.3	6,238.2	7,161.7

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 8: Key ratios	3				
(Year-end March)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Per share data (₹)					
EPS	51.4	59.3	61.4	62.9	80.8
Cash EPS	62.2	71.1	74.9	78.6	98.3
BV	257.7	318.1	371.0	401.7	462.5
DPS	7.0	10.0	14.0	20.0	20.0
Operating Ratios (%)					
EBITDA Margin	12.9	12.6	10.4	10.5	11.7
PAT Margin	8.7	9.7	7.1	6.9	7.8
Asset Turnover	4.2	3.2	4.1	4.1	4.2
Inventory Days	79.6	82.5	65.8	75.0	75.0
Debtor Days	66.1	64.9	41.2	60.0	60.0
Creditor Days	56.0	56.0	36.4	55.0	55.0
Return Ratios (%)					
RoE	20.0	17.9	15.6	15.7	17.5
RoCE	26.4	20.6	20.2	20.7	23.0
RolC	24.7	22.1	22.5	21.8	25.6
Valuation Ratios (x)					
P/E	47.2	41.0	39.6	38.6	30.1
EV / EBITDA	31.8	31.8	27.8	24.8	19.4
EV / Net Sales	4.1	4.0	2.9	2.6	2.3
Market Cap / Sales	4.1	4.1	3.0	2.7	2.4
Price to Book Value	9.4	7.6	6.5	6.0	5.3
Solvency Ratios					
Debt / Equity	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Current Ratio	2.8	2.7	3.2	2.6	2.6
Quick Ratio	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.3

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 9: ICICI D	irect	t Cor	sume	er Disci	retio	nary	univ	erse	!															
Sector / Company	CMP	TD/#\	Rating	M Cap		EPS	(₹)			P/E (	x)			EV/EBIT	DA (x)			RoCE	(%)			RoE	(%)	
Sector / Company	(₹)	IF(X)	natiliy	(₹ Cr)	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY21	FY22E I	Y23E1	FY24E	FY21	FY22E I	Y23E	FY24E	FY21	FY22E I	FY23E I	FY24E	FY21	FY22E	FY23E I	FY24E
Asian Paints (ASIPAI)	3,054	3,400	Hold	2,92,879	33.4	32.2	43.1	52.3	91.3	94.9	70.9	58.4	59.4	60.4	47.4	39.5	29.6	27.1	33.3	36.8	25.0	23.0	28.4	30.9
Berger Paints (BERPAI)	663	755	Hold	64,391	7.4	8.7	9.6	12.5	89.5	76.3	69.1	52.8	54.0	47.9	43.7	34.2	24.9	27.7	29.1	33.9	21.3	23.1	24.0	27.7
Kansai Nerolac (KANNER)	412	505	Hold	22,204	10.8	9.0	10.6	13.5	38.1	45.9	38.9	30.5	25.0	28.7	24.5	19.6	18.2	15.5	17.1	20.2	14.3	12.0	13.1	15.3
Pidilite Industries (PIDIND)	2,164	2,575	Hold	1,09,888	22.2	23.9	25.9	33.2	97.6	90.5	83.7	65.1	65.1	58.7	55.8	44.3	23.8	22.1	23.5	29.5	20.2	18.6	19.9	25.0
Bajaj Electricals (BAJELE)	925	1,100	Hold	10,596	16.5	11.2	24.7	33.0	56.1	82.5	37.5	28.0	35.7	40.8	25.2	19.9	15.1	14.0	21.0	23.3	10.7	9.2	16.5	18.6
Crompton Greaves(CROGR)	363	440	Hold	22,753	9.8	8.7	8.6	10.6	36.9	41.6	42.0	34.1	30.1	29.7	28.1	23.4	34.4	35.2	25.2	29.3	31.9	27.7	23.3	24.9
Havells India (HAVIND)	1,229	1,375	Hold	76,677	16.7	17.8	19.3	26.7	73.8	69.2	63.8	46.0	48.2	45.7	42.6	31.4	24.9	24.2	25.9	34.7	20.1	20.4	21.8	29.2
Polycab India (POLI)	2,428	2,850	Buy	36,285	59.3	61.4	62.9	80.8	41.0	39.6	38.6	30.1	31.8	27.8	24.8	19.4	20.6	20.2	20.7	23.0	17.9	15.6	15.7	17.5
Symphony (SYMLIM)	1,021	1,215	Hold	7,143	15.3	17.3	26.1	34.8	66.8	59.0	39.1	29.3	50.1	43.2	30.1	22.7	15.2	15.9	24.5	29.0	14.9	14.4	23.6	27.4
V-Guard Ind (VGUARD)	207	252	Buy	8,866	4.7	4.6	5.7	7.0	43.9	44.6	36.5	29.5	27.5	27.0	23.7	19.1	23.9	23.1	24.8	27.5	16.7	16.7	18.9	21.1
Voltas Ltd (VOLTAS)	978	1,120	Hold	32,346	16.0	15.3	21.0	28.9	61.2	63.9	46.6	33.8	49.7	46.5	38.6	27.5	15.0	14.0	18.0	21.0	10.6	9.2	13.8	16.6
Amber Enterprises (AMBEN)	3,339	4,330	Buy	11,250	24.7	45.7	76.4	104.5	135.1	73.1	43.7	32.0	50.9	36.3	24.7	19.2	7.7	11.1	15.2	18.0	5.2	9.2	13.4	15.6
Dixon Technologies (DIXTEC)	3,512	5,700	Buy	20,844	27.3	35.9	78.5	110.9	128.8	97.7	44.7	31.7	72.7	50.7	27.9	20.6	23.5	27.4	39.9	39.7	21.7	26.4	39.9	38.3
Supreme Indus (SUPIND)	1,897	2,320	Buy	24,097	77.0	76.2	78.8	92.7	24.6	24.9	24.1	20.5	18.2	19.0	18.2	14.9	33.1	25.9	25.2	26.7	30.9	25.2	24.3	25.1
Astral Ltd (ASTPOL)	1,832	2,165	Hold	36,802	20.3	24.9	27.5	33.9	90.2	73.6	66.5	54.0	56.4	47.5	43.9	36.2	27.5	29.6	28.8	30.3	21.5	23.0	22.3	23.3

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