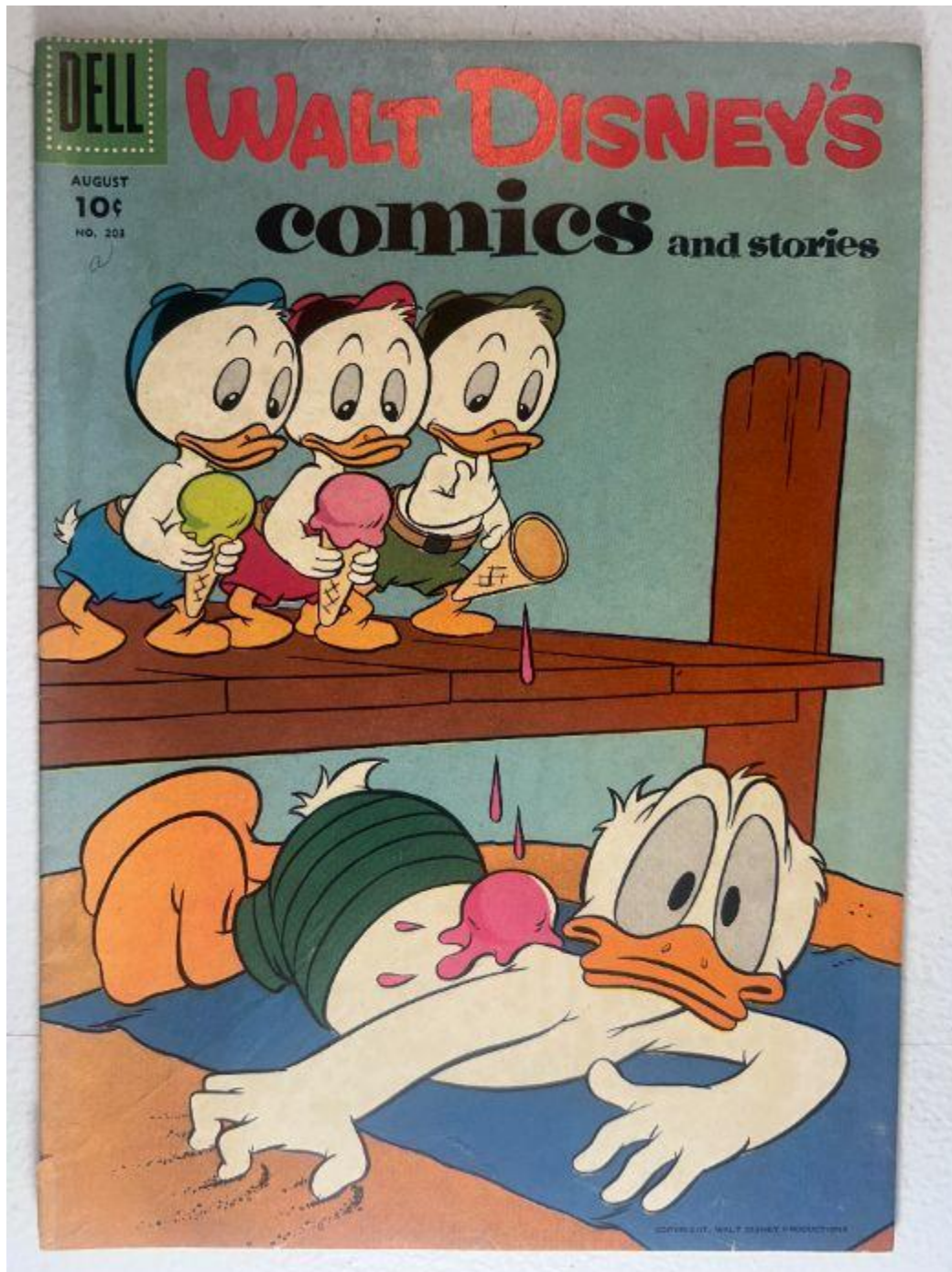


# Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 17 No. 11 (August 1955)

Evaluation Date: March 31, 2026



# Summary of Observations

This comic presents as a **highly attractive mid-1950s Silver Age copy**, with **excellent retained gloss, strong cover presentation, vibrant interior color, and light interior page tone**. Both covers are present and securely attached, and the book lies flat overall. Interior pages retain good flexibility and show no evidence of brittleness or moisture exposure.

