

Tales of Suspense #39 (Marvel, 1963) Marvel Silver Age Hero Comic #42. Origin and first appearance of a rather bulky Iron Man *and* a Jack Kirby cover. The Iron Man movie (starring Robert Downey, Jr. as Tony Stark) helps continue bring the character into the mainstream and high demand. Don Heck furnishes art for the Iron Man story while backup features by Steve Ditko and Gene Colan complete the lineup. #2 most valuable 1st appearance 1963 silver age Marvel comic. Print run estimate: 188,000 copies.

Iron Man (Tony Stark) is a fictional superhero appearing in American comic books published by Marvel Comics, as well as its associated media. The character was created by writer-editor Stan Lee, developed by scripter Larry Lieber, and designed by artists Don Heck and Jack Kirby. He made his first appearance in Tales of Suspense #39 (cover dated March 1963). An American billionaire playboy, business magnate, and ingenious engineer, Tony Stark suffers a severe chest injury during a kidnapping in which his captors attempt to force him to build a weapon of mass destruction. He instead creates a powered suit of armor to save his life and escape captivity. Later, Stark augments his suit with weapons and other technological devices he designed through his company, Stark Industries. He uses the suit and successive versions to protect the world as Iron Man, while at first concealing his true identity. Initially, Iron Man was a vehicle for Stan Lee to explore Cold War themes, particularly the role of American technology and business in the fight against communism. Subsequent re-imaginings of Iron Man have transitioned from Cold War themes to contemporary concerns, such as corporate crime and terrorism.

CGC Universal 637 copies / NM+ 9.6 or better = 2 copies / Heritage Auctions sold 50 copies as of 9/2010

CGC Universal 930 copies / NM+ 9.6 or better = 4 copies / Heritage Auctions sold 161 copies by 9/2013

CGC Universal 1108 copies / NM+ 9.6 or better = 4 copies / Heritage Auctions sold 204 copies by 7/2015



OVERSTREET ANNUAL PRICE GUIDE VALUES FOR EACH GRADE

	2.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	9.0	9.2
2015	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00	\$4,800.00	\$9,600.00	\$25,800.00	\$42,000.00
2014	\$1,100.00	\$2,200.00	\$3,300.00	\$9,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$38,000.00
2013	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$36,000.00
2012	\$900.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,700.00	\$9,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$32,000.00
2011	\$900.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,700.00	\$8,100.00	\$16,550.00	\$25,000.00
2010	\$750.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,250.00	\$6,750.00	\$13,375.00	\$20,000.00
2009	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$5,400.00	\$10,200.00	\$15,000.00
2008	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$12,500.00
2007	\$438.00	\$876.00	\$1,314.00	\$4,008.00	\$7,254.00	\$10,500.00
2006	\$413.00	\$826.00	\$1,239.00	\$3,779.00	\$6,640.00	\$9,500.00
2005	\$409.00	\$818.00	\$1,227.00	\$3,742.00	\$6,371.00	\$9,000.00
2004	\$355.00	\$710.00	\$1,065.00	\$3,550.00	\$5,775.00	\$8,000.00
2003	\$328.00	\$656.00	\$984.00	\$2,952.00	\$4,676.00	\$6,400.00
2002	\$316.00	\$632.00	\$948.00	\$2,842.00	\$4,422.00	\$6,000.00
2001	\$310.00	\$620.00	\$930.00	\$2,480.00	\$3,840.00	\$5,200.00
2000	\$280.00	\$560.00	\$840.00	\$1,960.00	\$3,080.00	\$4,200.00
1995	\$333.00	\$666.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00
1990	\$87.00	\$219.00	\$350.00	\$612.00	\$737.00	\$875.00
1985	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$225.00	\$262.00	\$300.00
1980	\$70.00	\$105.00	\$140.00	\$175.00	\$192.00	\$210.00
1975	\$14.00	\$17.50	\$21.00	\$24.50	\$26.25	\$28.00

