

Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 2 No. 2 (November 1941)

Summary of Observations

This issue presents as **structurally solid and notably well-preserved for an early-1940s Disney/Dell comic**, with both covers present, interior pages intact, and the spine retaining good overall shape. The spine shows **localized wear at the staple slots** but **no widespread erosion, tearing, or separation**, which is a significant positive for a November 1941 publication. When the **spine, upper staple, lower staple, and centerfold photographs are examined together**, it is clear that **both original staples are present and functioning**, and the book remains firmly bound.

Interior pages exhibit **advanced but typical newsprint oxidation** and corner wear. Importantly, **small interior tears are present**, but they are **localized and limited in size**, not indicative of structural failure. The centerfold remains attached at both staples with no centerfold separation. Brittleness testing indicates stiffness consistent with age, but pages retain flexibility and do not crack. Inspection of the spine, staples, and centerfold together confirms that **both original staples remain present and functional**, showing **light to moderate surface oxidation consistent with early-1940s manufacture**, without evidence of staple rust migration or paper staining.

Overall, this copy shows **strong structural integrity relative to its age**, aligning with your initial impression while still documenting specific defects accurately.

As an early Volume 2 issue from late 1941, this comic carries **heightened historical and collector interest**, particularly due to its pre-U.S.-entry-into-WWII publication date and strong Donald Duck cover imagery.

Front Cover — Observations (IMG_1181)

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Photo Condition & Quality

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

Scene & Composition

Donald Duck bends over a bicycle while Huey, Dewey, and Louie gather around, reacting to sparks and motion. Masthead reads *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories*, with issue text **November 1941 – Vol. 2 No. 2 – 10¢**.



Findings

- **Light to moderate spine edge wear**, concentrated at staple slots but without tearing through the spine.
- **Minor bottom-edge chipping**, primarily near the corners.
- **Corner rounding**, most noticeable on the lower corners.
- **Surface abrasion and rub wear**, visible but not heavy, especially in lighter background areas.

Color & Printing Quality

Colors remain bright for age, with good contrast and strong black linework.

Paper & Structural Notes

Cover stock remains flat and well-aligned; no cover separation observed.

Overall Impression

Front cover is **visually strong and structurally sound**, with moderate age wear but no major defects.

Back Cover — Observations (IMG_1182)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Clear interior-grade image showing the full back cover.

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Scene & Composition

Christmas subscription advertisement with Minnie Mouse and Donald's nephews, titled "**It's Time for Christmas Gift Subscriptions!**", with order form intact.

Findings

- **Light creasing** through central order form area.
- **Minor edge wear** along the bottom margin.
- **Corner rounding**, shallow and consistent with handling.

Color & Printing Quality

Colors remain strong and legible.

Paper Condition

Uniform tan oxidation; no moisture damage.

Overall Impression

Back cover remains **intact, clean, and well-preserved** relative to age.

Interior Pages — Observations (IMG_1183, IMG_1184, IMG_1186, IMG_1187)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Interior pages photographed clearly with margins and gutters visible.

Page Color

Tan to medium brown.

Findings

- **Small interior tear present on at least one page**, confined to the lower margin and measuring approximately **6–8 mm**, not intruding deeply into panel art.
- **Corner creasing** at lower corners on multiple pages.
- **Margin foxing and edge darkening** consistent with early-1940s newsprint.

Color & Printing Quality

Colors remain vivid; halftones and linework are crisp.

Structural Notes

Pages remain firmly attached at both staples.

Overall Impression

Interior pages show **minor, localized defects only**, with no structural instability.

Centerfold — Observations (IMG_1185)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Clear two-page image showing fold and staple alignment.



Findings

- **Both original staples clearly visible and seated.**
- Paper at fold shows mild darkening from age.
- **No centerfold tears or separation observed.**

Overall Impression

Centerfold is **securely attached and structurally sound.**

Spine — Observations (IMG_1188)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Side-profile image clearly showing spine thickness and alignment.



Findings

- **Spine remains straight and intact**, with wear limited to staple contact points.
- **No tearing, splitting, or paper loss** beyond small staple impressions.

Overall Impression

For a 1941 issue, the spine condition is **notably strong.**

Upper Staple — Observations (IMG_1189)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Clear macro image of upper staple.



Findings

- **Upper staple present and intact.**
- **Visible surface oxidation on the staple**, consistent with age, without flaking or active corrosion.
- Surrounding paper shows light compression but no tear-out.

Overall Impression

Upper staple remains secure.

Lower Staple — Observations (IMG_1190)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Clear macro image of lower staple.



Findings

- **Lower staple present and intact.**
- **Light surface oxidation visible on the staple metal**, consistent with period aging.
- Minor paper wear around staple head, no separation.

Overall Impression

Lower staple remains fully functional.

Brittleness Test — Observations (IMG_1191)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Clear macro image showing page-corner flex.



Findings

Paper flexes with stiffness but **no cracking or flaking**.

Overall Impression

Paper shows age stiffening but is **not brittle**.