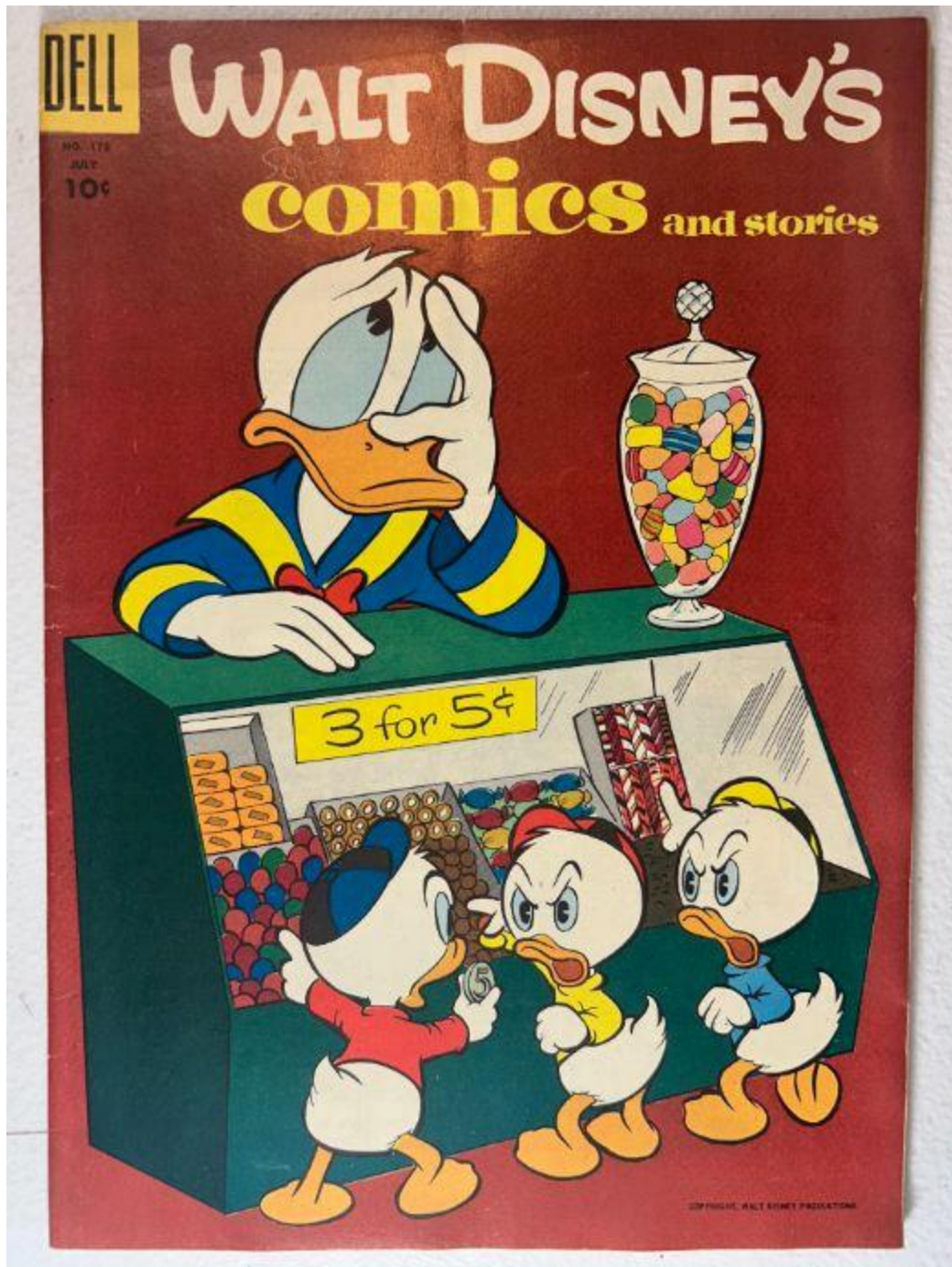


Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 15 No. 10 (July 1953)

Evaluation Date: April 3, 2026



SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS

This comic retains the front cover, back cover, centerfold, all photographed interior pages, and both original staples. The book presents with strong overall visual appeal, including vivid cover and interior colors and retained surface gloss. The spine appears straight and continuous, and all pages remain attached.

Observed condition issues are limited in scope. The **spine edge shows measured vertical cracking**, while the **staples remain present and structurally intact**. Interior pages show uniform age toning without isolated staining or tearing. The paper demonstrates retained flexibility in the brittleness test, based on visible bend behavior.

