

Quick Tips For Cover Protection

1. Using rubber bands on stacks of covers is convenient but should be avoided in favor of paper banding held with a small piece of tape. The paper doesn't cut into the top and bottom covers, and it doesn't bond with the cover surface over time.
2. Keep covers out of strong sunlight for an extended periods (i.e., away from window sills, etc.). The light will fade the colors.
3. Keep covers away from any source of long term moisture, which will produce mildew and promote striker deterioration. This is something to especially consider if you store covers in a garage or basement. The regional climate in your area is also a consideration here. You could store covers in an open garage, for example, in a warm, dry climate, but not in a humid area such as much of the South.
4. For garage-basement-attic storage, the covers, or the albums they are housed in, should be sealed against possible insect-rodent damage. Rats, for example, are compelled to gnaw and could happily chew their way right through your prized Navy Ship collection.
5. If at all possible, move away from pre-slit paper pages to plastic-pocketed pages. This gets to be fairly expensive after awhile, so, if you have to do it in stages (as I do), make the change first with your collections that tend to have the older covers in them (i.e., your DQs, Crowns, Navy Ships, Midgets, etc.). It's the older covers, which are thicker and lack the modern slick surfaces, which get damaged the most when trying to fit them into the slots on paper pages.