

Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 17 No. 12 (September 1955)

Evaluation Date: March 31, 2026



Summary of Observations

This comic presents as a **visually strong and well-preserved mid-1950s Silver Age copy**, with **excellent retained cover gloss, vibrant interior color, and solid overall structure**. Both covers are present and securely attached, and the spine remains straight and intact with no splitting or material loss. Interior pages display **light cream page color**, strong ink saturation, and retain good flexibility with no indication of brittleness.

When the **spine, centerfold, and staple photographs are examined together**, both original staples are confirmed present and holding the book together; however, **both staples exhibit heavy rust/oxidation**, clearly visible and more advanced than typical age-related darkening. Rust is concentrated at the staple locations with some localized paper disturbance immediately adjacent to the metal, but there is **no evidence of staple pull-through, page detachment, or centerfold separation**. Rust migration appears limited to the immediate staple zones.

Interior pages show **strong, clean color reproduction** and no full-thickness tears in the sampled images. The centerfold remains firmly attached. Overall, aside from the **severely rusted staples**, this is a **high-quality, attractive copy** whose visual presentation substantially exceeds its primary structural defect.

Front Cover — Observations (IMG_2095)

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Photo Condition & Quality

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

Scene & Composition

Donald Duck and his nephews gather around a small checkerboard table playing **Jumping Beans**, set against a bright yellow background. Masthead reads *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories*, with issue text **September – No. 204 – 10¢**.

Findings

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

Color & Printing Quality

Cover colors are vivid and saturated; black linework remains crisp.

Paper & Structural Notes

Front cover remains firmly attached at the spine.

Overall Impression

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

Back Cover — Observations (IMG_2096)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Clear image showing the full back cover advertisement.

Scene & Composition

Juicy Fruit Gum “Safety Quiz” advertisement with illustrated street-scene graphic and promotional copy.

Findings

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

Color & Printing Quality

Advertisement colors remain strong and legible.

Paper Condition

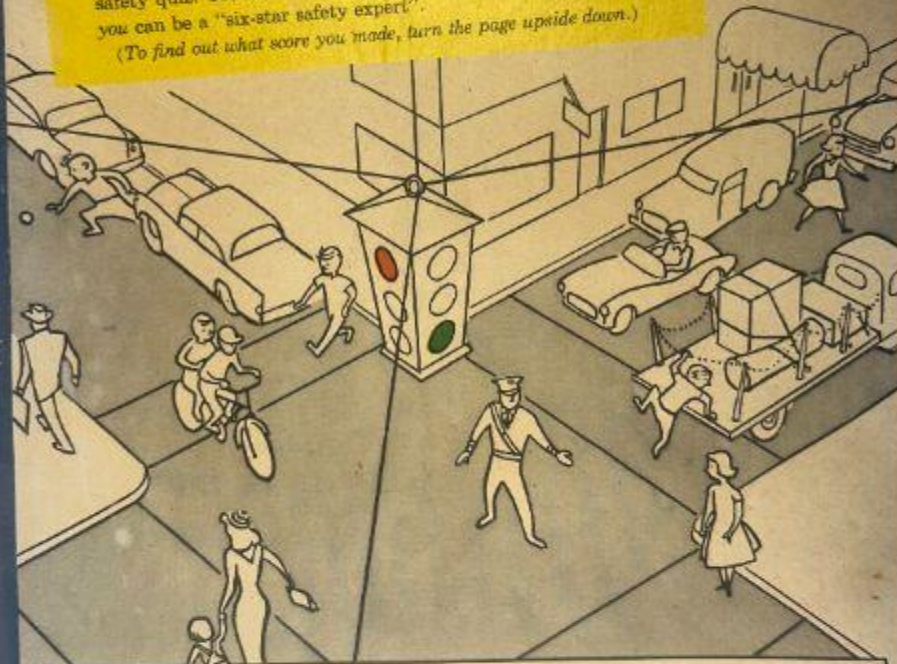
Uniform oxidation typical of mid-1950s stock.

JUICY FRUIT GUM *Safety Quiz*

Have Some Fun!

See if you can tell
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE

Pick out the mistakes and see how many stars you rate in the safety quiz. You rate one star for each mistake you find. See if you can be a "six-star safety expert".
(To find out what score you made, turn the page upside down.)



Mem how the good, natural chewing helps keep your teeth clean. Ask her to get a few packages so you can always have a pack handy.

HERE'S A SMART, SAFE IDEA!

ANSWERS: Boy crossing against light • Boys riding double on bike • Boy hiding ride on back of truck • Girl jaywalking • Boy chasing ball into street • Girl waiting off curb for light to change.