FRONT COVER — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

Clear image showing the full front cover. The illustration depicts Donald Duck leaning against a counter while three nephews stand in front of a glass candy display. The background is a dark red field with a green display case and multicolored candy shapes visible inside.

Observations:

The front cover retains **high surface gloss**, visible as light reflection across the dark red background field. Color saturation remains strong in the red, green, yellow, blue, and white areas. Ink boundaries are clean and well defined.

Along the **spine edge**, several **vertical stress cracks** are visible. Individual cracks affect approximately **2–4 mm of vertical length** each and remain narrow, with openings **<1 mm wide**. No paper loss is visible along the spine on the front cover.

The **bottom edge** shows light edge wear affecting **~5–10 mm intermittently**, limited to surface abrasion. Corner rounding is present on all four corners, affecting **~3–5 mm** inward, without fiber separation.

No diagonal creases or breaks extend into the main artwork field.

Overall Impression:

The front cover remains visually striking with **excellent color and gloss**, offset by **light, measured spine cracking and minor edge wear**.

BACK COVER — OBSERVATIONS

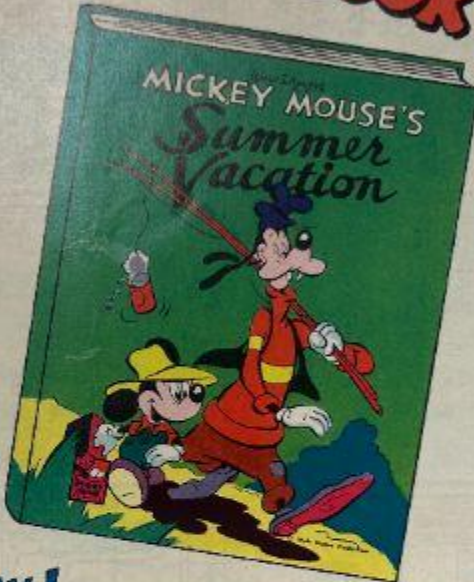
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Photo Condition & Quality:

Clear image showing the full back cover subscription advertisement with a light background and a green illustrated booklet.

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Observations:

The back cover exhibits **uniform tan toning** across the page, slightly darker toward the outer margins. No isolated dark patches, tide lines, cockling, or paper distortion are visible.

Edge wear is present along the bottom edge, affecting **~5–10 mm intermittently**. Corners show rounding of **~3–5 mm**. No paper loss is visible.

Overall Impression:

The back cover remains intact with **uniform age toning and light handling wear only**.

INTERIOR PAGES — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

Multiple interior pages are shown flat. Pages depict multi-panel comic layouts featuring Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse, Pluto, and supporting characters in indoor and outdoor scenes with speech balloons present.





Observations:

Interior pages exhibit **tan to light-tan paper coloration**, darker toward outer margins and lighter near gutters. This toning pattern is consistent across photographed pages.

Color reproduction remains strong, with reds, blues, greens, and yellows retaining clarity. Linework is crisp and legible. Minor bottom-margin waviness is visible on some pages, affecting **~10–20 mm** segments. Lower outer corners show small bends extending **~3–5 mm** inward.

No interior tears, writing, ink transfer, or moisture-related distortion are visible.

Overall Impression:

Interior pages are **clean, readable, and visually strong**, with **uniform age toning and minor handling wear**.

CENTERFOLD — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

Clear image showing two facing centerfold pages with the central gutter visible.



Observations:

Both original staples pass through the centerfold. The fold line shows light compression extending ~**1–2 mm** on either side. Staple perforations remain close to original size, with no enlargement beyond ~**1 mm**. No tearing or paper loss is visible at the fold.

Overall Impression:

The centerfold remains **securely attached and structurally sound**.

SPINE — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

Side-profile image showing the full spine resting on a rack.

**Observations:**

The spine appears **straight and continuous**. Several **fine vertical cracks** are visible, each affecting approximately **2–4 mm** of vertical length. No paper loss, splitting, or exposed interior layers are visible.

Overall Impression:

The spine shows **light, measured cracking**, while remaining structurally intact.

UPPER STAPLE — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

Macro image clearly showing the upper staple and surrounding paper.



Observations:

The upper staple is present and intact. The metal shows **light surface oxidation**, visible as mild darkening. Surrounding paper appears intact, with no tearing, cracking, or slot enlargement beyond the original penetration.

