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# 5 Warning Signs That A Hot Stock May Be Losing Momentum

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**Highlights:**
- Learn how CPI and PPI may move markets
- Inflation could challenge bullish trends
- AI infrastructure stocks showing unusual strength
- Trend indicators for stronger trade timing
- Learn trail-stop tactics for fast-moving stocks
- Rotation opportunities beyond mega-cap tech
- Review metals, semiconductors, and infrastructure setups
- See how traders evaluate strength versus exhaustion

**Lineup for this Episode:**
- Chris Sayre of BigTrends.com
- The Option Professor of OptionProfessor.com

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# Title: 5 Warning Signs That A Hot Stock May Be Losing Momentum

Hot stocks can create exciting opportunities, but they can also tempt traders into chasing after the easiest money has already been made. Momentum is powerful while it lasts, but the real skill is recognizing when that power may be weakening. By watching trend indicators, moving averages, price reactions, and support levels, traders can protect gains, avoid late entries, and stay ready for the next opportunity.

## Warning Sign 1: The Stock Runs Too Far Too Fast

A sharp rally can be profitable, but when a stock rockets higher in a short period of time, traders should avoid assuming the move will continue indefinitely. Fast gains often attract emotional buying, and emotional buying can quickly turn into exhaustion. Instead of chasing, consider using a trail stop, trimming partial profits, or waiting for a healthier pullback.

*“Wouldn’t get too greedy.”*

**Warning Sign 2: Momentum Indicators Stop Confirming Strength**

A stock may still look strong on the surface, but indicators can reveal whether momentum is still expanding or beginning to fade. If strength measures such as ADX, DMI, or percent range stop confirming the move, traders should become more cautious. The goal is not to predict the top, but to recognize when the trend is no longer strengthening.

*"You see percent are actually perking up a little bit. It's in no man's land."*

**Warning Sign 3: The Stock Breaks Below Key Moving Averages**

Moving averages can act as practical trend guides. A strong stock should generally hold above the key averages that supported the move. When price starts closing below important short-term or intermediate-term averages, it may be signaling that buyers are losing control. Traders should decide in advance which average matters most for their timeframe.

*"I would use the moving averages to get out of a position"*

**Warning Sign 4: Earnings Create A Reversal Instead Of Follow-Through**

Earnings can confirm a strong trend, but they can also expose a stock that has already priced in too much good news. When a stock rises into earnings and then reverses, gaps down, or fails to hold gains, it may be a sign that expectations were too high. Traders should be especially cautious when a stock appears to be "pointing" one way before a catalyst and then moves sharply the other way.

*"Earnings got people right."*

**Warning Sign 5: Better Opportunities Appear Elsewhere**

One of the most overlooked warning signs is opportunity cost. A stock does not need to collapse to become less attractive. It may simply stall while other sectors begin showing cleaner strength. When a former leader becomes choppy, extended, or expensive to trade, disciplined traders can move on instead of forcing a trade that no longer offers the best setup.

*“There’s 5000 stocks out there, go find another one”*

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