THE FAILED BREAKOUT LEDGER

Palantir's Breakout Failed. These Are the Levels That Decide What Comes Next.

BOTTOM LINE

- **The breakout failed.** Palantir closed at a record $209.05 on October 9, then fell 11.0% in five sessions to $186.03. That puts it back in its August–September range of $165 to $195.
- **The short-term evidence leans lower.** Friday's 7.2% drop came on 1.4 times normal volume and closed near the day's low. In 9 of the 10 past cases like this, Palantir closed lower again within a month, by a median of about 7%.
- **Watch $182 to $185 and $164 to $170 below, and $195 above.** Earnings, expected November 2, are priced for a move of about 11%. That is larger than the distance to any of these levels.

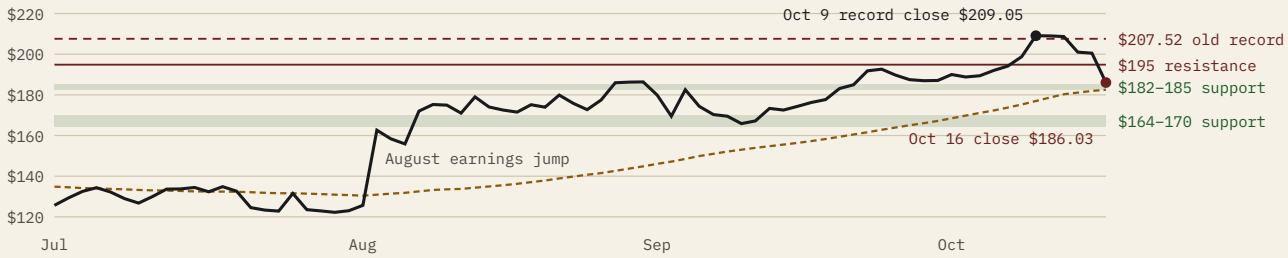
WHAT HAPPENED

On October 9 Palantir closed above $207.52, its November 2025 record and the level our earlier notes marked (Note No. 024 covered the first slip). Three sessions later it fell back below.

SESSION	CLOSE	CHANGE	VOLUME VS. NORMAL	WHAT CHANGED
Fri Oct 9	$209.05	+5.2%	1.6×	Record close, above the $207.52 old record
Mon Oct 12	$209.00	0.0%	1.0×	Record intraday high of $212.94
Wed Oct 14	$200.97	−3.7%	1.0×	Closed back below the old record
Fri Oct 16	$186.03	−7.2%	1.4×	Largest drop of the week, closed near the low

WHY IT HAPPENED

We found no Palantir news. Friday was a software selloff: 43 of 45 stocks in a Yahoo Finance software basket fell, and the software ETF IGV lost nearly 5%. Reports cited worry about how the AI data-center buildout will be paid for, which hits AI software sellers directly. Palantir is also priced at about 55 times its projected annual revenue. It fell twice as much as the Nasdaq-100 fund QQQ, which lost 5.5% on the week.



PLTR daily closes since July 1, 2026. Dashed amber line = 50-day average.

−11.0% The fall from the October 9 record close in five sessions. A 10% drop from a high is the usual definition of a correction. Price is still 21.9% above its 200-day average, so the long-term trend is up.

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WHAT THE INDICATORS SAY

INDICATOR	READING	WHAT IT MEANS
RSI (14-day)	46	A 0–100 score of recent gains vs. losses. Down from 76 on Oct 9. Oversold starts below 30.
50-day average	$182.57	Mean close of the last 50 sessions. Price is 1.9% above it; no close below it since Aug 3.
Size of Friday's drop	2.1×	The $14.47 fall was twice its average daily range. It closed in the bottom 8% of the day's range.

WHAT HAPPENED AFTER SIMILAR DROPS

Since 2023, Palantir has 10 times first closed 10% or more below a 52-week high set in the prior two weeks, while above its 200-day average. The baseline is every day above the 200-day in the same years.

TIME AFTER THE DROP	AFTER SIMILAR DROPS (10 CASES)	BASELINE (EVERY DAY ABOVE THE 200-DAY)
1 week	Median +4.4%, higher in 7 of 10	Median +1.7%, higher 60% of the time
1 month	Median +7.7%, higher in 6 of 10	Median +7.2%, higher 66% of the time
3 months	Median +8.6%, higher in 7 of 10	Median +23.2%, higher 77% of the time
Lowest close within 1 month	Median −7%, lower in 9 of 10	Median −5.6%

9 of 10 Past cases that closed lower again within a month. The median further drop, about 7%, would mean about $173 from here. The three-month result trailed the baseline. Ten cases is a small sample.

LEVELS TO WATCH

LEVEL	WHY IT MATTERS	IF PALANTIR CLOSES BEYOND IT
$195	Rallies stopped here Sep 24 and Oct 2	Above: a pullback, not a reversal; $207.52 is next
$182–$185	50-day average, Sep 29 low, Friday's low	Below: the $164–$170 zone is next
$164–$170	Floor of the Aug–Sep range, five lows	Below: little support until $146–$156

WHAT THE OPTIONS MARKET EXPECTS

November 20 options price a typical move of about ±$35, or $151 to $221. Options expiring just after earnings (72% implied volatility) versus just before (52%) price about ±11% for the report itself. Primer No. 004 explains the method.

WHAT WE DO NOT KNOW

We cannot tell yet whether this is a Palantir problem or a software one. Calendars list earnings for November 2 or November 9. The 10 past cases all come from Palantir's strong 2023–2025 run.

Sources & method: PLTR daily prices and volume via public market-data feeds, through the Oct 16, 2026 close; indicators computed by Ananke Alpha from raw data (Wilder RSI-14, 50/200-day averages, 14-day average true range). Levels: clustered swing highs and lows, 250 sessions. Analogs: first close ≥10% below a 52-week closing high set within 10 sessions, above the 200-day, cases ≥10 sessions apart; baseline = all sessions above the 200-day since Jun 1, 2023. Options: chain quotes after the Oct 16 close; event move = $\sqrt{(0.723^2 - 0.520^2)} \times \sqrt{(18/365)}$, approximate. Sector figures: Yahoo Finance and 24/7 Wall St., Oct 16, 2026. Prior level: Note No. 023.

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