Comic Grading Chart

	10.0 Gem Mint	9.9 Mint	9.8 Near Mint / Mint	9.6 Near Mint +	9.4 Near Mint	9.2 Near Mint −	9.0 Very Fine / Near Mint	8.5 Very Fine +	8.0 Very Fine	7.5 Very Fine −	7.0 Fine / Very Fine	6.5 Fine +	6.0 Fine	5.5. Fine −	5.0 Very Good / Fine	4.5 Very Good +	4.0 Very Good	3.5 Very Good -	3.0 Good / Very Good	2.5 Good +	2.0 Good	1.8 Good −	1.5 Fair/Good	1.0 Fair	0.5 Poor	
Bindery / Printing	10.0 Only the slightest most imperceptible defects	9.9 Only subtle defects, no bindery tears		9.6 Only subtle, no tears on Silver Age and later, 1/8" on Golden Age	9.4 Subtle, tears up to 1/16" on Silver Age and later, 1/4" on Golden Age	9.2 Limited number of minor defects		8.5 Very limited accumulation of minor defects	8.0 Limited accumulation of minor defects		7. 0 Small accumulation of minor defects	6.5 Small to moderate accumulation of minor defects	6.0 Some accumulation of minor defects	5.5 Moderate accumulation of defects	5.0 Accumulation of defects	4.5 Do not affect grade										Bindery / Printing
Cover Inks/Gloss	10.0 Bright with high reflectivity					9.2 Bright with slightest dimming of reflectivity	9.0 Bright with slightly diminished reflectivity	8.5 Generally bright with moderate to high reflectivity		7.5 Generally bright with slight to moderate reflectivity	7.0 Moderate reduction in reflectivity	6.5 Moderate to major reduction in reflectivity	6.0 Major reduction in reflectivity		5.0 Major to extreme reduction in reflectivity				3.0 Very low reflectivity	2.5 Nearly no reflectivity to no reflectivity				1.0 No reflectivity	0.5 Extreme fading	Cover Inks/Gloss
Cover Wear	10.0 Flat, no wear, well centered, secure		9.8 Flat, no wear, well centered		9.4 Flat, no wear, generally centered, secure		9.0 Almost flat, imperceptible wear	8.5 Almost flat with minimal wear	8.0 Relatively flat with minimal wear	7.5 Mostly flat with yellowing or tanning, minimal wear	7.0 Minimal wear, interior yellowing or tanning allowed	6.5 Minimal to minor wear	6.0 Minor wear	5.5 Minor wear with heightened yellowing or tanning	5.0 Minor to moderate wear	4.5 Moderate wear, may be loose	4.0 Moderate to significant wear, may be loose	3.5 Significant wear, may be loose, or detached at staple		2.5 Significant wear, loose or detached at staples	2.0 Significant wear, may be detached		1.5 Considerate wear, may be detached	1.0 May be detached	0.5 Detached with chunks missing	Cover Wear
Cover Creases	10.0 None allowed			9.6 Almost imperceptible indentations allowed	9.4 1/16" bend with no color break allowed		9.0 1/8" bend with no color break allowed		8.0 1/4" bend with no color break allowed	7.5 1/4" - 1/2" bend with very slight color break allowed		6.5 Minor accumulation of creases		5.5 Minor to moderate creases with slight dimpling	5.0 Minor to moderate creases and dimples		4.0 Accumulation of creases or dimples	3.5 Moderate accumulation of creases or dimples		3.0 Book length creases, minor dimples	2.0 Book-length creases with minor to moderate creases, dimples		1.5 Creases, tears, and folds		0.5 Extreme creases, ragged edges	Cover Creases
Soiling/ Staining	10.0 None allowed				9.4 None allowed except for slight foxing	9.4 None allowed except for slight foxing	9.0 Very minor foxing	9.0 Very minor foxing	8.0 Minor foxing	8.0 Minor foxing	8.0 Minor foxing	6.5 Slight discoloration, staining, and/or foxing	6.0 Minor discoloration, staining and/ or foxing	5.5 Minor accumulation of discoloration, staining and/ or foxing	5.0 Minor to moderate discoloration, staining, and/ or foxing	4.5 Modeate accumulation of discoloration, fading, foxing, even minor soiling	4.0 Some discoloration, fading, foxing, even minor soiling	3.5 Accumulation of discoloration,	3.5 Accumulation of discoloration, fading, even minor soiling	3.5 Accumulation of discoloration, fading, even minor soiling	2.0 Discloration, fading, foxing, or moderate soiling	1.8 Significant discoloration, fading, foxing and soiling	1.5 Generally present	1.0 Present	0.5 Extreme soiling, staining and discoloration	Soiling/ Staining