When the **spine, centerfold, and staple photographs are examined together**, both original staples are confirmed present and holding the book intact; however, **both staples exhibit heavy rust/oxidation**, darker and more advanced than typical age-related discoloration. Despite the corrosion, there is **no staple pull-through, page detachment, or centerfold separation**. Rust migration appears confined to the immediate staple zones with limited adjacent paper disturbance.

The primary non-staple structural defect is a **small tear at the bottom of the spine**, measuring approximately **6 mm**, localized and not extending upward into the staple area. Aside from the **severe staple rust** and this **minor spine tear**, the book is **visually excellent**, with presentation that substantially exceeds what its primary defects might suggest.

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## Front Cover — Observations (IMG\_2083)

*Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 17 No. 11 (August 1955)*

### Photo Condition & Quality

Clear, high-resolution image showing the full front cover, edges, corners, and spine area.

### Scene & Composition

Donald Duck lies face-down on the ground while Huey, Dewey, and Louie drip melting ice cream cones above him from a wooden plank, set against a pale blue-green background. Masthead reads *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories*, with issue text **August – No. 203 – 10¢**.

### Findings

- **Strong original surface gloss present**, producing even sheen across the cover.
- **Minor edge wear**, shallow and uniform.
- **Light corner rounding**, not visually distracting.
- No major creases or surface breaks observed.

## **Color & Printing Quality**

Colors remain bright and saturated; black linework is crisp.

## **Paper & Structural Notes**

Cover stock remains firm and securely attached at the spine.

## **Overall Impression**

Front cover is **clean, glossy, and visually excellent.**

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# Back Cover — Observations (IMG\_2084)

Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 17 No. 11 (August 1955)

## Photo Condition & Quality

Clear image showing the full back cover advertisement and all corners.

**COMES IN 2 COLORS**

**YOUR NAME IN 2 LINES**

**GLOW-IN-THE-DARK LETTERS**

**ALL METAL NAME PLATE**

**RAISED LETTERS LIKE AUTO LICENSE**

**3 INCHES HIGH**

**ELDEN PRIESTLY**

**6 INCHES LONG**

**\$1.00 VALUE**

**Cracker Jack** offers You this **GLOW-IN-THE-DARK** Name Plate - with **YOUR NAME** on it, for 2 TOY Wrappers and 25¢

**GET YOUR NAME PLATES FOR BIKE-WAGON-CAR-LOCKER**

LOOK! Here's just what you want for your bike—a metal plate with your first and last name stamped on it in raised, glow-in-the-dark letters. Comes in two colors like an auto license plate. Put it on your bike — wagon — family car — locker — bedroom door — any place you want your name.

**HURRY! SEND FOR YOUR METAL NAME PLATE AT ONCE**

You can have your name, or any other 2 names, on your name plate. Just PRINT the two names wanted on your plate, in the coupon below. Each line can have 10 letters — no more. To get a name plate, send 25¢ in coin and two wrappers that hold the toys you find in CRACKER JACK. Offer expires June 30, 1958. Use coupon below.

**PERSONAL NAME PLATE COUPON**

CRACKER JACK, P. O. BOX 7167, CHICAGO 80, ILL.

Enclosed are 2 CRACKER JACK toy wrappers and 25¢ in coin for Metal Name Plate. Put these 2 names on my plate.

FIRST LINE \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND LINE \_\_\_\_\_

SEND TO: NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZONE \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

**TOYS for YOU in CRACKER JACK**

In every package of CRACKER JACK is a wrapper containing a SurPRIZE Toy. Because you get a different toy most every time, it's fun to collect them. Start your toy collection, now!

**ANY TIME YOU WANT A SNACK NOTHING'S BETTER THAN**

**Cracker Jack**

**Get NEW CRACKER JACK in FOIL wrapped box**

**LOTS of PEANUTS**

CRACKER JACK is a tasty combination of conched popcorn with LOTS of conched peanuts. The more you eat . . . the more you want.

## Scene & Composition

Cracker Jack "Glow-in-the-Dark Name Plate" advertisement with illustrated children and order form.

## Findings

- **Light surface soiling**, evenly distributed.
- **No significant creasing** observed.
- Corners show mild handling wear only.

## Color & Printing Quality

Advertisement colors remain strong and legible.

## Paper Condition

Uniform oxidation typical of mid-1950s stock.