HIGHEST SALES = HERITAGE AUCTIONS www.ha.com

Tales of Suspense #39 Pacific Coast pedigree (Marvel, 1963) CGC NM+ 9.6 Off-white to white pages....
 Lot 91283 CGC NM+ 9.6 -- Auction ended on Jul 26, 2012 Sold For: \$262,900.00‡

Tales of Suspense #39 (Marvel, 1963) CGC NM 9.4 Off-white to white pages....
 Lot 91197 CGC NM 9.4 -- Auction ended on Aug 1, 2013 Sold For: \$83,650.00‡

Tales of Suspense #39 Twin Cities pedigree (Marvel, 1963) CGC NM- 9.2 Off-white to white pages....
 Lot 91188 CGC NM- 9.2 -- Auction ended on May 5, 2011 Sold For: \$56,762.50‡

Tales of Suspense #39 (Marvel, 1963) CGC NM- 9.2 White pages....
 Lot 91198 CGC NM- 9.2 -- Auction ended on Aug 1, 2013 Sold For: \$47,800.00‡

Tales of Suspense #39 (Marvel, 1963) CGC VF+ 8.5 Off-white to white pages....
 Lot 91380 CGC VF+ 8.5 -- Auction ended on Nov 15, 2012 Sold For: \$15,535.00‡

CGC COMICS - ALL GRADED/SLABBED COPIES - CENSUS TO CHECK RARITY

Tales of Suspense 39 (3/63,Marvel Comics)	Universal	1,108	4.72	0	0	0	4	20	13	13	33	43	45	52	69	55	70	88
Tales of Suspense 39 (3/63,Marvel Comics)	Signature	171	3.77	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	8	4	5	15	12
Tales of Suspense 39 (3/63,Marvel Comics)	Restored	209	4.50	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	9	9	7	17	15	12	19	
Tales of Suspense 39 (3/63,Marvel Comics)	Qualified	15	4.40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	
Tales of Suspense 39 United Kingdom (3/63,Marvel Comics)	Universal	17	4.08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	
Tales of Suspense 39 United Kingdom (3/63,Marvel Comics)	Signature	2	5.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Tales of Suspense 39 United Kingdom (3/63,Marvel Comics)	Restored	5	3.70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Tales of Suspense 39 United Kingdom (3/63,Marvel Comics)	Qualified	2	5.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Tales of Suspense 40 (4/63,Marvel Comics)	Universal	485	5.29	0	0	0	3	6	9	10	16	19	32	30	43	36	28	46
Tales of Suspense 40 (4/63,Marvel Comics)	Signature	22	4.36	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	2	1	1
Books	CGC Label	CGC Total	Avg. Grade	10	9.9	9.8	9.6	9.4	9.2	9.0	8.5	8.0	7.5	7.0	6.5	6.0	5.5	5.0
Tales of Suspense 40 (4/63,Marvel Comics)	Restored	30	4.88	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	3	
Tales of Suspense 40 (4/63,Marvel Comics)	Qualified	4	5.13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Tales of Suspense 40 United Kingdom (4/63,Marvel Comics)	Universal	3	5.17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Tales of Suspense 41 (5/63,Marvel Comics)	Universal	282	5.73	0	0	2	3	5	6	10	15	15	22	31	20	16	16	16
Tales of Suspense 41 (5/63,Marvel Comics)	Signature	17	5.06	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	3
Tales of Suspense 41 (5/63,Marvel Comics)	Restored	12	5.96	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	1
Tales of Suspense 41 (5/63,Marvel Comics)	Qualified	4	5.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Tales of Suspense 41 United Kingdom (5/63,Marvel Comics)	Universal	3	5.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Tales of Suspense 42 (6/63,Marvel Comics)	Universal	222	6.48	0	0	0	6	14	5	13	19	19	18	12	19	19	10	12
Tales of Suspense 42 (6/63,Marvel Comics)	Signature	16	6.21	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	2	2	1	1	0	1	
Tales of Suspense 42 (6/63,Marvel Comics)	Restored	11	6.15	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	