Dates/ Stamps	10.0 None allowed	9.9 Small, inconspicuous date/initials allowed					9.0 Several dates, stamps, and/or initials allowed	8.5 Accumulation of several dates, initials, and store stamps allowed	8.0 Dates, initials, and store stamps allowed			6.5 Dates/initials/stamps allowed				4.5 Do not affect grade										Dates/ Stamps
Spine Roll	10.0 Tight and flat, no roll							8.5 Almost completely flat with no roll	8.0 Almost completely flat	7.5 Nearly flat	7.0 Slightest roll allowed	6.5 Slight to minor roll allowed	6.0 Minor roll allowed		5.0 Minor to moderate roll		4.0 Moderate roll		3.0 Moderate roll likely		2.0 Roll likely	1.8 Roll more likely	1.5 Roll common	1.0 Roll more common	0.5 Extreme roll	Spine Roll
Spine Split	10.0 None allowed							8.5 Very minor color break allowed	8.0 Minor color break allowed	7.5 Minor to moderate color break allowed	7.0 Moderate colour break allowed	6.5 Up to 1/8" split or severe color break allowed	6.0 Up to 1/4" split or severe color break allowed	5.5 Up to 1/4" - 1/2" split or color break allowed	5.0 Up to 1/2" split	4.5 1/2" to 1" split	4.0 Up to 1" split	3.5 Up to 1" split with possible color break	3.0 Up to 1-1/2" split	2.5 Up to 1-1/2" split with accumulation or color breaks	2.0 Up to 2" split	1.8 Up to 2" split with major color breaks	1.5 Between 2" and 2/3 length	1.0 Up to 2/3 length	0.5 Extremely ragged or completely split	Spine Split
Staples	10.0 Original, centered, clean	9.9 Original, clean, generally centred	9.9 Original, clean, generall centred	9.6 Original, clean, generally centred, slight discoloration	9.4 Generally centered, slight discoloration	9.2 Some discoloration	9.0 Some discoloration allowed						6.0 Minor discoloration allowed	5.5 Some discoloration allowed	5.0 Minor discoloration	4.5 Minor to major discoloration	4.0 Discolored	3.5 Discolored, one may be missing or replaced	3.0 Rusted or replaced		2.0 Degraded, replaced or missing	1.8 Degraded, replaced, one missing		1.0 May be missing discolored	0.5 Missing or extremely rusted, discolored discolored	Staples
Staple Tears	10.0 None allowed	10.0 None allowed	10.0 None allowed	10.0 None allowed	10.0 None allowed	10.0 None allowed	9.0 Only the slightest tears allowed	9.0 Only the slightest tears allowed	8.0 Very slight tears allowed	7.5 Accumulation of slight tears allowed	7.0 Slight tears allowed	6.5 Slight to minor tears allowed	6.0 Minor tears allowed		5.0 Slight accumulation of minor tears	4.5 Accumulation of minor tears	4.0 Minor to moderate tears			2.5 Moderate tears		1.8 Accumulation of moderate tears	1.5 Tears are common	1.0 Accumulation of tears	0.5 Extensive tears	Staple Tears
Rust Migration	10.0 None allowed									7.0 Slight migration allowed		6.5 Slight to minor migration allowed	[illegible]	6.0 Minor migration allowed	5.0 Minor migration	4.5 Minor to [illegible]	4.0 Some migration				2.0 May have migration	2.0 May have migration	2.0 May have migration	2.0 May have migration	0.5 Extreme migration	Rust Migration
Stress Lines	10.0 None allowed	10.0 None allowed	10.0 None allowed	10.0 None allowed	9.4 Almost no lines	9.4 Almost no lines	9.0 Very minor accumulation of nearly imperceptible lines	8.5 Accumulation of very minor lines allowed	8.0 Very minor to minor lines allowed	7.5 A few minor lines allowed	7.0 Small accumulation of light lines	6.5 Accumulation of minor slight lines	6.0 Accumulation of minor lines	6.0 Accumulation of minor lines	6.0 Accumulation of minor lines	4.5 Minor accumulation of lines	4.0 Minor to moderate lines	4.0 Minor to moderate lines	3.0 Moderate lines	3.0 Moderate lines	2.0 Lines are common	2.0 Lines are common	2.0 Lines are common	1.0 Accumulation of lines	0.5 Many lines	Stress Lines