Overall Impression:

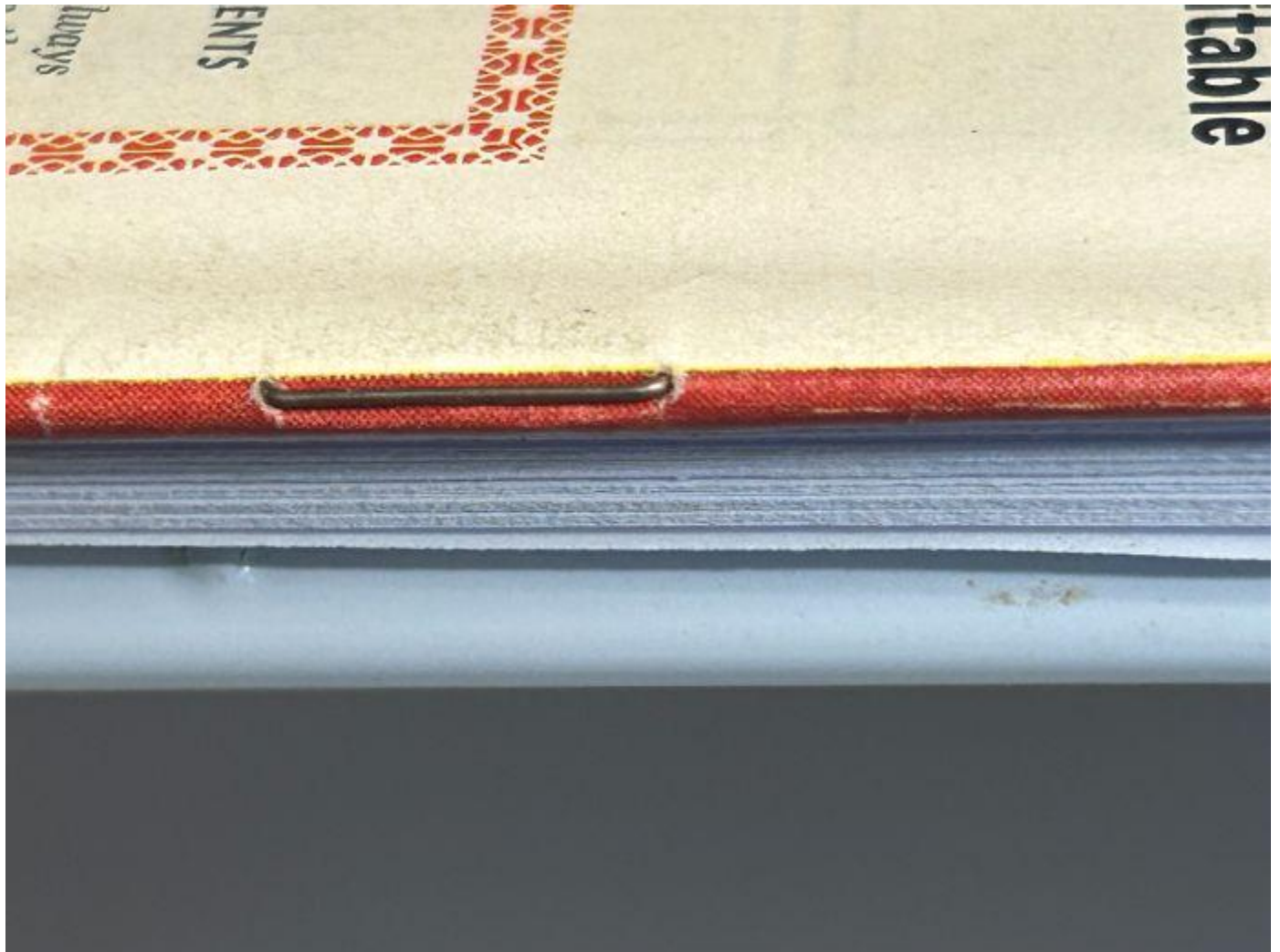
The upper staple remains **structurally sound with light oxidation only**.

LOWER STAPLE — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

Macro image clearly showing the lower staple and surrounding paper.



Observations:

The lower staple is present and intact. Oxidation is comparable to the upper staple and remains surface-level. No surrounding paper damage or slot enlargement is visible.

Overall Impression:

The lower staple remains **structurally sound with light oxidation only**.

BRITTLENESS TEST — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

Clear image showing a page corner flexed outward.



Observations:

The page corner forms a smooth bend with a curved arc of approximately **25–35 mm**. No visible fiber fracture, splitting, or flaking is present along the bend line. Partial rebound toward flat is visible after flex.

Overall Impression:

The paper is **not brittle** and retains good flexibility.