Overall Impression

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

Interior Pages — Observations (IMG_2097–IMG_2101)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Interior pages photographed clearly with margins, gutters, and lower edges 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 only.
- **Light corner creasing**, not intruding into panels.
- **Interior color is strong and clean** throughout.

Color & Printing Quality

Interior inks are bright; halftones and linework are sharp.

Structural Notes

All interior pages remain securely attached at both staples.

Overall Impression

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

Centerfold — Observations (IMG_2102)

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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 tears or separation observed.

Overall Impression

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

Spine — Observations (IMG_2104)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Side-profile image clearly showing spine thickness and alignment.



Findings

- **Spine is straight and well aligned.**
- **No spine splitting or paper loss** visible.
- Rust visible internally at staple positions only.

Overall Impression

Spine condition is **structurally strong**, with damage localized to the staples.

Upper Staple — Observations (IMG_2105)

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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_2106)

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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

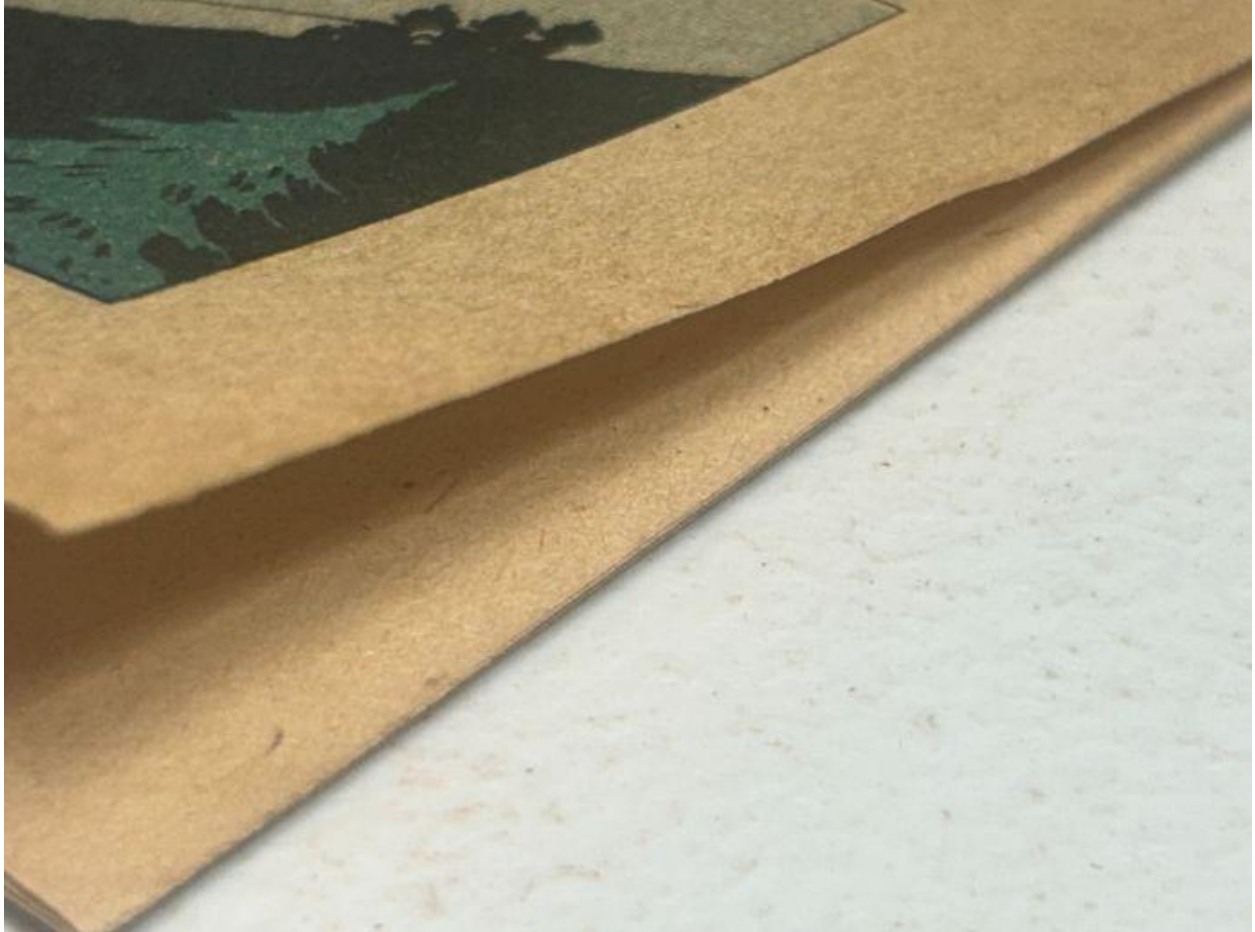
Lower staple is **holding but heavily rusted.**

Brittleness Test — Observations (IMG_2107)

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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**.