Corners	10.0 Sharp, square, no creases			9.6 Sharp, square, one imperceptible blunted corner allowed	9.4 Ever-so slight blunting, no creases	9.0 No creases		8.5 No creases, very minute wear allowed	8.0 Minute wear allowed	7.5 Slight wear, blunting or abrading allowed	7.0 May be blunted or abraded	6.5 May be blunted or abraded	6.0 Blunting or abrasion more common		5.0 Blunting or abrasion increasingly common		4.0 Blunted or abraded corners		3.0 Blunted or abraded, may be slightly rounded	2.5 Blunted, abraded or slightly rounded corners	2.0 Rounded corners more common	1.8 Rounded corners common	1.5 Rounded corners very common	1.0 Rounded or absent		Corners
Centrefold	10.0 Firmly secure				9.4 Secure			8.5 Mostly secure				6.5 Slightly loose	6.0 Loose, not detached			4.5 Loose, or detached at one staple				2.5 Loose or detached				1.0 May be missing		Centrefold
Interior Tears	10.0 None allowed		9.8 Slightest tears allowed				9.0 Very minor tears allowed	8.5 Very minor tears in margin allowed	8.0 Minor tears in margin allowed			6.5 Minor tears in margin	6.5 Minor tears in margin	5.5 Minor tears	5.5 Minor tears	4.5 Minor throughout book	4.0 Minor to moderate tears			2.5 Moderate tears			1.5 Tears are common	1.0 Accumulation of tears	0.5 Extensive tears	Interior Tears
Paper Quality/ Colour	10.0 White, supple, fresh		9.8 Off-white to white, supple and fresh	9.6 Off-white, supple and fresh	9.4 Cream/off-white, supple and fresh		9.0 Cream/off white, supple	8.5 Cream, supple	8.0 Tan to cream, supple		7.0 Tan to cream, not brown		6.0 Brown to tan, supple, not brittle				4.0 Brown, not brittle					1.8 Brown, very slight brittleness	1.5 Brown, edges show brittleness		0.5 Moderate to severe brittleness	Paper Quality/ Colour
Acid Odor	10.0 None allowed														5.0 May have the faintest odor	4.5 Very minor odor	4.0 Minor odor		3.0 Minor to moderate odor		2.0 Moderate odor		1.5 Odor present		0.5 Extreme odor	Acid Odor
Missing Pieces	10.0 None allowed															4.5 1/8" triang;e, 1/16" square	4.0 1/4" triangle, 1/8" square	4.0 /4" triangle, 1/8" square	3.0 1/4" to 1/" triangle, 1/8" tp 1/4" square	2.5 1/4"-1/2" triangle, 1/8"-1/4" square	2.0 1/2" triangle, 1/4" square	2.0 1/2" triangle, 1/4" square	1.5 Up to 1/10 of the back cover missing	1.0 Up to 1/2 front cover or entire back cover, and /or chunks	0.5 Large chunks or front cover and back cover, and/or interior	Missing Pieces
Amateur Repairs	10.0 None allowed															4.5 Very minor repairs on otherwise high grade		3.5 Minor repairs on otherwise high grade		3.0 May be present	2.0 Common in Silver Age and older	1.8 Very common in Silver Age and older	1.5 Increasingly common in Silver Age and older	1.0 More common	0.5 Extensive repairs	Amateur Repairs
Coupon Cut	10.0 None allowed																								0.5 Coupon(s) may be cut	Coupon Cut
Readability	10.0 Preserved																					1.8 Generally preserved		1.0 Generally preserved to difficulty	0.5 Multiple pages missing	Readability
	10.0 Gem Mint	9.9 Mint	9.8 Near Mint / Mint	9.6 Near Mint +	9.4 Near Mint	9.2 Near Mint −	9.0 Very Fine / Near Mint	8.5 Very Fine +	8.0 Very Fine	7.5 Very Fine −	7.0 Fine / Very Fine	6.5 Fine +	6.0 Fine	5.5. Fine −	5.0 Very Good / Fine	4.5 Very Good +	4.0 Very Good	3.5 Very Good -	3.0 Good / Very Good	2.5 Good +	2.0 Good	1.8 Good −	1.5 Fair/Good	1.0 Fair	0.5 Poor	