## Overall Impression

Back cover is **clean and intact**, with normal age wear only.

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## Interior Pages — Observations (IMG\_2085–IMG\_2087, IMG\_2089, IMG\_2090)

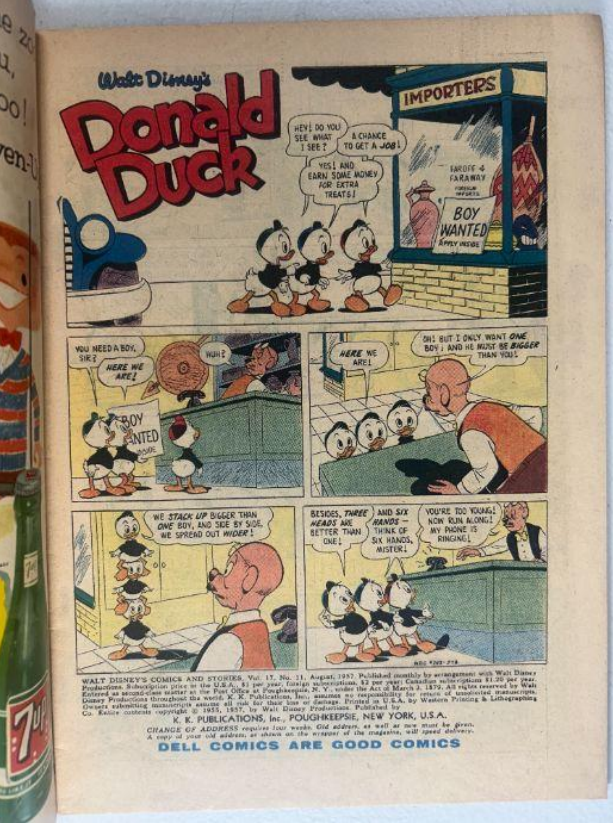
*Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 17 No. 11 (August 1955)*

## Photo Condition & Quality

Interior pages photographed clearly with margins and gutters visible.

## Page Color

Cream to light tan.



## Findings

- **No full-thickness interior tears observed** in the sampled pages.
- **Minor edge wear** on a few pages.
- **Light corner creasing**, not intruding into panel art.
- **Interior color is strong and well preserved.**

## Color & Printing Quality

Interior inks are vivid; halftones and linework remain sharp.

## Structural Notes

All interior pages remain securely attached at both staples.

## Overall Impression

Interior pages are **clean, bright, and structurally sound.**

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# Centerfold — Observations (IMG\_2088)

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## Photo Condition & Quality

Clear two-page image showing fold and staple alignment.



## Findings

- **Both staples clearly visible and seated** through the centerfold.
- **Rust staining visible at staple locations.**
- No centerfold tearing or separation observed.

## Overall Impression

Centerfold remains **attached and intact despite staple corrosion.**

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## Spine — Observations (IMG\_2091)

*Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 17 No. 11 (August 1955)*

## Photo Condition & Quality

Side-profile image clearly showing spine thickness and alignment.



## Findings

- **Small tear at the bottom of the spine measuring approximately 6 mm**, localized and not extending upward.
- **No spine splitting or paper loss beyond the tear.**
- Rust visible internally at staple positions only.

## Overall Impression

Spine is **structurally strong overall**, with a minor localized tear at the bottom edge.

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## Upper Staple — Observations (IMG\_2092)

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### Photo Condition & Quality

Clear macro image of the upper staple area.



### Findings

- **Upper staple present and intact.**
- **Heavy rust/oxidation present**, dark and uneven, with localized adjacent paper disturbance.
- No pull-through observed.

### Overall Impression

Upper staple is **functioning but severely corroded.**

## Lower Staple — Observations (IMG\_2093)

*Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 17 No. 11 (August 1955)*

### Photo Condition & Quality

Clear macro image of the lower staple.



### Findings

- **Lower staple present and intact.**
- **Heavy rust/oxidation present**, comparable in severity to the upper staple.
- Surrounding paper remains intact.

### Overall Impression

Lower staple is **holding but heavily rusted.**

# Brittleness Test — Observations (IMG\_2094)

*Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 17 No. 11 (August 1955)*

## Photo Condition & Quality

Clear macro image showing page-corner flex.



## Findings

Paper flexes smoothly with minimal stiffness and **no cracking or flaking**.

## Overall Impression

Paper is **not brittle**.