

MARQUEE POSTER: GRADING SCALE

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GRADE	C10	C9	C8-C9	C8	C7-C8	C7	C6	C5	C4	C3	C2	C1
Grade description	mint	near mint	very fine to near mint	very fine	fine to very fine	fine to very fine	fine	very good to fine	very good	good	fair	poor
Max # of different types of flaws	0	2	4	3	6	8						
FOLD DAMAGE												
fold wear	none	none	none	slight, some ink loss ok	slight, some ink loss ok	ink loss ok	moderate	moderate	severe	severe	severe	severe
cross fold separation	none	none	none	slight	slight	1" max	moderate	moderate	moderate	severe	severe	severe
misfolds folds	none	none	none	very slight, no ink loss	very slight, no ink loss	slight ink loss ok	minor ink loss ok	minor ink loss ok	numerous	numerous	numerous	numerous
PAPER LOSS												
Border chips	none	none	none	1 (1/2" sq. max)	1 (1/2" sq. max)	3 or less (1/2" sq. max)	4 or less (1" sq. max)	4 or less (1" sq. max)	several (2" sq. max)	numerous	numerous	numerous
Paper loss	none	none	none	none	none	2 or less (1/2" sq. max)	3 or less (1" sq. max)	3 or less (1" sq. max)	several, small to medium portions	heavy, large portions	severe	severe
Trimming	none	none	none	none	none	none	none, C6=highest grade for trimmed WC	minor trimming	trimmed borders	severe	severe	severe
PRINTING FLAWS												
printing offset	none	slight	slight	slight	slight	slight	moderate	moderate	severe	severe	severe	severe
HANDLING WEAR												
Surface/handling wear	none	none	none	slight, no ink loss	slight, no ink loss	minor	moderate	severe	severe	severe	severe	severe
corner crease	none	none	none	2 or less (1" max)	2 or less (1" max)	4 or less (3" max)	8 or less (3" max)	8 or less (3" max)	numerous	numerous	numerous	numerous
Tears	none	none	none	2 or less (1/2" max)	2 or less (1/2" max)	3 or less (1" max)	4 or less (2" max)	4 or less (2" max)	numerous	numerous	numerous	numerous
DISPLAY DAMAGE												
Staple holes	0	0	0	4	4	10	several in each corner, some in art ok	several in each corner, some in art ok	numerous	numerous	numerous	numerous
Pinholes	0	4	4	10	10	several in each corner, not in art	several in each corner, some in art ok	several in each corner, some in art ok	numerous	numerous	numerous	numerous
compression marks	none	slight	slight	slight	slight	moderate	severe	severe	severe	severe	severe	severe
Tape	none	none	none	none	none	2 or less, small	6 or less	numerous	numerous	numerous	numerous	numerous
Tape stain/residue	none	none	none	1, small	1, small	4 or less, small	10 or less	numerous	numerous	numerous	numerous	numerous
Writing on the front	none	none	none	slight, unobtrusive ok, WC blank writing ok	slight, unobtrusive ok, WC blank writing ok	minor, must be described	minor, must be described	minor, must be described	moderate, big show times/dates ok	severe	severe	severe
Writing on the back	none	slight, unobtrusive ok if no bleed through	slight, unobtrusive ok if no bleed through	minor, but no bleed through	minor, but no bleed through	moderate, slight bleed through ok	moderate, slight bleed through ok	moderate, slight bleed through ok	severe	severe	severe	severe
Censor stamp/snipe	none	none	none	2 or less, small unobtrusive	2 or less, small unobtrusive	2 or less, small unobtrusive	2 or less, larger ok if not covering important art	2 or less, larger ok if not covering important art	numerous	numerous	numerous	numerous
STORAGE DAMAGE												
Foxing	none	none	none	slight, must be described	slight, must be described	minor, must be described	moderate	moderate	severe	severe	severe	severe
Moisture staining	none	none	none	slight, must be described	slight, must be described	minor, must be described	moderate	moderate	severe	severe	severe	severe
Dirt/mildew/soiling	none	none	none	slight	slight	minor	moderate	moderate	severe	severe	severe	severe
Fading	none	none	none	slight	slight	slight	moderate	moderate	moderate to severe	severe	severe	severe
Brittleness	none	none	none	slight	slight	slight	moderate	moderate	severe	severe	severe	severe

Based on the Warren Grading Scale Criteria: <https://www.iguide.net/learn-about/Article.aspx?id=3>