

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
BLOCK (GOTHIC) ALPHABET - 1941

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Southern Railway issued Block (Gothic) lettering for passenger cars in 1941 to accommodate the new Pullman Streamlined Cars. The block lettering was also used on rebuilt heavyweights during the 1940s. This was a general purpose alphabet used for car names and other lettering such as Dining Car, US Mail, & Baggage. This general purpose lettering WAS NOT used for the larger letterboard as those letters were a separate blueprint. Refer to the 7 inch Letterboard for those letters. For streamlined cars, this alphabet was 6 inches tall and was painted black. For heavyweight cars, the lettering was 5 inches tall and was painted imitation gold sometimes referred to as “dulux gold” or “dulux yellow”. This lettering was used exclusively on cars lettered for “The Southerner” & “The Tennessean” and all relettered heavyweight cars. This lettering was not used on the new lightweight cars built after 1949 for the Crescent & Royal Palm. A separate alphabet was issued for those cars in 1950. The above graphics are not scaled to any model size, but can be scaled up or down to represent any scale as long as dimensions of height & width are maintained. I have provided additional drawings that are to scale.