

■ **Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 16 No. 10**
(July 1954)

Evaluation Date: April 2, 2026



SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS

This comic retains the front cover, back cover, centerfold, all photographed interior pages, and both original staples. Interior pages exhibit cream to light-tan paper coloration with strong ink saturation and clear linework across multiple story pages. All pages remain attached, and the paper demonstrates retained flexibility in the brittleness test.

Observed condition issues are concentrated at the **front cover and spine**, where **edge abrasion, vertical spine cracking, and discrete areas of paper loss** are visible. These defects are limited in extent and do not result in complete spine splits or page detachment. The centerfold remains attached with no visible tearing or paper loss at the fold.

FRONT COVER — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

The image shows the full front cover with clear visibility of all edges, corners, and the spine. Lighting is even, and surface texture, edge wear, and fiber loss are discernible.

Observations:

The front cover displays **strong color saturation**, particularly in the green background field and the multicolored character artwork. Ink coverage is even, and printed outlines remain sharp.

Along the **bottom edge**, multiple **abrasion zones** are visible. These zones consist of surface thinning and shallow fiber loss extending **approximately 5–15 mm in length per area**, with individual losses penetrating **~1–3 mm upward** from the edge. The affected areas are discrete rather than continuous and do not intrude into the central artwork field.

Along the **spine edge**, **vertical stress cracks** are present at multiple points. These cracks range from **hairline separations (<1 mm wide)** to wider openings exposing underlying paper fibers measuring **approximately 1–3 mm wide**. In the **lower spine region**, **paper loss** is visible at several points, each affecting **roughly 3–6 mm of vertical spine length**, with material loss penetrating through the cover stock.

Corner wear is present on all four corners. The **lower spine-side corner** shows rounding and blunting affecting **approximately 4–6 mm** inward from the original corner tip. The remaining corners show rounding affecting **approximately 3–5 mm**, without material loss.

No diagonal creases, folds, or breaks are visible across the main artwork.

Overall Impression:

The front cover remains attached and visually strong, with **measured edge abrasion and spine-related cracking with limited paper loss** as the primary defects.

BACK COVER — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

The photograph shows the entire back cover advertisement with all edges and corners visible.

Dopey Dan and Safety Sam
brought to you by
JUICY FRUIT GUM

Dopey Dan's Accidents:
Dopey hitched behind a car
He was thrown wide and far
Had to stay in bed, poor lad
Hurt all over—isn't that sad?

Safety Sam is smart, you bet
Never had an accident yet
He won't hitch 'cause he's no dope
You're like Safety Sam—we hope!

Dopey rode his bike one night
Wore dark clothes without a light
Car came speeding down the street
Knocked poor Dopey fifty feet

Safety Sam knows how to ride
Doing things right gives him pride
When it gets dark he wears things white
In front and rear a light shines bright

Don't be a Dopey Dan!
Don't hitch behind cars or trucks.
Don't zig zag from side to side.
Don't carry "passengers" on your bike.
Don't ride "without hands."
Don't ride so fast you may lose your balance or be unable to stop quickly.
Don't ride with bad brakes or tires.

Be Smart - like Safety Sam!
Do look carefully when approaching an intersection.
Do signal before turning but keep both hands on handlebars when you turn.
Do ride on right side of roadway.
Do know the traffic laws and obey them.
Do wear white when it gets dark, and use bright headlight and red, rear reflector.

AND HERE'S AN IDEA!
Tell your Mom that chewing **JUICY FRUIT GUM** helps keep your teeth clean and that it won't spoil your appetite. Ask her to bring home a good supply.

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Observations:

The back cover remains fully intact. Edge wear is visible along the bottom margin, consisting of light abrasion extending **approximately 5–10 mm intermittently**. Corners show rounding affecting **approximately 3–5 mm** inward from each corner tip.

Surface inspection shows light, evenly distributed surface soiling without staining, tide lines, or moisture-related distortion. No paper loss is visible along any back-cover edge.

Overall Impression:

The back cover shows **minor, bounded handling wear** with no structural defects.

INTERIOR PAGES — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

Interior pages are shown flat with margins, gutters, and page edges visible.





Observations:

Interior pages exhibit **cream to light-tan paper tone**, lighter than many early-1950s examples. Printed colors remain strong with good contrast. Black linework is crisp.

Several pages show **natural waviness** along the lower margins, affecting segments of **approximately 10–25 mm in length** per page. The waviness does not correspond to creases, cracking, or fiber separation and appears consistent with age-related paper behavior.

Small corner bends are visible at some lower outer corners, with bends extending **approximately 4–7 mm** inward. No full-thickness tears, stains, writing, or ink transfer are visible.

Overall Impression:

Interior pages are complete, visually strong, and show **limited, measurable handling wear**.

CENTERFOLD — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

The centerfold image shows both pages and the central fold line clearly, with staple locations visible.



Observations:

Both original staples pass through the centerfold. The fold line shows mild compression extending **approximately 1–2 mm** on either side of the fold. No tearing, splitting, or missing paper is visible.

Staple perforations remain close to original size. Any compression around the perforations does not exceed **~1 mm beyond the original hole diameter**. No rust staining or discoloration extends into the surrounding centerfold paper.

Overall Impression:

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

SPINE — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

Close-range images show the full spine length with adequate detail to assess cracking and paper loss.

**Observations:**

The spine exhibits **multiple vertical cracks** running perpendicular to the fold. Individual cracks affect **approximately 2–6 mm of vertical length** each. Some cracks remain surface-level, while others penetrate through the cover stock.

Discrete **paper loss zones** are visible at several points, each affecting **approximately 3–6 mm of spine length**. These losses are intermittent and do not connect to form a continuous split. Overall spine alignment remains straight, with no pronounced roll visible.

Overall Impression:

The spine shows **measured cracking and localized material loss**, but remains continuous.

UPPER STAPLE — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

Macro image shows the upper staple and surrounding paper clearly.



Observations:

The upper staple exhibits oxidation covering most of the visible metal surface. Discoloration extends **approximately 2–3 mm** into the surrounding paper directly beneath the staple crown. No tearing or enlargement of the staple slot beyond **~1 mm** is visible.

Overall Impression:

Upper staple remains functional with **oxidation and limited, bounded paper discoloration**.

LOWER STAPLE — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

Macro image shows the lower staple and adjacent paper fibers clearly.



Observations:

The lower staple shows oxidation comparable to the upper staple. Surrounding paper remains intact, with no tearing or slot enlargement exceeding **~1 mm** visible.

Overall Impression:

Lower staple remains functional with **oxidation present and no observable structural compromise.**

BRITTLENESS TEST — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

The image shows a page corner flexed outward with fibers visible.



Observations:

The page corner flexes without audible cracking. The bend forms smoothly with no visible fiber fracture or flaking. The flex arc spans **approximately 25–35 mm** from the corner tip. After release, the page partially rebounds toward flat.

Overall Impression:

Paper is **not brittle** and retains measurable flexibility.